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FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

(FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

At a Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi convened at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, on Tuesday, the 5th of January, A. D., 2021, in compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Mississippi:

Be it remembered, that on the day and year aforesaid, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in their Chamber, and at 12:00 Noon were called to order by the Honorable Philip Gunn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who opened the session with prayer, invoking God's blessings upon the members and their labors.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Williamson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold and Williamson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

Speaker Gunn announced a committee composed of Representatives Currie, Weathersby, and Watson to notify the Governor that the House was organized and ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Speaker Gunn announced a committee composed of Representatives Read, McLean, and Mickens to notify the Senate that the House was organized and ready to proceed with the business of the session.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1: (Representatives Gunn, Reynolds, McGee, Scott, Johnson, Hines, Creekmore IV, Gibbs (72nd), Crudup, Holloway, Summers, Stamps, Karriem, Faulkner, Mickens, Gibbs (36th), Watson, Clark, Bennett, Owen, McCarty) State flag; shall be the design recommended by the Commission to Redesign the State Flag and approved in the November 2020 election. Rules.

H. B. No. 2: (Representative Powell) Income tax; authorize a credit for costs incurred by certain taxpayers storm shelter/safe house construction. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 3: (Representative Powell) Outdoor advertisement signs; revise height requirements for. Transportation.

H. B. No. 4: (Representatives Powell, Shanks, Calvert, Wallace, Smith, Newman, Ford (73rd), Eubanks, Barnett) Statewide Elections Management System; remove voters who fail to respond to notice and who fail to vote after certain period of time. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 5: (Representative Powell) Hazing; increase penalties for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 6: (Representative Powell) University and colleges anti-hazing policy; require Board of Trustees of IHL to develop policy against hazing and prescribe penalties. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 7: (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; revise provisions regarding designation of certain locations as qualified resort areas. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 8: (Representatives Gunn, Ford (73rd), Yates, Newman, Holloway, Crudup) UMMC property; revise leasing authority by removing certain minimum requirements of improvements to development. Public Property.

H. B. No. 9: (Representatives Gunn, Williamson, Newman, Holloway, Anthony) MS Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy; name firing range as the "Lieutenant Colonel Pat Cronin Firing Range." Public Property.

H. B. No. 10: (Representative Gunn) Driver's licenses; allow online renewal any time after expiration regardless of time transpired. Transportation.

H. B. No. 11: (Representatives Scoggin, Williamson) County annual budget; require to be published on county's official website. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 12: (Representative Massengill) Universities and colleges; require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 13: (Representative Massengill) Health insurance policies; require coverage for hearing aids and services for children under 21. Insurance.

H. B. No. 14: (Representatives Massengill, Felsher) Regional food banks; DHS establish grant program to provide annual grant funding to. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 15: (Representative Massengill) Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise membership of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 16: (Representative Massengill) Mississippi Highway Patrol and MBN officers; increase salaries of. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 17: (Representative Hines) Child Care For Working Families Study Committee; create. Youth and Family Affairs.

H. B. No. 18: (Representatives Hines, Hudson) Medical marijuana; authorize Alcorn State University to enter into MOU for local farmers to grow for out-of-state vendors. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 19: (Representative Hines) HIV crimes; increase penalties for intentional exposure or contact with blood or seminal fluid. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 20: (Representative Hines) School board members; authorize excused absences from board meeting in the event of family emergency. Education.

H. B. No. 21: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; UMMC to support a medical residency program at Delta Regional Medical Center. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 22: (Representative Hines) "Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act"; enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 23: (Representative Hines) Mississippi River Delta Promise Zone Act of 2021; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 24: (Representative Hines) Community and Police Safety Act; create. Municipalities; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 25: (Representative Hines) Chronic Diseases; direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs to reduce incidence of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 26: (Representative Hines) Workers' Compensation Law; increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. Insurance; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 27: (Representative Hines) Interpretation language assistance services; provide for certain youth at juvenile detention centers. Youth and Family Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 28: (Representative Hines) Legislative Public Project Grant Program; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 29: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 30: (Representative Hines) Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program; create. Banking and Financial Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 31: (Representative Hines) "Mississippi Youthbuild Act"; create. Youth and Family Affairs; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 32: (Representative Hines) Health; State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender and racial groups. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 33: (Representative Hines) Dating violence; require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. Education.

H. B. No. 34: (Representative Hines) Medical records; persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 35: (Representative Hines) Compulsory-school-age child; revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. Education.

H. B. No. 36: (Representative Hines) Domestic abuse court program; establish. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 37: (Representative Hines) Youth and Community Safety Act; create. Youth and Family Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 38: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Health Department for support of Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 39: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Department of Health to establish and operate two STD/HIV specialty clinics. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 40: (Representative Hines) Purchase of automatic weapon; place certain restrictions on. Judiciary B; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Rules.

H. B. No. 41: (Representatives Hines, Hudson) Video lottery terminals; authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. Gaming; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 42: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Department of Health for a grant to the Southern Health Commission in Washington County. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 43: (Representative Hines) Universities and colleges; require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. Universities and Colleges; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 44: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund; establish and authorize Mississippi Home Corporation to administer. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 45: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Commission on Wage Review; create. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 46: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Department of Human Services employees; remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. Public Health and Human Services; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 47: (Representative Hines) Long-term care facilities; require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 48: (Representative Hines) Military education credits and certifications; require IHL, MCCB and SWIB to develop policy for acceptance of toward academic credit. Universities and Colleges; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 49: (Representative Hines) Child support enforcement and collection; terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 50: (Representative Hines) Electric Power Association Law; bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 51: (Representative Hines) School board members; establish annual salary based on student enrollment. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 52: (Representative Hines) Mississippi History and United States Government; require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. Education.

H. B. No. 53: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Employment Security for youthbuild programs eligible for grants under Youthbuild Act. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 54: (Representative Hines) Malicious prosecution; require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 55: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Human Services for youthbuild programs eligible for grants under Youthbuild Act. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 56: (Representative Hines) Unemployment compensation; revise weekly benefit amount for. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 57: (Representative Hines) Businesses; require laws and regulations affecting must allow existing businesses to continue operating under previous laws or regulations. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 58: (Representative Hines) Department of Human Services; require a board of directors to be created within. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 59: (Representative Hines) Child Care Advisory Council; require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 60: (Representative Hines) Child care facilities; require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 61: (Representative Hines) Department of Health; limit any increase in fees by to not more than five percent. Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 62: (Representative Hines) State agencies; prohibit disclosure of identifying information received from program applicants. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 63: (Representative Hines) Regional correctional facilities; prohibit from operating as a private correctional facility. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 64: (Representative Hines) Employees terminated from certain agencies, departments, institutions or nonprofits; prohibit from receiving similar employment. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 65: (Representative Hines) DHS; shall not require cooperation with child support enforcement to receive federal CCDF assistance. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 66: (Representative Hines) Health insurers; require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. Insurance.

H. B. No. 67: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Board of Human Services; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 68: (Representatives Read, Scott) Appropriation; additional to DFA for purchases of new state flags for state buildings and offices. Appropriations.

H. R. No. 1: (Representative Hines) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals that were based on a lie. Rules.

H. R. No. 2: (Representative Hines) Omega Psi Phi Day; designate February 5, 2021 as in Mississippi. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1: State flag; shall be the design recommended by the Commission to Redesign the State Flag and approved in the November 2020 election. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 68: Appropriation; additional to DFA for purchases of new state flags for state buildings and offices. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

At 12:11 PM on motion of Rep. Turner the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 12:46 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1: State flag; shall be the design recommended by the Commission to Redesign the State Flag and approved in the November 2020 election.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold,

Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Horne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Williamson. Total-2.

Present--Eubanks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Turner unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

At 12:55 PM on motion of Rep. Turner the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 1:04 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 68: Appropriation; additional to DFA for purchases of new state flags for state buildings and offices.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 68. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Williamson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Virgil Walker, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Beckett and Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dock Hulett Gabbert, which motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson (122nd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Kidd, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kristi Lanterman, Edna Earle Tedder, Walter Ronnie Clark, Mary Smith Harper, Evelyn Ruth Lashley Threatt, and Imogene Smith Ford, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Rushing and Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Margaret Dale Stampley, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Creekmore IV, Massengill, Powell and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Pamela Anderson Whittington, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert and Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Leigh Ann Key, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Coach Ben D. Jones, David Joe Rowan, and G. L. "Junior" Wilemon, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rodney Harold Dickey, Sr., Fred Ferguson, Sr., Jimmie Van, Jr., Bubber Johnson, Jimmie Van, Andrew Lunsford, Shirley Kizer, Linda Purtell, and Shelby Self, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Creekmore IV and Roberson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Daniel Camp, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Matthew Floyd VanDeburgh, William Alan Barnes, Warren Ray Strain, Michael Earl Dowell, Richard "Dick" Hill, Costa Homan Hill, and Catherine Holman Thornton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Beckett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Michael Heath Mize, Arthur Dennis Spratlin, and Jim Whitley, which motion prevailed.

Representatives McCarty and McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sharon Walker, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Owen, Ray Perkins, Dr. Dean Cromartie, Ryan Hendley, and Janet McElroy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Aguirre moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Catherine Holman Thornton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Aguirre and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sadie Holland, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Genevieve Wallace Swartzberg, and Bobby Max Purvis, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kenneth Laverne Graves, Leroy Tate "Butch" Coombs, and Curtis C. Brooks, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harold Cooper, Ronald "Ronnie" Michael Lambert II, M. B. Phifer, and Quthel Reed McNatt, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marcus Edmond Martin, and Mamie Lou "Pat" Wood, which motion prevailed.

At 1:10 PM, on motion of Rep. Currie the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

(SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Arnold.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1: State flag; shall be the design recommended by the Commission to Redesign the State Flag and approved in the November 2020 election.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

At 2:05 PM on motion of Rep. Turner the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:10 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

The Clerk introduced our Head Pages: JaKelia Brown, Lofton Gray, George Penniman, Zoey Peters and Kayla Tran

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1: State flag; shall be the design recommended by the Commission to Redesign the State Flag and approved in the November 2020 election.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Miles, Newman, Powell, Shanks, Wallace, Weathersby and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Nolan Ray Rogers, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dahra Martin, Edward Earl Welch, LaVern Butler, and Cindy McWilliams Jones, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Garcia W. Gibson, Jill Williams, and Debbie Lynn Miles, which motion prevailed.

Representative Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joshua Richard Massengill, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (54th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of George Nasif, Sr., Joan Rebecca Dennis Avtz, Margaret Bodron Barnes, Malcolm "Dick" Ervin, Charles Leonard Katzenmeyer, Jr., Dolly "Nettie" Martin Moses, Nicholas Joseph Lavecchia, James Earl Harper, Sr., Carolyn Weaver Koestler, George Wilson Conway, Gordon Mitchell Evans, Sharon Elizabeth Raines Marshall, and Dr. Cheryl Haun Morris, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William "Bill" Norman, Joe Abbott, Cecelia Clark, Marty Wroten, Jacqueline Enochs, Stephanie Moore, Beverly Scott, James E. Felder, Dr. Deck Stone, Tim Leonard, Peggy Magee, Bob Freeman, Charles "CM" Wilson, Bo Dunaway, James Fenn, JoAnn Nelson, Lonny Ray, Lynda Martin, and Audry James Ferguson, which motion prevailed.

At 2:11 PM, on motion of Rep. Turner the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 7, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

(THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Otis Anthony.

Rep. Anthony led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson. Total--2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 69: (Representatives Carpenter, Barnett, Ford (73rd), Steverson, Williamson) State Veterans Affairs Board; provide that certain employees of are nonstate service employees under state personnel system. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 70: (Representatives Bain, Shanks, Calvert, Smith, Horne, Ford (73rd) Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 71: (Representative Mims) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Natchez Children's Services. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 72: (Representatives Mims, Felsher, Haney, Eubanks) Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 73: (Representative Mims) Chiropractors; extend repealer on licensure law. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 74: (Representative Turner) Emergency Telecommunications Services (911); extend repealer on. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 75: (Representative Shanks) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 76: (Representative Shanks) Terroristic threats; revise provisions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 77: (Representative Shanks) Criminal investigators; increase salary of. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 78: (Representative Shanks) Interlocutory appeal; authorize for criminal prosecutors. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 79: (Representative Bain) Expungement; authorize for completion of drug court. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 80: (Representatives Bain, Carpenter, Byrd) Dogs; regulate and provide penalties for those with a history of biting. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 81: (Representative Shanks) Voyeurism; revise sentencing options. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 82: (Representatives Scoggin, Stamps) Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 83: (Representatives Mims, Calvert, Smith, Horne, Williamson, Byrd, Carpenter, Pigott, Morgan, Kinkade) The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 84: (Representative Massengill) Radar; authorize county supervisors to authorize county sheriff and deputies to use on county roads. Judiciary B; Transportation.

H. B. No. 85: (Representative Massengill) Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; create board to license and regulate. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 86: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Broadband services; provide for certain participation of investor owned electric utilities in the expansion of in the state. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 87: (Representatives Bain, Stamps) MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 88: (Representatives Owen, Williamson) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, governing authorities and universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 89: (Representative Bounds) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at state parks. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 90: (Representative Bounds) ABC Division officers; compensation shall be determined by special plan approved by Personnel Board. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 91: (Representatives Bounds, Stamps) Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Public Utilities; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 92: (Representative Bell (65th)) Police officers; require to maintain liability insurance with base rate paid by employer. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 93: (Representative Bell (65th)) Smart State Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 94: (Representative Bell (65th)) Mental Health Treatment Facility; revise hearing and commitment procedures. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 95: (Representative Turner) Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 96: (Representative Turner) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; extend repealer on. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 97: (Representative Turner) Medicaid; extend repealers on list of covered services and assessments on certain health care facilities. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 98: (Representative Turner) Hospice; extend repealer on authority of medical director to prescribe controlled substances for terminal patients without visit. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 99: (Representative Turner) Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on. Insurance.

H. B. No. 100: (Representative Turner) MS Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on requirement that fees be deposited into State General Fund. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 101: (Representative Turner) Bad faith assertions of patent infringement; extend repealer on prohibitions against. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 102: (Representative Bell (65th)) Amusement rides; provide inspection and incident reporting requirements for. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 103: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Mississippi Seafood Marketing Law of 2021; enact to require certain consumer notice and country of origin labeling. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 104: (Representatives Anderson (122nd), Byrd) Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 105: (Representative Read) National board certified school nurses; remove cap on number of eligible for annual salary supplement. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 106: (Representative Read) State budget; revise provisions in several FY21 appropriation bills. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 107: (Representatives Read, Hudson) Pseudoephedrine; require pharmacies to keep records of over the counter sales of. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 108: (Representative Read) Wireless Communication Commission; remove ITS control over. Public Utilities; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 109: (Representative Read) State budget; enact and revise various provisions relating to. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 110: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Miles, Smith, Calvert, Lancaster) Computer science; require to be taught in all public schools. Education.

H. B. No. 111: (Representatives Bain, Williamson, Hudson, Stamps) Community and junior colleges; authorize boards of trustees to approve policies permitting waiver of out-of-state tuition. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 112: (Representative Bain) Telecommunications Fraud Prevention and Utility Infrastructure Protection Act; create. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 113: (Representative Bain) Community College Boards of Trustees; revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 114: (Representatives Bain, Hudson) Districts of Innovations; require SDE to recognize use of Cambridge Assessment or other nationally recognized assessment for accountability ratings. Education.

H. C. R. No. 1: (Representatives Steverson, Massengill, Yancey) Bobby Paschal Martin; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 2: (The Entire Membership) Former Representative Gary V. Staples; commend legislative career and mourn loss upon his passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 69: State Veterans Affairs Board; provide that certain employees of are nonstate service employees under state personnel system. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

At 2:06 PM on motion of Rep. Turner the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:12 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 69: State Veterans Affairs Board; provide that certain employees of are nonstate service employees under state personnel system.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 69. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Williams-Barnes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Escar "Sonny" Goolsby, James Kenneth "Billy" Basil, and Wandaleen "Wanda" Hunsucker, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Aguirre and Huddleston moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Frank Wise, which motion prevailed.

Representative Aguirre moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Wayne Monaghan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rita Merle Mathis, Henry Earl Robb, Johnnie Jeffery Robinson, Donna Jane Graham, Alda Marie Jenkins Holloman, Ronnie Harston Lewis, Stuart Covington, Lloyd H. Lewis, Jr., Jean Early Beckman, Charles Edwin Ivy, Floyd Lee McCraney, Sr., Camelia Ann Young, Jeanette McGrew, June C. Arrington, Kimberly Robinson Jones, Octavia Phillips, Eula Mae Smith, Curtis V. Dandridge, Nira Faye Turner, Alex Fortner "Sandy" Taylor, Jr., Mildred Florine Gunter, Dr. Donald Gene Traxler, Randall Wayne King, James C. Smith, Sr., Maxine Moore Adams, Nina Magdeline Rigdon, Karlotta Bohl Lewis, Clarence R. Smith, Thomas Earl Williams, Jr., Donna Faye Long, Janet Elizabeth Davis, Michael Otis Collier, Ethel Marjorie Taylor, Edna Geraldine Carmichael, Carol Irene Crocker, and Kenneth Franklin "Frank" Wade, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Gunn and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Susie Kuykendall McElroy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barnett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Homer C. Odom, which motion prevailed.

At 2:14 PM, on motion of Rep. Turner the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 8, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

(FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Larry Byrd.

Rep. Byrd led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 115: (Representatives Currie, Wallace, Summers, Hudson, Yates) Farmers markets; DHS provide grants to entity to incentivize purchases of healthy foods from with SNAP benefits. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 116: (Representative Currie) "Mississippi Police Funding Protection Act"; create. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 117: (Representatives Currie, Hudson) Autopsies; require to include inquiry about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 118: (Representative Turner) Medical examiners and pathologists; extend repealer on fees for death investigations and autopsies. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 119: (Representatives Turner, Anderson (122nd)) Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 120: (Representatives Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins) Monuments on public property; prohibit the removal or relocation unless authorized by legislation. Public Property.

H. B. No. 121: (Representative Beckett) Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 122: (Representatives Stamps, Owen, Jackson, Williams-Barnes, Karriem) Expungement; authorize up to three felony convictions to be expunged after 15 years. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 123: (Representatives Owen, Williamson) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 124: (Representative Turner) MS Home Corporation; extend reverter on authority to issue a certain amount of bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 125: (Representative Horne) Municipal annexation; restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 126: (Representative Horne) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 127: (Representative Horne) Ad valorem tax; exempt certain business personal property from. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 128: (Representatives Horne, Williamson) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 129: (Representative Horne) Ad valorem tax; provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 130: (Representative Horne) Utility worker; include the killing of as capital murder. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 131: (Representative Horne) Fireworks; authorize sale of year-round. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 132: (Representative Horne) Fireworks; require to be located within a permanent structure. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 133: (Representative Horne) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 134: (Representative Owen) Sexual Harassment Settlements; require counties, municipalities and state agencies to post on website. Judiciary B; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 633: (Representatives Turner, Anthony, Hudson, McLean, Sanford) MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on. Education.

H. B. No. 136: (Representative Turner) Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 137: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Saltillo with repair and renovation of community center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 138: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with installation of outdoor emergency warning systems at Wheeler Attendance Center in Prentiss County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 139: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at campground at Lake Lamar Bruce in Lee County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 140: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to natural gas system. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 141: (Representative Turner) Public records; extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 142: (Representative Turner) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Rotary International. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 143: (Representative Turner) Abstinence and sex-related education; extend repealer on public school requirements for. Education.

H. B. No. 144: (Representative Mims) DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require director of and investigators to be law enforcement officers. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 145: (Representative Beckett) Chancery clerk fee; reduce for recording each oil and gas assignment. Energy.

H. B. No. 146: (Representative Miles) Sales tax; exempt sales of perishable food items to certain charitable organizations. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 147: (Representative Currie) Registry, person committing offense against peace officer; create to include offenses including terrorism. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 148: (Representatives Currie, Miles, Gibbs (72nd), Barnett, Holloway, Hudson, Brown (70th), Haney) Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise state parks. Tourism; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 149: (Representative Currie) Female genital mutilation; create crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 150: (Representative Currie) Municipalities; prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 151: (Representatives Currie, Calvert, Smith, Hopkins, Williamson) Stop Social Media Censorship Act; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 152: (Representatives Currie, Smith, Hudson, Miles, Kinkade) State Parks; provide funding from net proceeds of the Mississippi Lottery Corporation. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 153: (Representative Currie) E-verify program; transfer responsibility of administering to the Commission of Agriculture and Commerce. Workforce Development; Agriculture.

H. B. No. 154: (Representative Currie) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 155: (Representatives Currie, Byrd) Medicaid; nonresident admitted to pediatric skilled nursing facility in MS not eligible for MS Medicaid coverage. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 156: (Representative Currie) Medicaid; require managed care companies to provide detailed, signed explanation for denial of coverage of procedure. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 157: (Representative Currie) Use tax; enhance enforcement of collection on all-terrain vehicles purchased out of state. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 158: (Representative Currie) Sales tax; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June liability for the tax on or before June 25. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 159: (Representative Currie) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or service to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 160: (Representative Turner) State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 161: (Representative Turner) Critical Needs Teacher Forgivable Loan Program; extend repealer on. Education.

H. B. No. 162: (Representative Turner) Public contracts of energy efficiency services; extend repealer on authority and certain requirements for. Energy.

H. B. No. 163: (Representative Bain) Judicial districts; create Twenty-fourth Circuit Court. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 164: (Representative Bain) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alcorn County with repair and renovation of county courthouse. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 165: (Representative Young) Wireless learning environments; require school districts to develop and implement within two years. Education; Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 166: (Representative Young) Mississippi Statewide Assessment System; remove criminal penalties and establish maximum time educator's license may be suspended or revoked. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 167: (Representative Young) School district efficiency; conduct feasibility study on the administration of. Education.

H. B. No. 168: (Representative Young) School districts; provide strategy to promote holistic educational efficiency and opportunities for all students. Education; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 169: (Representative Young) Appropriation; MDE to assist parents in paying school districts for cost of lost/damaged electronic devices assigned to students. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 170: (Representative Young) Teachers; revise duties and responsibilities relating to student assessment and achievement before promotion. Education.

H. B. No. 171: (Representative Young) Mississippi Tuition Subsidy Forgivable Loan; create. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 172: (Representative Young) Window tint; increase inspection fee and use a portion for Trooper training expenses. Transportation; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 173: (Representative Young) Voting registration; require by anyone who receives public assistance benefits. Apportionment and Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 174: (Representative Scoggin) Board of Nursing; revise penalties in disciplinary proceedings and authorize recovery of reasonable costs. Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 175: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County and municipalities of Verona, Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 176: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and renovation of building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 177: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; Lee and Monroe Counties for funding National Resource Camp pilot program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 178: (Representative Thompson) Natural Resource Camp; establish pilot program for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 179: (Representative Carpenter) Open Meetings Law; authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 180: (Representative Carpenter) Open Meeting Law; revise reasons for executive sessions to include discussions by boards of trustees of public hospitals. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 181: (Representative Carpenter) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation of War Memorial Building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 182: (Representatives Carpenter, Lancaster) Distinctive motorcycle license tag; authorize issuance to certain disabled veterans. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 183: (Representatives Carpenter, Shanks, Williamson) PERS; all public safety employees vest in 4 years and are entitled to allowance with 25 years of service. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 184: (Representative Carpenter) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of new Mississippi State Veterans Home in Jackson Metropolitan area. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 185: (Representative Carpenter) Election Commissioners; revise the qualifying deadline for. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 186: (Representatives Carpenter, Newman, Crawford, Stamps) Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 187: (Representatives Carpenter, Stamps) County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 188: (Representatives Carpenter, Stamps) Required uniform designations for offenders; exempt offenders in Mississippi Statewide Incarcerated Veterans Program. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 189: (Representatives Carpenter, Newman) Mississippi Persian Gulf War Memorial; authorize MSVA to move to another appropriate location. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 190: (Representatives Yancey, Shanks) Adoptees; authorize those 21 years of age or older to have unrestricted access to information. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 191: (Representatives Yancey, Shanks) Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 192: (Representative Bain) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alcorn County with purchase of land and building to house county offices. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 193: (Representative Turner) Missing children; require compilation of by Department of Education and day care facilities. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 194: (Representative Turner) State Oil and Gas Board; extend repealer on authority to use Capital Expense funds for emergency plugging of orphaned wells. Appropriations.

H. C. R. No. 3: (Representative Yancey) Constitution; signatures of electors from any congressional district cannot exceed a certain fractional portion of the total number required to qualify initiative for ballot. Constitution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. C. R. No. 2: Former Representative Gary V. Staples; commend legislative career and mourn loss upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

At 9:03 AM on motion of Rep. Turner the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

Rep. Turner called up:

H. C. R. No. 2: Former Representative Gary V. Staples; commend legislative career and mourn loss upon his passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan,

Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

At 9:07 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

On motion of Rep. Turner unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Representatives Hale and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas Flannagan, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Darnell, Eubanks and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Andy Orr, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joseph Jesse Coscia, Herbert William "Bill" McCarty, Phyllis Jean Farris, Earl Calhoun, Jr., Juanita H. Wright, Steve Dawkins, Gayle Clinkenbeard, Johnny Randall Austin, Patricia Ann Alexander, James Cedric Threadgill, Rodger Lee Taylor, William Russell "Rusty" Hyneman, Billy Paris, Patricia Ann Hadaway, Jill Elizabeth Richins, Dovie Huckaby, Wilma (Sue) McCall, and Sharon Ann Hardy, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Darnell and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Clarence "Bill" Lantrip, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Creekmore, and Darrell Lee Ivy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bettye Tucker, Pamela Short, Adrian Pearce, Bobby Ray Lee, Jimmie "Bo" Clark, Andrew "Andy" Dedicos, Scott Blount, William "Bill" Hunter, Charles "Chuck" Teston, Teresa "Terri" Sullivan, Joyce Doleac, Billy Bean, John Harral, Ellis Cartee, Willidora Kremer, Molly Lee, Daniel Goad, Ernest McCabe, and Nellie Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara Watson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mike Warren, and Danny Watts, which motion prevailed.

Representative Thompson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rosa Roberts, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of George Sekul, which motion prevailed.

At 9:11 AM, on motion of Rep. Turner the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 11, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

(SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Zakiya Summers.

Rep. Summers led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Pigott and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, January 11, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 1: State flag; shall be the design recommended by the Commission to Redesign the State Flag and approved in the November 2020 election. Monday, January 11, 2021, 2:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2021: Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility; house position under DFA, exempt contracts from rules of contract review board.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lorelei Harris Spikes, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Ford (73rd), Newman and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kenneth Lynn Sims, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rickey Paul Kennedy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (20th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joyce E. Ballard, Sammy Neal, Eva Nell Roberts, Brent Coleman, Sammy Joe Kimble, Patsy Earline West Lundquist, Nellie Evans Nix, Flora Nell Rye Dobbs, Shelby Jean Taylor, L. C. Sanders, Robert Earl Scott, Michael Richardson, Mike Holman, Robert Smothers, Braxton Luker, Brentley Luker, Roger Dale Harris, Thomas Griffith, Brother Truman Carter, Christine L. Sutton, Lois Miller, Thomas Michael Roberts, Sr., Betty Rutledge, Larry Clay McNeese, and Diane Kuykendall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tommy L. Walker, and William "Bill" Leonard Beacht, which motion prevailed.

At 4:06 PM, on motion of Rep. Currie the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

(EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Mr. Andrew Ketchings, Clerk of the House.

Mr. Ketchings led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold, Robinson and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lydia "Dennie" Null McIntosh, which motion prevailed.

Representative Thompson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jewel Trice Bailey, and Dorothy Mae Nelson, which motion prevailed.

Representatives McGee and Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wade Spruill, which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Dean Pearson, John Treadway, and Heidi Susanne Pierags, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Margaret Aileen Vince, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Preston Reeves, Juanita "Anita" Muller, Roger Alewine, and Jean Peterman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Dale Harris, Martha "Beth" Davis Jennings, Mae Bell Claret, and Willie Joe Lomax, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Homer Lott, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hale and Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Tinnin, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Anthony Haas, Norman Lynn Reese, Joyce Bordlee, Jerry H. Ross, Patricia Ann Hardman, Kimo Alan Warren, Paula Marie Woods, Doye Evelyn Patton Parker, Thomas E. Schafer, IV., Smith Joel Brown, Elenora Ladner, and Vernon C. Parker, which motion prevailed.

At 2:05 PM, on motion of Rep. Currie the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021

(NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Donnie Scoggin.

Rep. Scoggin led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold, Robinson and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Scoggin, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 4: (Representatives Turner, Miles) Representative Gary Chism; commend dedicated legislative career and public service upon his retirement. Rules.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorah Belle Holmes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Harry Frye, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charmayne Killebrew Howell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Frances King, Jimmy Ray Mills, Ed Jefcoat, Dr. Andy Bailey, Herbert Blaylock, Steve Loden, Dianne Greenlee, Cissy Carpenter, Florence VanBuren, Edna L. Rogers, Michael Glenn Henson, Henry E. Hood, Scarlett Devine, Russell Reed, Linda Hodges, James L. Shirley, Angie Corder, Estelle Cooper, Paul Pittman, and Judy McClain, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Horan and Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sarah Baker Powell, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Oliver and White moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James "Son" Alford, and Charles H. Ellis, which motion prevailed.

Representative White moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jeffrey Dean, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Edward "Bob" Fulgham, which motion prevailed.

Representative Porter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Horace Barnes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Margie Jones, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes and Owen moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tommy Pearson, Alice Mitchell Pearson, and Tracy Kellar, which motion prevailed.

Representative Thompson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Madalyn Bails, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ladner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Howard Ladner, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bain and Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Glennan Grady, and Jimmy Fisher, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bain, Carpenter and Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bailey Williams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Treadway, and Gary Mitchell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sue Gurley Rowland, Ira Bruce King, and Billie Jean Mills, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Margaret Ladner, Colton Lynn Northrup, Julius J. Lizana, Katherine Loretta Squillante, Robert W. Baumann, Sr. , Diana Knowles, Etta Lea Dubuissou, Carolyn Ann Lizana, Jerry Foreman, Mattie Mae Cuevas, and Dr. Timothy Shack Wheat, which motion prevailed.

Representatives McLean and Wright moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda S. Egger, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of George A. Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Truman South, Mike Goode, Carrie Dianne McKissack, Billy Gann, Terry Booker, Stan Dexter, Tommy Nunley, Kenneth Crum, Jason Bobo, and Albert Lewis Skinner, which motion prevailed.

At 2:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Turner the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 14, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

(TENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Ken Morgan.

Rep. Morgan led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold, Robinson and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 195: (Representatives Rushing, Foster, Mickens) Municipalities; authorize those of certain size to conduct special elections at one polling place. Apportionment and Elections; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 196: (Representatives Bain, Jackson, Williams-Barnes, Owen, Gibbs (72nd), Summers, Roberson, Mickens, Anthony, Crawford, Eubanks, Stamps) "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 197: (Representatives Bounds, Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 198: (Representative Bounds) Wireless communication devices and plans; revise provisions regulating by personnel of state agencies. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 199: (Representative Read) Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 200: (Representative Mims) Remote patient monitoring services; delete requirement of 2 recent hospitalizations to qualify for. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 201: (Representative Mims) Telemedicine; revise definition in section providing insurance coverage for. Insurance.

H. B. No. 202: (Representative Lamar) Mississippi Development Authority; bring forward various sections of law relating to. Ways and Means.

Representative Barnett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billie Jean Johnston, Dustin M. Bishop, Walton "Budgie" Mills, Frank Tribble, Jr., Oscar Bradley, Joe Hance Cooley, Curtis W. Graham, Tommy E. Roberts, Sr., Alfred Bunch, and Charlotte Bruce, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Newman, Powell, Shanks, Weathersby and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Keith Channing Clair, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Lane Cooper, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Rogan Marshall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Donald Crane, Wayne Wingo, Emogene "Jean" Cummings, Earline Henderson, and Stanley Dexter, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James White, which motion prevailed.

At 2:06 PM, on motion of Rep. Turner the House adjourned until 2:06 PM, Friday, January 15, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021

(ELEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Ronnie Crudup.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor,

Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold, Robinson and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Pigott and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 203: (Representative Newman) Legislature; prohibit a person from being an elected officer of a county or municipality and a member of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 204: (Representative Newman) Mississippi Dangerous Dog Control Act; create to establish misdemeanor offense of failure to control a dangerous dog. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 205: (Representative Clark) Medicaid; revise reimbursement rate for durable medical equipment (DME) and exempt DME from 5% reduction. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 206: (Representative Haney) Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 207: (Representative Clark) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal health care reform law. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 208: (Representatives McGee, Felsher) Psychologists; extend repealer on licensure law and remove postdoctoral training requirements for licensure. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 209: (Representative Owen) Gestational agreements; authorize gestational mother and intended parents to create and seek court's validation of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 210: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Credit reporting agency; prohibit including information from judicial action unless there is a verified outstanding judgement. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 211: (Representative Read) Insurance Department; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 212: (Representative Read) State Fire Marshal and Fire Academy; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 213: (Representatives Weathersby, Newman, Holloway) DFA; authorize Office of Surplus Property to administer the Federal Donation Program. Public Property.

H. B. No. 214: (Representative Wallace) Mental examinations of those in felony criminal actions; prohibit transport and require examination where person is held. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 215: (Representatives Newman, Ford (73rd) Littering; increase fines and deposit certain assessments into Keep Mississippi Beautiful and law enforcement funds. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 216: (Representative Summers) Families First Unpaid Leave Time Act; enact to require employers to provide unpaid leave to employees for certain situations. Public Health and Human Services; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 217: (Representative Summers) Online voter registration; allow for first time registrants. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 218: (Representative Summers) Solid waste; require landlords to deliver items too large for garbage containers to disposal facility. Conservation and Water Resources; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 219: (Representative Powell) Local governments; prohibit from imposing penalties or fines on security companies when false security alarm occurs. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 220: (Representative Summers) Gas prices on signs and gas pumps; regulate when a difference exists. Transportation; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alice McLarty, and Eva Marie Hellums, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Samuel Joshua Creekmore, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Stevenson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Anita Sparks Elrod, which motion prevailed.

At 9:03 AM, on motion of Rep. Turner the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 18, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TENTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021

(FOURTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robert Johnson.

Rep. Johnson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 221: (Representative Clark) Medicaid; require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. Medicaid; Appropriations; Rules.

H. B. No. 222: (Representative Clark) Minimum wage; establish at \$8.25 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 223: (Representative Clark) "Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act"; create. Municipalities; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 224: (Representative Clark) Criminal investigators; add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 225: (Representative Clark) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 226: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Tchula with road improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 227: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act; create. Judiciary B; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 228: (Representative Clark) Appropriation; Holmes County Consolidated School District for expenses of consolidation. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 229: (Representative Clark) Appropriation; MDOC to pay regional facilities \$34.00 per day for each state inmate. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 230: (Representative Clark) Department of Human Services; authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to child support. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 231: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with construction of a football stadium. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 232: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with repair and renovation of county courthouse. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 233: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with construction of a park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 234: (Representative Clark) Habitual offenders; revise regulations for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 235: (Representative Clark) Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector; remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. County Affairs; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 236: (Representative Clark) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for additional funding for crisis centers and outpatient services. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 237: (Representative Clark) PERS; allow retirees to teach in critical needs areas and work full time and receive full salary for three years. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 238: (Representative Clark) "Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2021"; enact. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 239: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads and buildings. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 240: (Representative Clark) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 241: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Yazoo County with renovation of county courthouse. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 242: (Representative Clark) Joint state-county work program; require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. Corrections.

H. B. No. 243: (Representatives Clark, Hudson) Regional correctional facilities; increase daily amount paid to certain facilities for the housing of state offenders. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 244: (Representative Clark) Health insurance policies; require coverage for certain obesity treatments. Insurance; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 245: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2021; create. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 246: (Representative Clark) Appropriation; Archives and History for Church of God in Christ historical markers in Holmes County. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 247: (Representative Clark) Sexual harassment; create a state cause of action. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 248: (Representative Clark) Counties; authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. Apportionment and Elections; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 249: (Representative Clark) CON; remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 250: (Representative Clark) Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program; create and authorize bonds to provide funds for. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 251: (Representative Clark) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 252: (Representative Clark) Juneteenth Freedom Day; designate June 19 as. Rules.

H. B. No. 253: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Skill Standards Board; create as an advisory board on industry standards. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 254: (Representative Clark) Life jackets; increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 255: (Representative Clark) Housing Repair Grant Fund; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low income individuals for home repair. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 256: (Representative Clark) School curriculum; require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. Education.

H. B. No. 257: (Representatives Clark, Hudson) MAEP; define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 258: (Representative Clark) Historic Courthouse Fund; create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic courthouses. Public Property; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 259: (Representatives Clark, Hudson) Trimester School Year Pilot Program; establish. Education.

H. B. No. 260: (Representative Clark) School social workers and psychologists; authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 261: (Representative Clark) MAEP; increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 262: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for public school capital improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 263: (Representative Clark) All-terrain vehicles; create voluntary certificate of number system, mandatory for public lands, with Mississippi Department of WF&P. Transportation; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 264: (Representative Clark) Holmes County State Park; Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may lease land in and contract for services to operate. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 265: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Special Needs Housing Steering Council; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 266: (Representative Clark) Income tax; exclude overtime compensation from gross income. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 267: (Representative Ford (54th)) Salvage or abandoned vehicles; authorize disposition by auction firms on behalf of insurers. Insurance.

H. B. No. 268: (Representative Clark) Disabilities, persons with; modernize terminology used to refer to. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 269: (Representatives Zuber, Hopkins, Williamson) Daylight savings time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. Interstate Cooperation.

H. B. No. 270: (Representative Zuber) Compulsory school attendance; revise to remove certain excused absences. Education.

H. B. No. 271: (Representative Zuber) Life estates; authorize grantor to revoke at any time before his or her death. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 272: (Representative Zuber) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 273: (Representative Zuber) Lobbying; revise definition of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 274: (Representatives Zuber, Brown (70th), Anthony) Law enforcement officers; allow certain use of uniform, weapon, vehicle and equipment for disaster relief when off-duty. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 275: (Representative Young) Public employees; exempt from bad check fees caused by error in direct deposit made by their employer or retirement system. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 276: (Representative Young) The Digital Access Learning and Virtual Instruction Program Act of 2021; create. Education.

H. B. No. 277: (Representatives Bounds, Crawford, Gibbs (72nd), Stamps) Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 278: (Representatives Bounds, Miles) Sales tax; divert certain sales tax revenue to special fund for state park improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 279: (Representative Crudup) Property and casualty insurance; require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pays insured more than one-fourth of damages. Insurance.

H. B. No. 280: (Representatives Miles, Creekmore IV) Statewide Assessment Program; require SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. Education.

H. B. No. 281: (Representatives Miles, Creekmore IV) End-of-course assessments; remove mandatory requirement of passing score as a condition of graduation. Education.

H. B. No. 282: (Representatives Miles, Creekmore IV) Statewide testing program; require the SBE to cease administration of for the 2020-2021 school year. Education.

H. B. No. 283: (Representatives Miles, Creekmore IV) End-of-course subject area tests; discontinue and require minimum score on the ACT for graduation. Education.

H. B. No. 284: (Representatives Pigott, Bain, Byrd, Carpenter, Darnell, Goodin, Hale, Ladner, Mangold, Morgan, Tubb) Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 285: (Representative Newman) Certificate of title; remove requirement for applicant to file a bond or deposit of cash as a condition of issuance. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 286: (Representatives Bain, Oliver, Williams-Barnes) Cemeteries; authorize to disinter and reinter dead human remains for next of kin instructions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 287: (Representative Bain) Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 288: (Representative Bain) Criminal investigators; increase salary of. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 289: (Representative Bain) State assessments; deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 290: (Representative Bain) Pre-trial Intervention; prohibit certain amount of public embezzlement for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 291: (Representative Bain) "Mississippi Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act of 2021"; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 292: (Representative Bain) Asset forfeiture proceeds; clarify use is for increase in law enforcement budget. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 293: (Representative Bain) Indigent appeals; revise certain provisions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 294: (Representatives Currie, Bounds) Hospices; delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 295: (Representative Currie) Home health services; authorize nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order and certify. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 296: (Representative Currie) Hospice licensure; extend moratorium on and authorize issuance of 2 pediatric palliative care licenses. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 297: (Representative Boyd) Dialysis facilities; nursing homes shall allow to provide mobile services on site to their patients. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 298: (Representative Summers) "The Lonnie Blue Safety Act"; create to regulate vehicular pursuits. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 299: (Representative Reynolds) Property interest; conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 300: (Representative Newman) Bail procedures; bring forward provisions for purposes of amendment. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 301: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) EMTs; authorize to deny service to nonemergency when needed for an emergency. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 302: (Representatives Cockerham, Owen, Cockerham, Jackson, McLean, McCarty, Karriem, Hudson, Stamps) Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation. Education.

H. B. No. 303: (Representative Rushing) Citizens for Economic Development Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 304: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Williamson) Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 305: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Texting or engaging in call while driving; make a misdemeanor when not using voice-operated or hands-free device. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 306: (Representative Mims) Human Services, Department of; authorize to use a simplified reporting system for economic assistance payments. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 307: (Representative Mims) Health department; authorize certain charges for services with other agencies for operation of medical marijuana program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 308: (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Mangold, Porter) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pike County with repair and renovation of Pike County Courthouse Complex. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 309: (Representative Felsher) Department of Marine Resources Enforcement Officers' Reserve Unit; revise provisions regulating. Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 310: (Representative Felsher) Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility; revise certain provisions applicable to. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 311: (Representatives Scoggin, Shanks, Brown (20th), Hopkins) Sales tax; exempt certain transfers of motor vehicles involving partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 312: (Representatives Pigott, Mangold, Hopkins) Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions of to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 313: (Representative Bennett) Student club funds; clarify use and accounting practices by school districts. Education.

H. B. No. 314: (Representatives Bennett, McLean, Gibbs (72nd), Hudson) State Department of Education; permit to receive various contributions from public or private donors. Education.

H. B. No. 315: (Representative Bennett) Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8. Education.

H. B. No. 316: (Representative Bennett) Kindergarten-age children; require mandatory attendance under compulsory school attendance laws. Education.

H. B. No. 317: (Representative Bennett) National board certification annual salary supplement; remove cap on number of nurses and speech-language pathologists eligible for. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 318: (Representative Currie) Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 319: (Representative Busby) DPS; make revision to gun permit residency requirement and certain driver's license petitions for review. Transportation.

H. B. No. 320: (Representatives McGee, Byrd) Perpetual care cemeteries; authorize counties and cities to clean property of those not properly maintained. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 321: (Representative Clark) Student residency requirements; require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. Education.

H. B. No. 322: (Representative Clark) Bonds; create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 323: (Representative Ford (54th)) Travel Insurance Act of 2021; create. Insurance.

H. B. No. 324: (Representative Ford (54th)) Counties; authorize to offer Medicare eligible county employees supplemental benefits if employees secure Medicare in lieu of using county insurance. Insurance; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 325: (Representative Ford (54th)) Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on and revise distribution of. Insurance; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 326: (Representative Ford (54th)) Mississippi Surplus Lines Association; authorize Commissioner of Insurance to have excess funds of transferred to the State General Fund. Insurance; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 327: (Representative Ford (54th)) Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on. Insurance.

H. B. No. 328: (Representatives Ford (54th), Hudson, Byrd, Mickens) State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain. Transportation; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 329: (Representative Ford (54th)) Rural fire truck acquisition assistance programs; bring forward code sections for possible amendment. Insurance.

H. B. No. 330: (Representative Ford (54th)) Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such. Insurance.

H. B. No. 331: (Representative Ford (54th)) Professional employer organizations; provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department. Insurance.

H. B. No. 332: (Representative Ford (54th)) Nonadmitted policy fee; revise distribution of and delete repealer on. Insurance; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 333: (Representative Ford (54th)) Mississippi Statutory Thresholds for Settlement Involving Minors Act; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 334: (Representative Boyd) PERS; no retiree shall receive allowance from while under contract with state agency as a consultant or advisor. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 335: (Representatives Holloway, Wallace) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Transportation.

H. B. No. 336: (Representative Busby) Motor fuel taxes; bring forward certain sections. Transportation; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 337: (Representative Turner) Property lien; burden placed on third party whose fraudulent activity related to the incurring of debt without the knowledge of the property owner resulted in. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 338: (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Abortion; provide that inducing or performing is unlawful. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 339: (Representative Porter) State employees; provide for 3% increase in compensation for each of the next 4 fiscal years. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 340: (Representative Turner) Patient Choice Act of 2021; create. Insurance; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 341: (Representative Busby) Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of deployment of in determining an individual's employment status with motor carrier. Transportation.

H. B. No. 342: (Representatives Summers, Hudson) MAEP; determine cost of using average daily membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 343: (Representative Summers) Minimum wage; establish and provide for increases in. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 344: (Representative Summers) Nonlicensed teachers; authorize local school districts to employ certain number to fill core subject area positions. Education.

H. B. No. 345: (Representative Summers) Early voting; authorize for 20 days before the election. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 346: (Representatives Summers, Holloway) Prohibition against bullying in schools; revise definitions and include cyberbullying. Education.

H. B. No. 347: (Representative Summers) Sentencing review; authorize upon petition of a district attorney. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 348: (Representatives Summers, McCray, Stamps) Voter registration application; require to be processed within ten days of deadline and give applicant opportunity to cure. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 349: (Representatives Summers, Denton, Stamps, Hines, Crudup, McCray) No-excuse absentee voting; authorize for any qualified voter who votes in person at the office of the registrar. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 350: (Representatives Sanford, Reynolds, Tullos, Owen) Certificate of rehabilitation; authorize those convicted in another state to apply for a. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 351: (Representatives Sanford, Shanks, Miles, Owen) Law enforcement; provide for and amend various laws regarding. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 352: (Representatives Deweese, Aguirre, Barnett, Bell (21st), Felsher, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), Haney, Horan, McKnight, McLean, Powell, Scoggin, Shanks, Steverson, Yancey) Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 353: (Representatives McGee, Yates) Hate crimes; revise delineation of victim. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 354: (Representatives McGee, Summers, Reynolds) Municipal judges; authorize to order a defendant to remedy real property ordinance violations within a reasonable time period. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 355: (Representatives Mims, Bomgar) Department of Health; give authority to levy and collect fee on sales of medical marijuana. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 356: (Representative Mims) Child abuse; expand immunity for good faith reports. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 357: (Representative Boyd) Bonding requirement for county purchase clerk; increase. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 358: (Representative Boyd) Bonding requirement for school purchasing agents; increase. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 359: (Representatives Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Crudup, Yates, Stamps, Clarke, Gibbs (72nd), Hudson, Mickens, Holloway) Municipalities with a certain population; allow to establish overdue water/sewer programs. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 360: (Representative Straughter) Nursing facilities; require initial assessment of patients by a physician within 10 days after admission. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 361: (Representative Straughter) MS Achievement School District; specify use of funds for the benefit of local school district of funds' origin. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 362: (Representative Holloway) Railroad crossings; require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. Transportation.

H. B. No. 363: (Representative Holloway) Marijuana possession; revise as civil penalty. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 364: (Representative Holloway) Schools in district transformation; prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. Education.

H. B. No. 365: (Representative Holloway) Blue; designate as the state color. Tourism.

H. B. No. 366: (Representative Mickens) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 367: (Representative Mickens) Statewide Assessment Program; require the SBE to use ACT as summative assessment. Education.

H. B. No. 368: (Representative Bennett) Newborn screening program; include spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) in those conditions covered in. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 369: (Representative Bennett) Mississippi Emergency Communications Act; create. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 370: (Representative Bennett) Public purchasing laws; exempt purchase of nonadopted and adopted textbooks by MDE for nonpublic schools. Education.

H. B. No. 371: (Representative Bennett) Licensed school employees and administrators; suspend license for one year for breach of contract or abandonment of employment. Education.

H. B. No. 372: (Representative Foster) Appropriation; Town of Edwards for funding the town Youth Enrichment Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 373: (Representative Foster) Appropriation; Town of Utica for establishing a senior day care center. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 374: (Representative Zuber) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 375: (Representatives Zuber, Williamson, Hopkins) Sales tax; exempt sales of gold, silver, platinum and palladium bullion. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 376: (Representatives Zuber, Williamson) Sales tax; exempt sales of precious metals bullion. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 377: (Representative Zuber) Pawnbroker transactions; define transactional information for purposes of. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 378: (Representative Weathersby) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of headquarters building for Department of Public Safety. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 379: (Representative Horan) Certificate of Rehabilitation; expand authorization to other groups. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 380: (Representative Bell (65th)) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to the Pete Brown Golf Course. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 381: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a multi-user aerostrip at Stennis International Airport in Hancock County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 382: (Representatives Bounds, Kinkade) Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 383: (Representative Porter) National Board Certified teachers; provide additional annual salary supplement to those employed in Walthall County. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 384: (Representatives Porter, Hudson) School bus drivers; require to be first aid and CPR trained and certified. Education.

H. B. No. 385: (Representative Banks) Arbitration clause; considered nonbinding in certain contracts. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 386: (Representative Banks) Boards of Education; require those in districts having a mayor-council form of government to be elected. Education; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 387: (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of building for School of Public Health at Jackson State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 388: (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds to assist JSU with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 389: (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 390: (Representative Banks) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. Insurance.

H. B. No. 391: (Representative Banks) Breastfeeding; authorize distribution of statewide info to support breastfeeding in public places. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 392: (Representative Banks) Exceptional children; require school districts to develop policy for the discipline of. Education.

H. B. No. 393: (Representative Banks) Seventh Circuit Court District; authorize additional judges. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 394: (Representative Banks) Scholastic year; increase number of days for schools with an accountability rating of "D" or "F." Education.

H. B. No. 395: (Representative Banks) Disabled person's vehicle tag; remove requirement for physician's certification for annual renewal. Transportation; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 396: (Representative Banks) Conjugal visits; require Department of Corrections to provide for married inmates. Corrections.

H. B. No. 397: (Representative Banks) Public schools; clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. Judiciary B; Education.

H. B. No. 398: (Representative Banks) Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 399: (Representative Banks) Case plans for nonviolent inmates; require certain programs be placed within. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 400: (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with purchasing fire service equipment. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 401: (Representative Banks) Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders; revise which offenders are eligible for. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 402: (Representative Banks) Country of Origin Labels; clarify labeling of covered commodities. Public Health and Human Services; Agriculture.

H. B. No. 403: (Representative Banks) Credit reports; prohibit release of information unless authorized by the consumer. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 404: (Representative Banks) Body-worn cameras; prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 405: (Representative Banks) Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public Act; create. Apportionment and Elections; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 406: (Representative Banks) License plates for disabled individuals; revise various provisions relating to. Transportation; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 407: (Representative Banks) Voting systems; require those purchased to be able to scan actual ballot. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 408: (Representative Banks) Mississippi Prison Industries; require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 409: (Representative Banks) Department of Corrections; require implementation of an Extended Family Visitation Program for eligible offenders. Corrections.

H. B. No. 410: (Representative Hood) Auto insurance; not invalidated by intentional acts of insured. Insurance.

H. B. No. 411: (Representative Hood) Irlen Syndrome; require screening for and districts to provide reasonable accommodations for students with. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 412: (Representative Hood) Autopsies; create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiring about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 413: (Representatives Hood, Hudson, Gibbs (72nd), Summers, Holloway, Anthony, Stamps) Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for. Tourism.

H. B. No. 414: (Representative Hood) School transportation; authorize motor vehicles other than buses for small groups of students traveling to school activities. Education.

H. B. No. 415: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Compulsory School Attendance Law; rename as the "Kindergarten Increases Diplomas (KIDs) Act," and lower compulsory age to five years. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 416: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Charter school payments; require school districts to pay local funds due on a monthly basis. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 417: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) National Board Certified teachers; include those employed in Hinds County as eligible for additional supplement. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 418: (Representatives Gunn, Currie, Hopkins) Physical therapists; delete requirement for physician referral before performing services. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 419: (Representatives Currie, Hopkins) Physical therapy practice laws; revise various provisions of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 420: (Representative Mickens) Conditions of probation; clarify that courts may provide certain treatment for veterans when placed on probation. Corrections.

H. B. No. 421: (Representative Mickens) Fresh Start Act; revise certain portions of and authorize practice of medicine of dentistry after certain expungement. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 422: (Representative Mickens) Corporal punishment; prohibit administration of in public and charter schools for disciplinary matters. Education.

H. B. No. 423: (Representative Morgan) Harvest reporting program; require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 424: (Representatives Morgan, Haney, Johnson, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, McLeod, Pigott, Scoggin, Young, Anderson (110th), Byrd) Memorial highways; designate. Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 425: (Representatives Morgan, Boyd, Darnell, Goodin, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, McLeod, Scoggin, Shanks, Young, Williamson, Haney) Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 426: (Representative Byrd) "MS Educator Dyslexia Awareness Act of 2021"; enact to require certain instruction and training for license renewal. Education.

H. B. No. 427: (Representatives McCarty, Felsher, Yates, Calvert, Lancaster, Smith, McLean, Summers, Crawford, Anderson (110th)) "Trauma-Informed Discipline Practices Act; enact to establish procedures to assess and mediate effects of traumatic events in schools. Education.

H. B. No. 428: (Representatives Wright, Karriem, McLean) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Columbus with certain road and street improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 429: (Representative Bennett) Contracts; authorize persons eighteen years of age or older to enter into for the purpose of investing in mutual funds. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 430: (Representative Boyd) Delinquent county garbage fees; provide nonrenewal of driver's licenses for nonpayment. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 431: (Representative Boyd) Hunting regulation changes; require Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to provide notice. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 432: (Representative Boyd) End-of-course tests; eliminate passing score as graduation requirement and exempt from accountability ratings for four years. Education.

H. B. No. 433: (Representative Faulkner) Public and private schools; require all employees to annually receive flu vaccine. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 434: (Representative Faulkner) Public and private schools; require all employees to be tested annually for tuberculosis. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 435: (Representative Faulkner) Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty; provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 436: (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 437: (Representative Faulkner) Public and private schools; require proper hand washing materials in all restrooms. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 438: (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with construction of a wellness and aquatics center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 439: (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 440: (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with restoration of former Holly Springs Water and Light Plant Building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 441: (Representative Faulkner) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 442: (Representative Faulkner) Sales tax; divert an additional amount to municipalities to be used to fund infrastructure projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 443: (Representative Faulkner) Code-charter municipality governing authorities; may delegate duties related to personnel actions. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 444: (Representative Faulkner) Elections; establish procedure for automatic registration of voters. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 445: (Representative Faulkner) Private correctional facilities contractor; must have ability to use local vendors when providing services to offenders. Corrections.

H. B. No. 446: (Representative Faulkner) Tax credits; authorize for employers of convicted felons. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 447: (Representative Faulkner) Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 448: (Representative Banks) Case plans for inmates who committed capital offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 449: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Left lane; prohibit use of hand-held mobile telephones while driving in. Transportation; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 450: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Landowners Protection Act; repeal. Judiciary A; Rules.

H. B. No. 451: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements of a conviction including parole but not probation. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 452: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Alcoholic beverages; allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 453: (Representatives Powell, Eure, Shanks, Stamps) Law enforcement officers; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing certain volunteer services in off-duty hours. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 454: (Representative Oliver) ETV; Legislature not appropriate general funds to after fiscal year 2022, use funds for teacher salaries. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 455: (Representative Miles) Teacher licensure; provide to certain individuals with a minimum of ten years experience in public school districts or certain nonpublic schools. Education.

H. B. No. 456: (Representative Miles) English language learners; increase funding to districts with 20% or more enrolled student population comprised of. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 457: (Representative Miles) Mississippi English Language Learners Scholarship Program; create. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 458: (Representative Miles) English language learners; require waivers of accountability for districts with 25% of enrollment being. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 459: (Representative Miles) Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 460: (Representative Miles) Trooper training class; require Legislature to appropriate funds in 2021 and 2022 sessions to defray expenses of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 461: (Representative Miles) Sales tax; create diversion to counties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 462: (Representative Miles) Holy Bible; designate as the official state book of Mississippi. Rules; Tourism.

H. B. No. 463: (Representative Tullos) Land sold for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes; provide that constables may serve notice of, increase fee paid to sheriff/constable serving notice. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 464: (Representatives Horan, Anthony) Parole board; revise notification time frame given to offender's victim for offender release and remove certain prohibition. Corrections.

H. B. No. 465: (Representatives Horan, Hudson) Compassionate Parole Eligibility Act of 2021; create. Corrections.

H. B. No. 466: (Representatives Horan, Hudson, Mickens) Inmate Welfare Fund; require DOC to expend unused portions of the fund on reentry purposes. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 467: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Officer-involved deaths; require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. Judiciary B; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 468: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Bail procedures; revise. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 469: (Representative Tullos) MS Real Estate Commission; authorize an appeal to act as a supersedeas and to stay any rule or decision until resolved. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 470: (Representative Bell (21st)) MDA Job Training Grant Fund; repeal and transfer monies into North Mississippi Workforce Development and Training Fund. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 471: (Representative Rushing) Immunity for law enforcement officers; authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 472: (Representative Porter) Teacher licensure; revise alternate route to allow certain individuals to receive. Education.

H. B. No. 473: (Representative Eubanks) Motor vehicle license plates; allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. Transportation; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 474: (Representative Eubanks) Home schooled students; authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district. Education.

H. B. No. 475: (Representative Eubanks) School Immunization; authorize exemption from requirements for religious beliefs. Education; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 476: (Representative Eubanks) Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 477: (Representative Eubanks) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 478: (Representative Barnett) Appraisal management company; remove ninety-day exception to prohibition on removing appraisers from appraisal panel of an. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 479: (Representatives Roberson, Bain, Barnett, Massengill, McGee, Steverson, Wallace, Lancaster) Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; authorize sales and purchase of certain products containing without a prescription. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 480: (Representative Rushing) Driver's license; require Department of Public Safety to allow official identifying document of MDOC to suffice for. Judiciary B; Transportation.

H. B. No. 481: (Representative Barnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Rail Authority of East Mississippi with certain costs associated with East Mississippi Intermodal Rail Corridor. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 482: (Representative Rushing) Adverse possession; require possessor to notify chancery clerk before title vests. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 483: (Representative Rushing) Court-ordered restitution, certain; require payment of victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed to court. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 484: (Representative Sanford) Tax sales; require conveyances of land to be subject to recorded easements. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 485: (Representatives Sanford, Tullos) Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 486: (Representatives Boyd, Williamson) Timber products; revise time during which vehicles transporting may operate. Transportation.

H. B. No. 487: (Representative Bennett) County and public libraries; repeal certain provisions related to. Education.

H. B. No. 488: (Representatives Zuber, Gibbs (72nd), Stamps) Libraries; authorize use of debit and credit cards. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 489: (Representatives McGee, McCarty) School athletic trainers; provide annual salary supplement for those acquiring national certification. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 490: (Representative Bell (65th)) Law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical technicians; provide enhanced penalties for misdemeanors, felony and shootings of unarmed victims. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 491: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 492: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Dynamic Dyslexia Design; The 3-D School and Evaluation Center with construction of a new building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 493: (Representatives Byrd, Reynolds, Stamps) Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare eligible employee benefits when employees secures Medicare under certain circumstances. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 494: (Representative Byrd) Daylight Saving Time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. Interstate Cooperation.

H. B. No. 495: (Representative Byrd) Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 496: (Representative Byrd) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 497: (Representative Byrd) Appropriation; Rural Fire Truck Fund for additional round of trucks under Acquisition Assistance Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 498: (Representative Boyd) Municipalities "home rule"; prohibit governing authorities from regulating immediate vicinity of health care facilities under certain circumstances. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 499: (Representative Lamar) Qualified equity investment tax credits; extend authority of Mississippi Development Authority to allocate. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 500: (Representative Lamar) Mississippi Home Corporation; extend reverter on authority to issue a certain amount of bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 501: (Representative Bennett) Education waivers; provide for schools relative to the Statewide Testing Program; accountability ratings and Literacy-Based Promotion assessments. Education.

H. B. No. 502: (Representative Boyd) Assistant Teacher Forgivable Loan Program; revise to increase financial assistance to those pursuing teacher licensure. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 503: (Representative Mickens) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 504: (Representative Bennett) Commission on School Accreditation; clarify membership composition. Education.

H. B. No. 505: (Representatives Bounds, Anderson (110th), Gibbs (72nd), Mickens, Anthony, Brown (70th), Miles, Stamps) Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 506: (Representatives Anthony, Rosebud) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; exempt tag for supporters of Thomas E. Edwards High School from minimum purchase requirement. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 507: (Representative Newman) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 508: (Representatives Lamar, Williamson, Foster, Stamps) Department of Revenue; allow retiring law enforcement officer of to retain issued sidearm. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 509: (Representative Lamar) Unemployment compensation; allow withholding of state income tax. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 510: (Representative Lamar) Motor vehicle certificate of title; limit period for which Department of Revenue must retain. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 511: (Representative Lamar) Amusement ride operating permit decal; revise period for issuance. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 512: (Representative Lamar) ABC agents/inspectors; revise certain provisions regarding powers of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 513: (Representative Lamar) Nonpublic schools; authorize those accredited by a regional agency to use criminal background check procedures as public schools. Education.

H. B. No. 514: (Representative Lamar) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to DeafBlind Community of Mississippi, Inc. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 515: (Representative Lamar) Council on the Prevention of School Shootings; create to develop center in A.G.'s office to monitor online activity. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 516: (Representative Lamar) Department of Revenue; allow department appraisers to receive certain pay increases upon completing certain training. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 517: (Representative Lamar) Mississippi Remote Worker Grant Program; create to recruit certain workers to Mississippi. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 518: (Representative Lamar) Department of Revenue; authorize to create wholesale to retail accountability program. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 519: (Representative Lamar) Motor vehicle license tags; remove requirement for apportioned vehicles to have decal with expiration month/year on tag. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 520: (Representatives Lamar, Reynolds, Stamps) Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 521: (Representative Rosebud) DOC discharge plans; require explanation of disenfranchising crimes and opportunity for certain offenders to register to vote. Apportionment and Elections; Corrections.

H. B. No. 522: (Representative Rosebud) Mental health screenings and assessments; require in all public schools. Public Health and Human Services; Education.

H. B. No. 523: (Representative Rosebud) State Correctional Facilities Monitoring Unit; establish. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 524: (Representative Horan) Medical records; require health care provider to timely provide to patients after receiving request for. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 525: (Representatives Horan, Hudson, Anthony, Brown (70th)) Corrections omnibus bill; enact. Corrections.

H. B. No. 526: (Representative Bell (21st)) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds to school districts for vocational education improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 527: (Representative Bell (21st)) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Itawamba Crossroads Ranch, Inc. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 528: (Representatives Bell (21st), Miles) Appropriations; Department of Education for administering ACT WorkKeys Assessment to all career and technical education students. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 529: (Representative Bell (21st)) Accountability rating system; revise to provide for method of accommodating certain students with cognitive disabilities and dropouts. Education.

H. B. No. 530: (Representative Robinson) Licenses tags, certain utility trailers; will be the same size as tags for motorcycles. Transportation.

H. B. No. 531: (Representative Bell (21st)) Mississippi Workforce Development Study Committee; create. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 532: (Representative Bell (21st)) U.S. History end-of-course subject area test; remove requirement for the administration for purpose of graduation. Education.

H. B. No. 533: (Representatives Hopkins, Brown (20th), Criswell) Ad valorem tax; exempt motor homes and trailers. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 534: (Representative Hopkins) Electric/hybrid vehicle tax; repeal sections of law authorizing. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 535: (Representative Bell (21st)) Hypodermic syringes or needles; unlawful to sell, obtain, purchase or possess as a direct consumer without a written prescription. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 536: (Representatives Bell (21st), Anthony) Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 537: (Representatives Bell (21st), Gibbs (72nd)) Cell phones and certain other contraband; provide enhanced penalties for offenders and correctional employees. Corrections.

H. B. No. 538: (Representative Bell (21st)) "Criminal endangerment of a child"; create crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 539: (Representatives Bell (21st), Ford (73rd), Miles) Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 540: (Representative Bell (21st)) State Department of Education; require to conduct sampling of material used on the U.S. History end-of-course assessment. Education.

H. B. No. 541: (Representatives Hopkins, Williamson) Children of school employees; allow to attend school in district of parent's or legal guardian's employ. Education.

H. B. No. 542: (Representative Bell (21st)) Online Career-track Program; authorize school districts to create and accept out-of-district students for enrollment in. Education.

H. B. No. 543: (Representatives Hopkins, Williamson, Darnell, Carpenter, Hale) Voter identification; clarify that only Mississippi driver's license shall be acceptable license. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 544: (Representatives Hopkins, Williamson) Stop Social Media Censorship Act; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 545: (Representative Hopkins) Cell site simulator device; require law enforcement agencies to obtain warrant before using. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 546: (Representatives Stamps, Gibbs (36th), Thompson, Hudson) Agriculture appreciation; require to be incorporated into curriculum of public colleges and universities. Agriculture; Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 547: (Representative Stamps) State property urban farms; authorize state agencies to dispose of unneeded real property for cultivation and sale of fresh produce. Public Property; Agriculture.

H. B. No. 548: (Representative Rosebud) Elections; prohibit use of word "re-elect" unless for person who is current incumbent of the office sought. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 549: (Representative Rosebud) Bonds; create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 550: (Representative Busby) Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to. Transportation.

H. B. No. 551: (Representatives Bain, Williams-Barnes, Anthony) Driver's license; require Department of Public Safety to allow official identifying document of MDOC to suffice for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 552: (Representative Bain) Electronic tracking devices; prohibit tracking of another person's vehicle. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 553: (Representative Bain) County coroners; authorize to contract with a private pathologist to perform autopsies. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 554: (Representative Bain) Sexting by minors; provide as a delinquent misdemeanor act. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 555: (Representative Boyd) Mineral interests; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Judiciary A; Energy.

H. B. No. 556: (Representatives Pigott, Holloway, Carpenter, Crudup, Darnell, Gibbs (36th), Goodin, Mangold, McKnight, Morgan, Wright) 16th Section lands; authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 557: (Representatives Horan, Karriem, Anthony) Nonadjudication; authorize completion of workforce training or similar training as an option for. Corrections.

H. B. No. 558: (Representatives Williamson, Rushing) Wiretapping; authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 559: (Representative Boyd) Public schools; require toll-free number for reporting abuse and neglect to be posted in all. Education.

H. B. No. 560: (Representative Stamps) Agriculture Market Reports; require the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce to develop and publish for distribution. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 561: (Representative Clark) Identity theft; establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 562: (Representatives Yates, Owen, McCarty) Cottage food products; delete prohibition on the Internet sale of. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 563: (Representative Porter) Child care facilities, licensed; require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. Insurance; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 564: (Representative Roberson) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; bring for certain section of. Judiciary A; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 565: (Representative Watson) Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation Fund; create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. Judiciary A; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 566: (Representative Watson) MS Center for Legal Services; require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. Judiciary A; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 567: (Representative Watson) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; specify funding to from certain sources. Judiciary A; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 568: (Representative Ladner) Reports of suspected abuse; require persons who make to Child Protection Services and DHS to give their name and contact information. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 569: (Representative Banks) Firearms; revise limits placed on counties and municipalities to regulate. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 570: (Representative Oliver) Cremation; prohibit until approved by county medical examiner. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 571: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Early voting; authorize for 14 days before the election. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 572: (Representative Busby) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 573: (Representative Busby) Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding. Transportation.

H. B. No. 574: (Representative Busby) Income tax, gasoline and diesel fuel excise taxes; revise rates of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 575: (Representative Busby) Teacher licensure; authorize SDE to issue Nontraditional Teaching Route - Standard License to certain individuals with advanced degrees. Education.

H. B. No. 576: (Representatives Busby, Byrd) Local System Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation Fund; revise allocation formula. Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 577: (Representative Busby) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 578: (Representative Busby) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 579: (Representative Busby) Motor carrier regulation; update and streamline. Transportation.

H. B. No. 580: (Representatives Cockerham, Hudson) County and cities; authorize use of law enforcement escorts for athletic teams attending school-related activities. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 581: (Representatives Cockerham, McLean, Summers, Gibbs (72nd), Stamps) The Sexual Assault Response For College Students Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 582: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Denton, Gibbs (36th), Thompson) Appropriation; IHL for support of certain agriculture research and extension programs at Alcorn State University. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 583: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Denton, Gibbs (36th), Thompson) Appropriations; IHL for enhancing stem-related facilities and programs at Alcorn State University. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 584: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Denton, Gibbs (36th), Thompson) Appropriation; IHL for certain agriculture research and extension capital projects at Alcorn State University. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 585: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Denton, Gibbs (36th), Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 586: (Representatives Eubanks, Barnett) Statewide Elections Management System; compare to certain identification databases to ensure non-U.S. citizens are not registered to vote. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 587: (Representative Eubanks) Breastfeeding professionals; provide for licensure of by State Department of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 588: (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Mississippi On-Farm Sales and Food Freedom Act; create. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 589: (Representative Eubanks) Local Taxation and Tax Extension Authority Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 590: (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 591: (Representatives Powell, Shanks) Alcoholic beverages; increase maximum number of package retailer's permits a person may own. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 592: (Representatives Powell, Shanks) Alcoholic beverages; authorize the sale of wine at grocery stores. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 593: (Representative Ladner) Children's records; authorize release with parental consent to the Legislature. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 594: (Representative Ladner) Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark". Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 595: (Representatives Ladner, Boyd, Williamson) Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 596: (Representative Watson) Foreign judgment; authorize courts to consider due process and fraud issues. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 597: (Representative Watson) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects otherwise. Insurance.

H. B. No. 598: (Representative Watson) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy. Insurance.

H. B. No. 599: (Representative Watson) Motor vehicle liability insurance policy; require to include medical payment coverage. Insurance.

H. B. No. 600: (Representative Watson) Workers' compensation; require emergency hearing upon request of either party. Insurance.

H. B. No. 601: (Representative Watson) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; provide for an assessment to be used for. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 602: (Representative Criswell) Mississippi Access to Care Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 603: (Representative Criswell) Local and private bills proposing to extend local tax for second time; require direct referendum. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 604: (Representative Criswell) Firearms; clarify licensing procedure. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 605: (Representative Criswell) Appeal from judgment by a county or municipal authority; revise standard of construction for determining constitutionality. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 606: (Representative Criswell) Seizure and forfeiture; prohibit waiver of forfeiture and revise standard of proof. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 607: (Representative Criswell) Seizure and forfeiture; require conviction and establish in relation to certain criminal. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 608: (Representatives Criswell, Lancaster) Stun gun; remove the term from the prohibited firearms category. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 609: (Representatives Criswell, Hudson, Anthony) Public purchasing law; exempt procurement of certain aircraft by state institutions of higher learning from. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 610: (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; eligible pregnant women shall remain eligible for maternal care services for 12 months after end of pregnancy. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 611: (Representative Roberson) Kratom; regulate the sale, distribution and preparation of. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 612: (Representative Roberson) County prosecutor; authorize to represent clients outside the county. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 613: (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments during appeals. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 614: (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other organizations. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 615: (Representative Roberson) DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 616: (Representative Roberson) Physical therapists; not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 617: (Representative Roberson) State Department of Education; develop central reporting system for school district data mandated by U.S. Department of Education. Education.

H. B. No. 618: (Representative Bell (65th)) DPS; require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 619: (Representative Bell (65th)) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Eubanks Creek. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 620: (Representatives Bell (65th), Hudson) "Mississippi Correctional Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2021"; create. Corrections.

H. B. No. 621: (Representative Crudup) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 622: (Representative Crudup) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend community or junior colleges. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 623: (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; IHL board for cost of waiving tuition at IHLs for certain foster children and adopted children. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 624: (Representative Rosebud) Bonds; create pilot program for grants to certain municipalities for security cameras and equipment and authorize bonds to provide funds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 625: (Representative Yancey) Law enforcement officers' sidearms; clarify retention of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 626: (Representative Yancey) Pharmacists; authorize to test for and treat certain minor, nonchronic health conditions subject to certain requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 627: (Representative Ladner) Redistricting; authorize Legislature to alter boundaries of counties, municipalities and school districts. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 628: (Representatives Evans (45th), Morgan) Highway privilege tax; add a gross vehicle weight category for carriers of property with additional tax. Transportation; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 629: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Counties; may assess the cost/penalty against menaced property as a civil debt. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 630: (Representative Mickens) Embezzlement; revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 631: (Representatives Stamps, Cockerham) Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 632: (Representatives Powell, Aguirre) "All Fuels Act of 2021"; establish. Energy.

H. B. No. 633: (Representatives Felsher, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Deweese, McCarty, Owen, Miles, McLean, Summers, Barnett, Haney, Anthony, Stamps) Computer science curriculum; require State Department of Education to implement in K-12 public schools. Education.

H. B. No. 634: (Representatives Barnett, Wallace, Smith, Calvert, Williamson, Steverson, Massengill, Bain, Roberson, Carpenter, Arnold) Firearms restriction; limit those by cities, counties and state agencies. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 635: (Representative Byrd) Tanning facilities; prohibit use of by persons under 18 years old. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 636: (Representative McCray) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Horn Lake with purchasing two ambulances. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 637: (Representatives Summers, Stamps, Crudup) Flood Prevention and Control Task Force; create for the City of Jackson. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 638: (Representative Deweese) Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 639: (Representative Banks) Perpetual care cemeteries, new; require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 640: (Representative Banks) Hospitals; require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four hours after admission. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 641: (Representative Banks) Early voting; require Secretary of State to authorize for overseas military. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 642: (Representative Banks) Voter rolls; prohibit purging names from Statewide Elections Management System 120 days or less before the date of any election. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 643: (Representative Banks) Retirement; county board attorneys and city attorneys shall be members of PERS regardless of hours/week worked. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 644: (Representative Banks) Copper materials; prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 645: (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with making repairs and improvements to water and sewer systems. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 646: (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with maintenance of the Mississippi Telecommunication Conference and Training Center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 647: (Representative Banks) Elected statewide and certain district officials; increase salaries of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 648: (Representative Banks) Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority; repeal. Ports, Harbors and Airports.

H. B. No. 649: (Representatives Banks, Hudson) Department of Corrections; authorize to administer the "Halfway House Grant Program." Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 650: (Representative Banks) DOC's evaluation of requests for proposals for canteen services; require interested third parties to have reasonable prices for services. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 651: (Representative Banks) Voting rights; restore to all felons upon satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 652: (Representative Banks) Chancery clerk; require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 653: (Representative Banks) Violent offenders, certain; may be paroled by Parole Board if sentencing judge authorizes parole consideration. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 654: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Minimum wage; establish and provide for annual cost-of-living increases. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 655: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Holloway, Bell (65th), Brown (20th), Crudup, Foster, McCray, Straughter, Watson, Yates) Drag racing and obstruction of traffic by vehicle; make felonies. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 656: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) School buses; require those purchased after July 1, 2021, to be equipped with seat belts. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 657: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) School buses; require those purchased after July 1, 2021, to be equipped with seat belts and provide opt out provision. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 658: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Absentee ballots; revise notary requirements for students enrolled in a college, university or community or junior college. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 659: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 660: (Representative Currie) State agencies; eliminate requirement to prepare and publish annual reports. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 661: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Online voter registration; allow for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 662: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Hudson) Teachers' and teacher assistants' salaries; provide for \$1,500.00 increase. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 663: (Representatives Boyd, Williamson) Regulatory Reduction Pilot Program; create. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 664: (Representative Boyd) Mineral interest; revise procedure for payment of taxes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 665: (Representative Boyd) School boards; require itemized report of central office expenditures to be included in notice for increase in ad valorem taxes. Education.

H. B. No. 666: (Representative Boyd) Adverse possession cases; require losing party to pay court costs and attorney's fees. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 667: (Representatives Lamar, Crawford) Alcoholic beverages; delete requirement for immediate permit revocation for certain prohibited sales. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 668: (Representative Currie) Solemn covenant of the states to award prizes for Curing Diseases Compact; enact. Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 669: (Representative Ladner) Youth court hearings, certain; allow family members to attend. Youth and Family Affairs; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 670: (Representative McLean) The Sexual Assault Survivors' DNA Bill of Rights; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 671: (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Hudson) Lottery Proceeds Fund; provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for school improvements. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 672: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Lottery Proceeds Fund; provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for the purposes of funding teacher pay raises. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 673: (Representative Williams-Barnes) State agency and governing authority contracts; require 30% of to be set-aside for certain businesses. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 674: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Domestic violence; prohibit those convicted of from carrying weapons. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 675: (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Hudson) Parole Board; revise notifications time frame given to victim when the offender is to be released by. Corrections.

H. B. No. 676: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Department of Corrections; revise notification period given to local law enforcement when offender is to be released. Corrections.

H. B. No. 677: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Death certificate; time for filing with Office of Vital Records shall be within 7 business days after the death occurs. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 678: (Representative Denton) Armed Services Absentee Voting Law; expand definition of "absent voter" to include those working in federal waters of United States. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 679: (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Hudson) Teacher education program and licensure requirements; remove the option for a 21 ACT score (or SAT equivalent) for eligibility. Education.

H. B. No. 680: (Representative Denton) Concealed firearms; clarify prohibition for mentally incompetent. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 681: (Representative Denton) Child support; revise factors for award of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 682: (Representative Denton) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. Education.

H. B. No. 683: (Representative Denton) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 684: (Representative McLean) Appropriation; Town of Caledonia for purchasing and installing a splash pad in Ola J. Pickett Park. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 685: (Representative Ladner) Stolen property; create crime for the sale of and require refund to purchaser of, under certain conditions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 686: (Representative Walker) Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc.; establish funding for. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 687: (Representative Walker) Automatic voter registration; authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 688: (Representative McLean) Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 689: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Boyd, Calvert, Carpenter, Currie, Ford (73rd), Hopkins, Ladner, McLean, Newman, Williamson) "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act"; establish. Constitution.

H. B. No. 690: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Automatic voter registration; authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of a driver's license. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 691: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Unclaimed dead bodies; coroner shall cause to be entrusted to funeral homes in county on a rotation basis. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 692: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Mental Health Courts; clarify chancery court participation for certification of. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 693: (Representative Young) Photograph identification; require for persons 12 years of age or older. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 694: (Representative Young) Home rule improvement; enact for local school districts. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 695: (Representative Cockerham) State Domestic Violence Fund; remove the matching funds requirement for. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 696: (Representatives Paden, Bailey) Early voting; authorize. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 697: (Representative Paden) Firearms licensed; require proof of mental health evaluation. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 698: (Representative Paden) Day and Temporary Labor Services Act; create. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 699: (Representative Paden) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of hotel under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 700: (Representative Paden) "Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2020"; establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community and junior college attendance. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 701: (Representative Paden) Public school curriculum; require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. Education.

H. B. No. 702: (Representatives Paden, McCarty, Gibbs (72nd), Crawford) Assistant teachers; require school districts to notify of nonreemployment within 10 days after adopting budget. Education.

H. B. No. 703: (Representative Paden) Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 704: (Representative Paden) Mississippi Secure Choice Savings Program; establish. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 705: (Representative Paden) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 706: (Representative Paden) State song; designate "My Home Mississippi" as second official song. Tourism.

H. B. No. 707: (Representative Paden) Public universities and colleges; require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 708: (Representative Paden) School districts; require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 709: (Representative Paden) AEDs; require at public schools and state institutions of higher learning and provide authority to lease. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 710: (Representative Paden) School districts; require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 711: (Representative Paden) Income tax; revise certain provisions to address investment in federally designated qualified opportunity zones. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 712: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) State employees; provide for across-the-board increase in annual compensation for those with annual salary under \$30,000.00. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 713: (Representative Hines) Licensed professional counselors; revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 714: (Representative Hines) Health care and education shortage assistance program; establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 715: (Representative Hines) Medicaid; require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 716: (Representative Denton) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits withheld until full restitution has been paid. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 717: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Contractors; require to submit signed agreement acknowledging certain information when submitting a bid. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 718: (Representative Ladner) Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 719: (Representatives Eubanks, Criswell) Vaccinations; prohibit employers from requiring COVID-19 vaccination as condition of employment. Public Health and Human Services; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 720: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Compulsory school age; revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before September 1. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 721: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Funeral directing; issue license for to persons who meet certain criteria and apply within 30 days. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 722: (Representative Denton) Income tax and sales tax liability; revise method of collecting from public officers or employees. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 723: (Representative Denton) Partisan primary elections; abolish and establish open primary elections. Apportionment and Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 724: (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Mangold, Johnson, Pigott, Harness, Porter) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance with land acquisition and certain projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 725: (Representatives Bell (65th), Rosebud) Mississippi Liquor Distribution Corporation Law; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 726: (Representative Clarke) Appropriation; Archives and History for Scott Ford House to develop two historic properties in Jackson. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 727: (Representative Clarke) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 728: (Representative Clarke) Early voting; authorize for not more than 21 days nor less than 5 days before each election. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 729: (Representative Reynolds) Income tax; exempt income of certain mental health professionals providing services in critical mental health services shortage areas. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 730: (Representatives Reynolds, Byrd) Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare eligible employee benefits when employee secures Medicare under certain circumstances. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 731: (Representative Clarke) State agencies; require to be housed in state-owned buildings located within the City of Jackson. Public Property; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 732: (Representative Clarke) Active shooter training; require school districts employees to attend every three years. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 733: (Representative Crudup) Motor vehicles; require certain new to be equipped with alert to operator to check rear designated seat when engine stops. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 734: (Representative Clarke) Retail businesses; those that accept credit or debit cards shall have video cameras to record persons using the cards. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 735: (Representative Clarke) Firearms; prohibit discharge near petroleum. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 736: (Representative Clarke) Family dynamics; include in public school curriculum as a required component. Education; Youth and Family Affairs.

H. B. No. 737: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Sales tax; phase out on sales of certain food. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 738: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Minimum wage; establish at \$9.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 739: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Statewide testing program; require tests to be translated and printed into primary spoken language of ELL students. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 740: (Representatives Brown (70th), McGee, Anthony) State identification card; require commissioner of DPS to establish one that does not require proof of domicile. Transportation.

H. B. No. 741: (Representative Walker) Mobile homes; give owner of one year to redeem the property after sold for taxes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 742: (Representatives Criswell, Summers, Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of dilapidated and blighted properties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 743: (Representative Summers) Appropriations; Supreme Court for additional funding for mental health courts. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 744: (Representative Summers) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for additional funding for increased number of residential beds. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 745: (Representative Summers) Appropriation; Department of Education for additional funding to increase instructional support positions due to increased needs from COVID-19. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 746: (Representatives Cockerham, Aguirre, Lancaster) Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise regarding warranty reimbursement. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 747: (Representatives Newman, Powell, Shanks, Wallace, Weathersby, Yancey, Williamson, Miles, Brown (70th), Anthony) Work release program; authorize pilot program to authorize sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail. Corrections.

H. B. No. 748: (Representative Thompson) Department of Labor; create. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 749: (Representative Thompson) State Workplace Safety and Health Office; establish under State Board of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 750: (Representative Yancey) Deputy Secretaries of State; authorize creation of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 751: (Representatives Ladner, Boyd, Williamson) The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 752: (Representative Yancey) Mississippi Employment Protection Act; authorize additional penalties for an employer in violation of. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 753: (Representatives Walker, Gibbs (36th), Stamps) Mississippi Horse Racing Act of 2021; create to allow for any location in the state with suitable track. Gaming; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 754: (Representatives Deweese, Aguirre, Barnett, Bell (21st), Byrd, Felsher, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), McCarty, McLean, Powell, Scoggin, Shanks, Steversson, Yancey, Crawford) Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan. Education.

H. B. No. 755: (Representatives Boyd, Williamson) Unborn child; expand protection to. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 756: (Representative Crawford) Teacher and administrator license; deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. Education.

H. B. No. 757: (Representative Crawford) Video surveillance cameras; require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children. Education.

H. B. No. 758: (Representative Crawford) State park fee; authorized MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 759: (Representative Crawford) Child abuse hotline; require schools to post in clearly visible location. Education.

H. B. No. 760: (Representative Crawford) Corporal punishment; require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in. Education.

H. B. No. 761: (Representatives Carpenter, Anthony, Stamps) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes. Military Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 762: (Representative Currie) Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for Town of Wesson may be used. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 763: (Representative Currie) Justifiable homicide; add defense of business during looting or a riot as a ground for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 764: (Representative Newman) Medicaid; require division to promptly sell or lease residence of deceased recipient obtained through estate recovery. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 765: (Representative Reynolds) Pre-election day voting; authorize for 14 days before the election. Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 766: (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson, Lancaster) Children of school employees; allow to attend school in district of parent's or legal guardian's employment. Education.

H. B. No. 767: (Representative Beckett) Mississippi Employment Security Law; revise to exclude services of petroleum landman from definition of "employment." Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 768: (Representative Shanks) Juvenile offenders convicted of murder; revise sentencing options for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 769: (Representative Horan) DUI; revise time period for fourth offense. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 770: (Representatives Shanks, Newman, Powell, Weathersby, Yancey) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Brandon with improvements to City Hall. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 771: (Representative Eubanks) School boards; elect members at presidential election for 4-year term. Education.

H. B. No. 772: (Representative Eubanks) Critical Teacher Shortage Program; require State Board of Education to categorize shortages by school attendance zones within school districts. Education.

H. B. No. 773: (Representative Powell) Landlord-Tenant; clarify that summons is only placed on door when tenant not found. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 774: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Denton, Gibbs (36th), Thompson) Mississippi Fair Advisory Council; revise composition to add representation from Alcorn State University. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 775: (Representatives Harness, Holloway, Denton, Gibbs (36th), Thompson) IHLs; authorize to purchase wireless communication devices to facilitate delivery of educational instruction. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 776: (Representative Ford (54th)) Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act; extend repealer on. Insurance.

H. B. No. 777: (Representatives Barnett, Williamson) Weapons; authorize investigative and regulatory enforcement employees of the Secretary of State's office to carry. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 778: (Representative Turner) Motor vehicles; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 779: (Representative Porter) Order of support; prohibit suspension of driver's license for being out of compliance with. Transportation; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 780: (Representatives Shanks, Newman, Powell, Weathersby, Yancey) Justice courts; authorize to suspend fines under the Implied Consent Law. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 781: (Representatives Shanks, Williamson) Law enforcement officers; require to input missing person cases into National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS). Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 782: (Representative Stamps) Food deserts; require State Department of Health to track within the State of Mississippi. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 783: (Representatives Miles, Hudson) Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise state parks. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 784: (Representative Stamps) "The Farmer Equity Act of 2021"; enact to require the Department of Agriculture and Commerce to perform certain duties. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 785: (Representative Summers) Homelessness; require Department of Human Services to implement grant program for housing. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 786: (Representative Summers) Mental health courts; require annual appropriation to Administrative Office of Courts for support of. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 787: (Representatives Horne, Williamson) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 788: (Representatives Horne, Williamson) Municipal annexation; require an election be held on the question of in the proposed annexed territory. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 789: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) School buses; require 20% of those purchased after July 1, 2021, to be equipped with seat belts. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 790: (Representatives Boyd, Williamson) The MS Human Life Protection Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 791: (Representatives Boyd, Williamson) Intentional injury to pregnant woman; revise penalties. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 792: (Representative Stamps) "Healthy Foods Access Program Act"; enact. Agriculture; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 793: (Representative Stamps) Healthy Local Food Incentive Program; enact. Agriculture; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 794: (Representative Scoggin) Medicaid; expand eligibility for certain persons to receive services through provider sponsored health plan. Medicaid; Rules.

H. B. No. 795: (Representative Bain) First Circuit Court District; revise composition of judgeships. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 796: (Representatives Bain, Karriem, Hudson, Anthony, Stamps) Habitual offender; revise penalties for. Judiciary B; Corrections.

H. B. No. 797: (Representative Bain) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 798: (Representative Bain) Voyeurism; revise sentencing options. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 799: (Representative Bain) Terroristic Threats; revise provisions. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 800: (Representative Massengill) Election commissioners; revise to be a nonpartisan office. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 801: (Representative Massengill) Special education funds; require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 802: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Collegiate voters; require each public and private 4-year postsecondary institution to have an on-campus voting precinct. Universities and Colleges; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 803: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Absentee voting; establish electronic application procedure for college students. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 804: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Online voter registration; revise to allow for first-time voters to register through. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 805: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Sex education; require SDE and Department of Health to develop list of approved curricula to be used in schools and revise every five years. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 806: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Mississippi Civil Rights Act; create. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Constitution.

H. B. No. 807: (Representative Anderson (110th)) State service employees; prohibit sexual orientation or gender identity discrimination of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 808: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Mississippi Home Corporation Act; prohibit sexual orientation or gender identity discrimination under. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 809: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Mississippi Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; create. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 810: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act; create. Workforce Development; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 811: (Representative Boyd) Salary increases for legislators; make effective for term of office after term in which salary is increased. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 812: (Representative Boyd) Children; persons convicted of certain sex offenses not allowed to give health care consent for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 813: (Representatives Boyd, Williamson) Timber bridges; require use of for new construction and replacement on certain county and secondary roads. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Transportation.

H. B. No. 814: (Representative Boyd) Public Procurement Review Board; exempt certain contracts entered into by Attorney General's office from oversight of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 815: (Representative Shanks) Certificate of Foreign Birth; authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 816: (Representative Banks) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 817: (Representative Banks) State of Mississippi; require to pay fire fee-in-lieu of taxes to City of Jackson for fire protection services provide to state facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 818: (Representative Banks) County public defenders; require salary of all to be the same as district attorneys. County Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 819: (Representative Banks) Chancery court; require to order certain persons held pending mental evaluation. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 820: (Representative Banks) Contracts; require to be written in large print. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 821: (Representative Banks) Marriage license; require previously married applicant to provide certified copy of divorce or annulment when applying for. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 822: (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for improvements to Jackson Zoo. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 823: (Representative Banks) Law enforcement; require pursuit policy of alleged crime perpetrator. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 824: (Representative Banks) Crimes; create for unauthorized use of minor's name and social security number as dependent on income tax return. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 825: (Representative Banks) Fuel taxes; allocate a portion to the City of Jackson to defray costs incurred as a result of being the seat of state government. Transportation; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 826: (Representative Banks) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information regarding a deceased's. Insurance.

H. B. No. 827: (Representative Banks) State Health Insurance Plan; provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous tumors. Insurance.

H. B. No. 828: (Representative Banks) Fuel tax; authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 829: (Representative Banks) Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act; repeal. Judiciary A; Constitution; Rules.

H. B. No. 830: (Representative Summers) Maternal Mortality Review Committee; include recommendations on decreasing racial disparities in maternal care in annual report. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 831: (Representative Bennett) Educator and administrator misconduct; clarify provisions for disciplinary matters and administrative procedures and appeals. Education.

H. B. No. 832: (Representative Busby) Nonadmitted policy fee; divert forty percent of for rural fire truck and supplemental fund and extend repealer on section. Insurance; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 833: (Representative Busby) Driver's license suspension; delete exemption from for participating in court-ordered drug-testing program after breath test refusal. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 834: (Representative Paden) Suffrage; restore to all upon meeting all terms and conditions of sentence. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 835: (Representative Denton) Statute of Limitations; remove for crimes against children. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 836: (Representative Crawford) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 837: (Representative Paden) Statute of limitations; remove for crimes against children. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 838: (Representative Turner) Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for new cut and sew jobs in upholstered furniture manufacturing industry. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 839: (Representative Ford (54th)) Workers' Compensation Law; revise various provisions of. Insurance.

H. B. No. 840: (Representative Lamar) Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of public records. Insurance.

H. B. No. 841: (Representative Byrd) Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for governing authorities. Municipalities; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 842: (Representatives Byrd, Bell (21st), Barnett, Sanford, Stamps) Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Municipalities; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 843: (Representative Banks) Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; create. Rules.

H. B. No. 844: (Representative Banks) Civil Rights Memorial Day; designate the last Monday of April as. Rules.

H. B. No. 845: (Representative Banks) Indigenous Native American Day; declare the second Monday in October as. Rules.

H. B. No. 846: (Representative Zuber) Legislature; limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote for passage to sessions in even-numbered years. Rules.

H. B. No. 847: (Representative Straughter) Mississippi Day of Freedom and Abolishment of Slavery; declare February 7 as. Rules.

H. B. No. 848: (Representative Turner) CON; issue to North Mississippi Medical Center for child psych beds and geriatric psych beds. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 849: (Representatives Bell (21st), Anthony) State Workforce Investment Board; revise membership of. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 850: (Representative Bell (21st)) Career and technical education; establish accountability system and evaluate performance of State Superintendent of Education. Workforce Development; Education.

H. B. No. 851: (Representative Bennett) Charter schools; revise certain provisions of. Education.

H. B. No. 852: (Representatives Bennett, Foster, Summers, Haney, Porter, Pigott, Byrd, Mangold, Barton, McLean, McCarty, Owen, Gibbs (72nd), Felsher, Barnett,

Crawford, Sanford, Miles, Holloway, Reynolds, Evans (91st), Karriem, Crudup, McCray, Anthony, Stamps) Teachers' and teacher's assistants' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 853: (Representative Bennett) Charter schools; revise deadlines for certain reporting requirements and to allow certain teacher units to those in first year of operation. Education.

H. B. No. 854: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Holloway, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster, McCray, Straughter, Watson, Yates) Firearm discharge; increase penalties when discharged on public streets. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 855: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Nonlicensed teachers; authorize local school districts to employ certain number to fill core subject area positions. Education.

H. B. No. 856: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Teacher licensure; authorize issuance to certain individuals with foreign certification on reciprocity with documentation. Education.

H. B. No. 857: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Active shooter training; require school district employees to attend every three years. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 858: (Representative Karriem) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 859: (Representative Karriem) High school curriculum; require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. Education.

H. B. No. 860: (Representative Karriem) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Education.

H. B. No. 861: (Representative Karriem) Youth Employment Grant Program; create. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 862: (Representative Karriem) Body-worn cameras; require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 863: (Representative McLean) Healthcare providers; authorize resident and nonresident to provide services by telemedicine to Mississippi residents in certain areas. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 864: (Representative Patterson) Firearms; authorize concealed carry without a permit during emergency evacuations. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 865: (Representative Crawford) Student absenteeism; excuse those related to a student's disability. Education.

H. B. No. 866: (Representative Crawford) At risk funds; require maximum flexibility to school districts in use of and accounting for. Education.

H. B. No. 867: (Representative Crawford) Hunting and fishing license; authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card at the time of license issuance. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 868: (Representative Harness) The Landowners Protection Act; repeal the provisions of the. Judiciary A; Rules.

H. B. No. 869: (Representative Harness) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend college. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 870: (Representative Harness) Rate-regulated natural gas public utilities; require to provide PSC with periodic budgeting and accounting statements. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 871: (Representative Harness) Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol; increase salaries of sworn officers by \$10,000.00. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 872: (Representatives Harness, Holloway) Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 61 in Jefferson County as the "Highway Patrol Lieutenant Troy Morris Memorial Highway." Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 873: (Representative Harness) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 874: (Representative Bain) Tobacco and alternative nicotine products; increase age to 21 and require government-issued photographic identification. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 875: (Representative Bain) Vaping; require the office of the Attorney General to develop and publish a vapor products directory. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 876: (Representative Scott) Mental health; require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 877: (Representative Guice) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 878: (Representative Scott) MS Teachers' Salaries Task Force; create to recommend how state can pay teachers at southeastern average. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 879: (Representative Cockerham) Education Employment Procedures Law; include assistant teachers under. Education.

H. B. No. 880: (Representatives Brown (70th), Bell (65th), Crudup, Gibbs (36th), Porter, Summers, Walker) Department of Mental Health and community health centers; expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 881: (Representatives Brown (70th), Crudup, Gibbs (36th), Porter, Summers, Walker) Vocational and home economics; require curriculum for all middle, high and alternative school students. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 882: (Representatives Brown (70th), Hudson, Banks, Bell (65th), Crudup, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Johnson, Porter, Straughter) Private prisons that house state offenders; provide moratorium on the expansion of. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 883: (Representatives Thompson, Criswell, Barnett, Hopkins, Williamson, Brown (20th)) Traffic ticket quotas; prohibit state and local agencies from establishing. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 884: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County with replacement of a bridge. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 885: (Representative Owen) Misdemeanor expungements; remove "first offender" reference. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 886: (Representatives Owen, Anderson (122nd), Felsher, Ford (73rd), McCarty, Newman, Wright, Williamson, Brown (20th), Haney, Crawford) Law enforcement officers; exempt from concealed firearms permit fees and renewal fees. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 887: (Representatives Hood, Oliver) Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway." Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 888: (Representative Johnson) Department of Health; limit any increase in fees by and revise who can be appointed to child care advisory council by State Health Officer. Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 889: (Representative Johnson) Medicaid; revise reimbursement for telehealth services provided by FQHCs and community health centers. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 890: (Representative Scott) TANF and Medicaid; require teenage recipients of to participate in programs about birth control, abstinence and parenting. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 891: (Representative Scott) Mississippi Comprehensive Teen Pregnancy Prevention Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 892: (Representative Scott) Task force to address the disparity of African-American males in the judicial system; create. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 893: (Representative Scott) Comprehensive School Health Education Program; include additional components in and require school nurse to teach. Education; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 894: (Representative Summers) Secretary of State; require to resign from office before qualifying as candidate for other elected office. Apportionment and Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 895: (Representative Evans (91st)) Grandparent visitation; revise to include great-grandparents. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 896: (Representative Evans (91st)) Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan; new legislators not members and current members do not earn additional credit. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 897: (Representative Evans (91st)) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Judiciary A; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 898: (Representative Evans (91st)) Interrogations; require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 899: (Representative Evans (91st)) Tobacco; prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 900: (Representative Evans (91st)) DUI; revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 901: (Representative Evans (91st)) Pawnbrokers, title pledge lenders and check cashers; reduce maximum rate of interest that they may charge for their services. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 902: (Representative Evans (91st)) Elected official; prohibit from changing political party affiliation during term of office. Constitution; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 903: (Representative Evans (91st)) Tobacco; increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 904: (Representative Evans (91st)) Cigarettes; increase excise tax on. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 905: (Representative Evans (91st)) Expungement; authorize automatically for first-time offenders. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 906: (Representative Evans (91st)) Mineral rights; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Judiciary A; Energy.

H. B. No. 907: (Representative Evans (91st)) Employment-at-will doctrine; abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act." Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 908: (Representative Evans (91st)) Implied consent; revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 909: (Representative Evans (91st)) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 910: (Representative Banks) Hospice care; authorize to be provided to persons who are not terminally ill under certain circumstances. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 911: (Representative Banks) Funeral services; require payment for before body may be transferred from one funeral home to another. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 912: (Representative Banks) Funeral director assistants; authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with certain exceptions. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 913: (Representative Banks) State podiatric forgivable loan program; create. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 914: (Representative Banks) Legislature; allow certain retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 915: (Representative Banks) Legislature; allowed retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 916: (Representative Osborne) Disabled veterans; establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. Military Affairs; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 917: (Representative Osborne) Appropriations; IHL for MS Valley State University for lowering tuition rate for 2021-2022 academic year. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 918: (Representative Osborne) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal health care reform law. Medicaid; Rules; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 919: (Representative Osborne) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 920: (Representative Zuber) Down Syndrome Information Act; create to require State Department of Health to post resources and information online. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 921: (Representative Scott) "2021 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act"; create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 922: (Representative Taylor) Wrongful conviction; remove limit on damages when court finds. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 923: (Representative Barnett) Motor fuel sales; provide immunity for damages caused by the use of incompatible fuel upon certain conditions. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 924: (Representatives McCarty, Felsher) Public purchasing law; revise to provide that reverse auction shall be used by certain schools and districts. Education.

H. B. No. 925: (Representatives McCarty, Ford (73rd), Owen, Yates, McLean, Summers) School buildings; require new construction and certain renovations to include refillable water bottle stations. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 926: (Representative Burnett) Firearms and weapons; authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 927: (Representative Huddleston) State Board of Medical Licensure; revise composition of to include consumer members. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 928: (Representatives Horan, Anthony) Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to. Corrections.

H. B. No. 929: (Representatives Horan, Karriem, Mickens) Reentry for offenders; bring forward certain sections relating to. Corrections.

H. B. No. 930: (Representative Bell (65th)) Municipally-owned utilities and other utilities; authorize accounting system accommodation of certain customer uncollectible debt. Public Utilities; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 931: (Representative Bell (65th)) Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish. Transportation; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 932: (Representative Yates) Child support withholding orders; revise provisions to comply with the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 933: (Representatives Yates, Summers, Williams-Barnes, Karriem, Anderson (110th), Anthony, Stamps) Child support payment; suspend obligation to pay when the person to pay is incarcerated. Judiciary A; Corrections.

H. B. No. 934: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen) Eminent domain; require compensation for loss of business goodwill and value of commercial farm operations. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 935: (Representative Johnson) Parole eligibility; revise for certain offenses and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 936: (Representatives Kinkade, Massengill) Bonds; authorize to assist Marshall County in improving Barringer Road for Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park access. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 937: (Representatives Kinkade, Massengill) Bonds; authorize to assist Marshall County with construction of emergency response center to serve the Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 938: (Representatives Deweese, Beckett, Massengill) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lafayette County with certain road and bridge projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 939: (Representatives Deweese, Beckett, Massengill) Bonds; authorize issuance to improve capacity and safety of intersection of MS Highway 7 and University Avenue in Oxford. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 940: (Representatives Rushing, Miles, Crudup) Highway sign; authorize erection of on MS Hwy 25 near Pisgah exit to honor Olympic Gold Medalist Tori Bowie. Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 941: (Representatives Currie, Mickens) Health insurance; require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 942: (Representatives Stamps, Bounds, Gibbs (72nd), Anthony) Public utilities; authorize rate-regulated electric utilities to permit broadband provider use of the electric delivery system. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 943: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Candidate filing fees; authorize state executive committee of each political party to set for certain offices. Apportionment and Elections; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 944: (Representative McGee) Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 945: (Representatives Tubb, Foster, Pigott) Light wine, beer and light spirit product; revise number of qualified electors required to petition for election to prohibit or authorize. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 946: (Representative Powell) Statewide Elections Management system; authorize Secretary of State to join certain nongovernmental entity in order to remove certain voters from. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 947: (Representative Morgan) Marion County; authorize imposition of fuel tax after an election with proceeds used for a road repair. Local and Private Legislation; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 948: (Representative McKnight) School Resource Officers; revise MCOPS grant program to require attendance at any accredited law enforcement academy. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 949: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Blackmon, Gibbs (72nd), Stamps) Solid waste landfills; prohibit new landfill in county where 2 or more exist, unless referendum held. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 950: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Williamson) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period for recitation of the "Lord's Prayer" at the beginning of each school day. Education.

H. B. No. 951: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Department of Human Services; authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to child support to financial institutions. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 952: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Pharmacists; authorize to provide patient care services and authorize insurance reimbursement for. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 953: (Representative Yancey) Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and require financial reviews by. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 954: (Representative Yancey) Pharmacy practice; revise definition of "written guideline or protocol" regarding location of delegated prescribing functions. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 955: (Representative Yancey) Abandoned mobile homes; establish a procedure to dispose of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 956: (Representatives Brown (20th), Williamson) Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 957: (Representatives Brown (20th), Hopkins) State boundaries; clarify in statute. Constitution; Interstate Cooperation.

H. B. No. 958: (Representative Scott) Home economics; require to be taught in "D" and "F" rated school districts. Education.

H. B. No. 959: (Representative Scott) Misdemeanor expunction; remove age restriction. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 960: (Representative Scott) School attendance officers; require to visit homes of certain children within 72 hours of unexcused absence. Education.

H. B. No. 961: (Representative Scott) Department of Corrections; provide certain educational programs for adult offenders. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 962: (Representative Scott) Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. Education.

H. B. No. 963: (Representative Scott) Economically Distressed Municipalities Development Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 964: (Representative Scott) Nonviolent offenders; authorize reduction of sentences for passage of end-of-course subject area tests by offenders. Judiciary B; Corrections.

H. B. No. 965: (Representative Scott) Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns; establish program to encourage participation in state contracts. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 966: (Representative Scott) Mathematics and science instruction; enhance through new programs in middle schools. Education.

H. B. No. 967: (Representative Karriem) Medicaid; suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 968: (Representative Karriem) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal health care reform law. Medicaid; Rules; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 969: (Representatives Brown (20th), Hopkins, Williamson) The "Tim Tebow Act"; enact to authorize home-schooled student to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Education.

H. B. No. 970: (Representative Scott) Appropriations; Department of Employment Security for funding Summer Youth Employment Programs. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 971: (Representative Scott) SNAP recipients; must take TABE exam and achieve certain scores before will be exempt from work requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 972: (Representative Johnson) Child care facilities; require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 973: (Representative Holloway) Deer hunting; prohibit using dogs for. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 974: (Representatives Bain, Karriem) DPS; revise law regarding. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 975: (Representative Evans (91st)) District Public Defender; create office of. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 976: (Representative Sanford) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); increase monthly benefit amount. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 977: (Representative Bomgar) Weighing devices; provide Commissioner of Agriculture with authority to regulate those that dispense agricultural commodities. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 978: (Representatives Bomgar, Hopkins) Mississippi Sound Money Tax Removal Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 979: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 980: (Representative Scott) Summer Youth Training Employment Program; authorize school districts to establish. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 981: (Representative Scott) Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program; establish to authorize agreements between assistant teachers and school districts for cost of teacher preparation program. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 982: (Representative Scott) Elections; require to be conducted by paper ballot or with optical mark reading equipment. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 983: (Representative Scott) Same day voter registration; authorize. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 984: (Representative Scott) Marijuana possession; provide civil penalty for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 985: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Hurricane deductible; bring forward code sections regarding. Insurance.

H. B. No. 986: (Representative Scott) Elementary professional school counselors; allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 987: (Representative Scott) Nursing education; unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 988: (Representative Scott) Assistant teachers; provide annual salary supplement in C, D and F school districts. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 989: (Representative Bain) Mississippi Highway Patrol; increase pay. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 990: (Representative Scott) School districts; require certain policies and alternative curriculum if accountability rating at three lowest levels. Education.

H. B. No. 991: (Representative Ladner) School Recognition Program; restrict awards to teachers and licensed staff and require SBE to adopt rules for administration. Education.

H. B. No. 992: (Representative Ladner) County port and harbor commission; provide that members hold appointment until successor appointed and installed. Ports, Harbors and Airports.

H. B. No. 993: (Representatives Darnell, Goodin, Hale) Legislature; members may waive all or any portion of compensation and office expense allowance. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 994: (Representatives Darnell, Goodin, Hale) Retirement; allow PERS retirees to serve in Legislature in same manner as for elected county or municipal offices. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 995: (Representatives Stamps, Kinkade, Massengill, Byrd) Memorial highway; designate segment in Marshall County, Mississippi as the "Representative Tommy Woods Memorial Highway." Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 996: (Representatives Crudup, Hudson) Mississippi State Song Study Committee; create. Tourism.

H. B. No. 997: (Representatives Lamar, Barnett, Brown (20th)) Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 998: (Representatives Owen, Ford (73rd), McCarty, Shanks, Newman) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 999: (Representatives Owen, McCarty, Williamson) Agencies; require to provide monthly report of expenditures of state and federal public funds. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1000: (Representatives Harness, Johnson) Employment of full time legal counsel as a county employee; authorize for Adams County. County Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1001: (Representative Harness) Expungement; reduce time period for petition. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1002: (Representative Harness) Criminal proceedings; require a scheduling order within 30 days of arraignment. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1003: (Representative Harness) Cash bail bonds; prohibit courts from allowing defendants to post. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1004: (Representatives Owen, Ford (73rd), McCarty) Hudson's Law; create to require dissemination of information relating to trisomy conditions by State Department of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1005: (Representatives Owen, McCarty) Asset Forfeiture Proceeds; clarify use is for increase in participating law enforcement budget. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1006: (Representative Hood) Liquefied petroleum gas providers; provide affirmative defense in civil actions for damage or injury caused by certain circumstances. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1007: (Representative Hood) Medicaid; bring forward provider assessment provisions. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1008: (Representative Hood) Medicaid; make technical amendments to services, manage care and assessment provisions. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1009: (Representative Crudup) Deputy sheriffs and police officers; require certain courses for continuing education. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1010: (Representative McGee) Hospitals; authorize cooperative agreements among that are regulated and immune from antitrust laws. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1011: (Representative Steverson) Audits of claims and payments made on behalf of the Division of Medicaid; delete provision providing maximum of 5 years for. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1012: (Representative Cockerham) Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1013: (Representative Lamar) Medicaid; create Medicaid Commission to administer program and abolish Division of Medicaid. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1014: (Representative Haney) DUI; revise violations of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1015: (Representative Haney) Funeral homes; revise various provisions relating to disposition of bodies, crematories and preneed contracts. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1016: (Representative Haney) Municipal general election ballots; provide that only the names of those opposed candidates shall be printed upon. Apportionment and Elections; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1017: (Representative Haney) Officers who may administer oaths; add chiefs of police and sheriffs. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1018: (Representatives Haney, Holloway) State buildings; name DPS Gulf Coast Regional Forensics Laboratory as the "Gary T. Hargrove Memorial Forensic Laboratory." Public Property.

H. B. No. 1019: (Representatives Lamar, Eubanks, Anderson (110th), Hudson) Gubernatorial inaugurations funds; require contributions and expenditures to be reported to Secretary of State. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1020: (Representative Scott) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1021: (Representative Scott) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Shubuta with improvements to Town Hall building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1022: (Representative Scott) Compulsory school attendance; require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1023: (Representative Scott) Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early-release privilege eligibility. Education.

H. B. No. 1024: (Representative Scott) First grade enrollment; allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1025: (Representative Scott) State Board of Education; require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. Education.

H. B. No. 1026: (Representative Scott) SNAP and TANF recipients; require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1027: (Representative Scott) School attendance; require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on the ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. Education.

H. B. No. 1028: (Representative Huddleston) Medical Practice Act; revise various provisions of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1029: (Representative Huddleston) Income share agreements; authorize IHLs to enter into with eligible students. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1030: (Representatives Huddleston, Stamps) "Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act"; enact. Universities and Colleges; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1031: (Representative Hood) Medicaid; provide certain requirements for reimbursement for telemedicine services provided by FQHCs and RHCs. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1032: (Representative Hood) Medicaid; exempt durable medical equipment from 5% reduction in provider reimbursement rates. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1033: (Representative Hood) Medicaid Access and Opportunity Act of 2021; create. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1034: (Representative Roberson) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1035: (Representative Roberson) Virtual public schools; create pilot program for districts to create and accept out of district students for enrollment. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1036: (Representatives Roberson, Felsher, Anthony) Driver's license; exempt active duty military, spouse and dependent children if they have valid license from their home state. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1037: (Representative Powell) Mississippi Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; enact. Energy.

H. B. No. 1038: (Representative Deweese) Medicaid; provide for assessment and exemption from 5% reduction for assisted living services under federal waivers. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1039: (Representatives Thompson, Taylor) Amiya Braxton Amendment; create to require the arrest and charge of a driver who kills a child when violating the school crossing provisions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1040: (Representative Clark) Election Commissioners; revise the staggered terms for those elected in board of supervisors' Districts Two and Four. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1041: (Representatives Criswell, Williamson, Lancaster) Firearms Protection Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1042: (Representative McKnight) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. Gaming; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1043: (Representative McKnight) Public trust tidelands; provide the procedure for removal of submerged logs on. Marine Resources; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1044: (Representative McKnight) MS Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1045: (Representative Harness) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area" and allow package retailer's permits. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1046: (Representative Harness) Habitual offenders; exclude nonviolent offenders. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1047: (Representatives McGee, McCarty, Pigott, Mangold, McLean, Gibbs (72nd), Felsher, Haney, Summers) Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1048: (Representatives Steverson, Aguirre, Barton, Bell (21st), Carpenter, Evans (45th), Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McGee, Morgan, Pigott, Calvert, Creekmore IV, Deweese, Felsher, Hood, Horan, Smith, Wallace) Qualification deadline; change to February 1 for certain statewide, state district, county and county district offices. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1049: (Representative Steverson) Income tax; authorize tax credit for cost of qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1050: (Representative Steverson) Criminal investigators; increase the salaries of those employed by district attorneys. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1051: (Representative Harness) Mississippi Prison Education Reform Act of 2021; create. Corrections; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1052: (Representative Harness) Statewide assessment program; discontinue all standardized tests except for single test in Grades 3, 8 and 11. Education.

H. B. No. 1053: (Representative Harness) Teacher licensure; establish alternative routes to five-year license due to critical teacher shortage. Education.

H. B. No. 1054: (Representative Arnold) Distinctive motor license tag; authorize issuance to veterans of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1055: (Representative Weathersby) Community College Board of Trustees; provide for the selection of for Hinds Community College District. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1056: (Representative Turner) Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1057: (Representative Karriem) Expungement; remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1058: (Representative Karriem) Special Prosecutor; create procedure when DA is absent or unable to perform his or her duties. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1059: (Representative Karriem) Expungement; authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1060: (Representative Karriem) Officer-involved death; require investigation and appointment of special prosecutor. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1061: (Representative Karriem) State employees; provide for across-the-board increase in annual salaries of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1062: (Representatives Arnold, Williamson, Lancaster, Boyd) Daylight saving time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. Interstate Cooperation.

H. B. No. 1063: (Representatives Stamps, Lancaster, Gibbs (36th)) Transformative renewable energy projects; authorize boards of supervisors to designate as such for certain tax purposes. Energy; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1064: (Representative Scott) Counties and municipalities; authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1065: (Representative Arnold) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; increase number that may be issued to a person who is a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1066: (Representative Arnold) Littering; increase fines and allocate monies collected to police, sheriff. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1067: (Representative Steverson) Foreign Company Accountability Act; create. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1068: (Representative Bennett) School recognition program; bring forward. Education.

H. B. No. 1069: (Representatives McGee, McCarty) Children's Center for Communication and Development; establish special fund for the support of in providing services for certain exceptional children. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1070: (Representative Wright) Fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes; bring forward sections relating to. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1071: (Representative Scott) School curriculum; require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. Education.

H. B. No. 1072: (Representative Scott) Teacher salaries; authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in D and F districts. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1073: (Representative Scott) Community and junior colleges; waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1074: (Representative Scott) State employees; provide for pay raise based on the amount of their annual salaries. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1075: (Representatives Zuber, Aguirre) MS Credit Availability Act, Title Pledge Act, and Check Cashers Act; extend or remove repealer on certain provisions of. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1076: (Representative Roberson) Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1077: (Representative Zuber) Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1078: (Representative Zuber) Perpetual care and preneed cemetery and funeral laws; unlawful to make false or misleading statements in records under. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1079: (Representative Karriem) Expungement; revise list of eligible crimes. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1080: (Representative Karriem) Disenfranchising crimes; clarify those that qualify as. Judiciary B; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1081: (Representative Karriem) Absentee ballots; revise those who are authorized to vote by. Apportionment and Elections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1082: (Representative Scott) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of certain electronic devices and educational software during the last weekend in July. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1083: (Representative Scott) Felony expunction; revise age to obtain to conform to revisions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1084: (Representative Scott) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1085: (Representative Scott) Medicaid; provide coverage for community-based home-visitation and pregnancy support services. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1086: (Representative Scott) Medicaid; provide coverage for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1087: (Representative Scott) Medicaid; provide continued eligibility for eligible women for up to 12 months postpartum. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1088: (Representative Scott) Department of Corrections; increase per diem rate paid to regionals for housing of state offenders. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1089: (Representative Scott) Medicaid; covered family planning services shall include coverage for long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) methods. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1090: (Representative Zuber) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1091: (Representative Zuber) Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1092: (Representative Scott) Medicaid; increase reimbursement rate for preventative dental services for 3 fiscal years. Medicaid; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1093: (Representative Hood) Medicaid; bring forward services and managed care provisions. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1094: (Representative Scott) Medicaid; provide same services to children with ADHD as those provided to children with autism. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1095: (Representative Lamar) Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1096: (Representative Hood) Medicaid; bring forward services, managed care and provider assessment provisions. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1097: (Representative Bell (65th)) Law enforcement pursuits; require municipalities and counties to develop policies regarding. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1098: (Representative Bell (65th)) Financial services; authorize financial institutions to provide to licensed medical marijuana treatment centers. Banking and Financial Services; Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1099: (Representative Bell (65th)) Confederate flag; remove from the prohibition on desecrating certain national and state flags. Rules.

H. B. No. 1100: (Representative Reynolds) Ad valorem tax; revise provisions regarding notice relating payment or nonpayment of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1101: (Representative Reynolds) School boards powers and duties; expand to require boards to exercise all reasonable efforts to ensure 16th section land lessees pay taxes on leased lands. Education.

H. B. No. 1102: (Representative Reynolds) Certificate of Rehabilitation; expand authorization for convictions in federal court, state military court and other states. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1103: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths; create. Judiciary B; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1104: (Representative Johnson) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1105: (Representative Johnson) Habitual offender law; exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1106: (Representative Johnson) Mandatory 85% sentencing rule; repeal. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1107: (Representative Johnson) Commutation of sentences; require for certain nonviolent offenders. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1108: (Representative Johnson) Habitual offender law; authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years or more. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1109: (Representative Johnson) Minimum Wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1110: (Representative Johnson) DOC; convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1111: (Representative Johnson) Use of restitution centers by DOC; repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1112: (Representative Johnson) Corrections Inspection Council; establish. Corrections; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1113: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Delta Blues Museum with installation of permanent exhibits. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1114: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Delta Blues Museum's installation of permanent exhibits. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1115: (Representative Hines) Average daily attendance; dispense with calculating for 2021-2022 school year and use ADA from 2020-2021 school year. Education.

H. B. No. 1116: (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of career technical buildings at the Greenville Higher Education Center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1117: (Representative Hines) Statewide educational assessments; lower minimum passing score on certain tests for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Education.

H. B. No. 1118: (Representatives Stamps, Johnson) First Responders and Essential Workers Incentive Program; authorize counties and municipalities to create. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1119: (Representative Stamps) Appropriation; Mississippi Department of Transportation to fund sidewalk in the city of Jackson. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1120: (Representatives Stamps, Brown (70th)) High school curriculum; implement instruction in traditional vocational agricultural and forestry education, civics and home economics. Education.

H. B. No. 1121: (Representative Johnson) Career pathways initiative; provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1122: (Representative Johnson) Department of Human Services; require a board of directors to be created within. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1123: (Representatives McCarty, Bennett, Deweese, Felsher, Ford (73rd), McGee, Yates, McLean, Summers, Gibbs (72nd), Hudson, Anthony, Stamps) Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; revise funding and specify teaching standards. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1124: (Representatives McCarty, Owen) Legislative vacancy; revise procedure to fill. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1125: (Representatives McCarty, Felsher, Yates) Schools; provide for mental health services providers and trauma informed training. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1126: (Representatives McCarty, Felsher, Owen) Keep Our Kids on Track Act of 2021; create. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1127: (Representative Crawford) School attendance officers; require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Education.

H. B. No. 1128: (Representative Crawford) Habitually disruptive student; require to be evaluated for disability under IDEA after second incident of disruptive behavior. Education.

H. B. No. 1129: (Representative Burnett) Expungement; remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1130: (Representative Burnett) Expungement; authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer after 14 years of completing all terms and conditions of sentences. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1131: (Representative Burnett) Firearms possession; authorize for nonviolent felons in homes and cars. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1132: (Representative Burnett) Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. Gaming.

H. B. No. 1133: (Representative Bell (21st)) CTE students; provide tuition-free instruction and increased financial assistance for industry certification assessment. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1134: (Representative Powell) Broadband Enabling Act; require electric cooperatives to annually file certain documents with PSC and State Auditor. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1135: (Representatives Lamar, Felsher, Yates) Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1136: (Representatives Lamar, Miles, Anthony) Mississippi Educational Talent Recruitment Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1137: (Representative Lamar) Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding the determination of true value of land used for agricultural purposes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1138: (Representative Lamar) Retirement; allow certain members of PERS to purchase creditable service for service with non-PERS employers. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1139: (Representatives Crawford, Bounds, Lamar, Brown (20th)) Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1140: (Representative Lamar) First-degree murder; include unlawful distribution of controlled substances, when the distribution is proximate cause of death. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1141: (Representative Steverson) Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1142: (Representative Steverson) Construction; revise contractor's tax regarding certain, require permits in counties/municipalities with construction codes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1143: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Health Department to provide epi-pens and AEDs in IHLs, community colleges and schools. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1144: (Representative Johnson) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1145: (Representative Johnson) State agencies; prohibit disclosure of identifying information received from program applicants. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1146: (Representative Tullos) Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week; designate April 13-19 annually as. Rules.

H. B. No. 1147: (Representative Karriem) State holiday; remove Robert E. Lee's birthday as legal. Rules.

H. B. No. 1148: (Representative Crawford) Indigenous People Day; designate second Monday in October as legal state holiday in observance of. Rules.

H. B. No. 1149: (Representatives Brown (20th), Hopkins) Crimes; require specification of degree of mental culpability required for commission of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1150: (Representatives Brown (20th), Hopkins) Income tax refund; provide check off on individual form to allow contribution to State General Fund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1151: (Representatives Brown (20th), Hopkins, Williamson) School enrollment; authorize child transferred to out of school district to remain enrolled after parent's retirement from that school. Education.

H. B. No. 1152: (Representative Brown (20th)) "The Rational Use of Product Act"; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1153: (Representative Brown (20th)) Stand-alone ice vending machines; exempt bags or other containers used to store ice from including certain information on its label. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1154: (Representatives Brown (20th), Anderson (110th), Hudson, Stamps) Mississippi Outdoors and Natural Resources Fund; create to provide source of private funds to promote outdoors and natural resources. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 1155: (Representatives Barton, Byrd) Compensation for members of boards of supervisors; revise. County Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1156: (Representatives Barton, Weathersby, Yates, Holloway, Crudup, Gibbs (72nd), Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Stamps) Public property; authorize certain state property conveyed to Jackson to be used for park and recreational purposes. Public Property.

H. B. No. 1157: (Representatives Barton, Williamson, Brown (20th), Hopkins) Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; allow municipalities to authorize operation on certain municipal streets. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1158: (Representative Barton) Graves and abandoned public cemeteries; create process to enter and exit without landowner's permission. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1159: (Representative Barton) Municipal annexation; provide that an election shall be held on the question of. Municipalities; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1160: (Representatives Barton, Gibbs (72nd), Stamps) Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program; create. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1161: (Representative Arnold) Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act; enact for implementation in public school curriculum. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1162: (Representative Arnold) Abortion; revise physician requirement and prohibit facilities from selling stem cells. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1163: (Representative Arnold) COVID-19; prohibit use of state funds for mandatory administration of vaccine against. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1164: (Representative Arnold) CDL; prohibit for any person convicted under Mississippi Human Trafficking Act. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1165: (Representative Arnold) Window tint regulation; revise medical exemption. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1166: (Representative Arnold) Health insurance; prohibit premium surcharges based on vaccination or nonvaccination for the prevention of COVID-19. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1167: (Representatives Turner, Newman, Gibbs (72nd), Hudson, Anthony) State flags; Secretary of State shall procure for display on Capitol grounds and provided to legislators to give to the public. Public Property; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1168: (Representative Turner) Telemedicine; revise for purposes of health insurance and employee benefit plans. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1169: (Representative Reynolds) Developmental and physical disabilities; require health insurance policies cover similar to autism spectrum disorder requirement. Insurance; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1170: (Representative Guice) Constables; authorize counties to pay additional compensation to when courts are closed for more than 30 days. County Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1171: (Representative Ladner) County jail dockets; require additional data for transparency purpose and require uniform recording of data. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 1172: (Representative Banks) Social media company community standards; require court to issue injunction when plaintiff demonstrates violation of by a defendant's communications on social media platform. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1173: (Representative Banks) Retail food establishments; prohibit from imposing cost-plus pricing formulas. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1174: (Representatives Currie, Anthony, Brown (70th)) Department of Corrections; authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1175: (Representative Currie) Patriot Guard Act; create. Transportation; Agriculture.

H. B. No. 1176: (Representative Currie) Presidential election; prohibit release of popular vote until after meeting of electors in the states. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1177: (Representative Read) General laws and journals of legislative sessions; copies of not provided to certain recipients of unless specifically requested. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1178: (Representatives McCarty, Owen, Yates) MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1179: (Representatives McCarty, Owen, McLean, Summers, Gibbs (72nd), Hudson, Anthony, Stamps) William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1180: (Representatives Deweese, Ford (73rd)) Income tax; authorize rebate for certain residents with employment outside Mississippi. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1181: (Representative Deweese) The MS Registered Agents Act; revise to include "email address." Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1182: (Representative Carpenter) Veterans; provide uniform definition and include NOAA Corps. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 1183: (Representative Holloway) Presidential electors; revise selection of to be one from each congressional district and two from the state at-large. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1184: (Representatives Brown (70th), Banks, Crudup, Gibbs (36th), Johnson, Porter, Summers, Thompson, Walker, Young) Community and junior colleges; expand workforce development partnerships. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1185: (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Crudup, Gibbs (36th), Johnson, Summers, Thompson, Walker, Young, Bell (65th), Holloway, Stamps) Civics; require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. Education.

H. B. No. 1186: (Representatives Brown (70th), Bell (65th), Crudup, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Porter, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Walker, Young) United States Highway 49; designate segment from Hinds County to Coahoma County as an historic highway. Transportation; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1187: (Representative Hudson) Habitually disruptive students; require to be evaluated for disability under IDEA after second incident of disruptive behavior. Education.

H. B. No. 1188: (Representative Clark) Election commissioners; require board of supervisors to provide insurance coverage for. County Affairs; Insurance.

H. B. No. 1189: (Representatives Paden, Hines, Johnson, Bailey) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Judiciary B; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1190: (Representative Rushing) Open Meetings; include subcommittee in the definition of public body in provisions for. Constitution; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1191: (Representative Rushing) Retirement; PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1192: (Representative Kinkade) Air rifle; authorize use during open season with guns for individuals exempt from hunting license requirement by reason of disability. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1193: (Representative Mickens) Noxubee County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications to repair county courthouse/county owned facilities. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1194: (Representative Hopkins) Appropriations; phase in 25% reduction for agencies and departments over ten years. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1195: (Representative McGee) Electric bicycles; regulate. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1196: (Representative Oliver) State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1197: (Representative Lamar) Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1198: (Representative Newman) Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1199: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Commission on Status of Women; require that all vacancies be filled and meeting held by July 1, 2021. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1200: (Representative Anderson (110th)) "Mississippi Mask Usage Act"; enact to require masks to be worn in federal and state government facilities. Public Health and Human Services; Rules.

H. B. No. 1201: (Representative Bain) State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1202: (Representative Bain) Postsecondary educational institutions; require 50% in person instruction as condition of receiving legislative appropriation. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1203: (Representative Ford (54th)) Healthcare Contracting Simplification Act; create. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1204: (Representative Ford (54th)) Department of Child Protection Services; require search for relatives of child taken into custody and establish placement preferences. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1205: (Representative Ford (54th)) Telemedicine; revise definition for provisions of law regarding coverage for telemedicine services. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1206: (Representative Karriem) Driver's license; revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1207: (Representative Karriem) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Transportation; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1208: (Representative Karriem) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Transportation; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1209: (Representative Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Livingston Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1210: (Representative Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Sykes Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1211: (Representative Ladner) Administrative hearing procedures for Commission on Marine Resources; revise to authorize executive director of Department of Marine Resources to make final decisions during. Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 1212: (Representative Ladner) Governor; if appointments to offices not timely reported to Senate, Lt. Governor has authority to make the appointments. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1213: (Representative Ladner) State Personnel Board; require exempted agencies' reports to include quantifiable data and to be sent to SPB, PEER and LBO. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1214: (Representative Ladner) Charter schools; reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. Education.

H. B. No. 1215: (Representative Ladner) Parole Board; bring forward sections relating to powers and duties of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1216: (Representative Ladner) Correctional system cost-per-day reviews; transfer responsibility from PEER to MDOC. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1217: (Representative Scott) "Ban-the-Box Act"; create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as a bar to employment. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1218: (Representative Scott) Mississippi Fair Housing Act; create. Banking and Financial Services; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1219: (Representative Scott) DHS; develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of the eligible population for the grants. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1220: (Representative Scott) IHL; continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1221: (Representative Owen) Wire tapping; authorize the Cyber Crime Division within the Attorney General's office to investigate child exploitation cases. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1222: (Representative Owen) Intimate visual material; create civil and criminal liability for unlawful disclosure or promotion of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1223: (Representative Sanford) County elected officers; provide that salaries shall not be reduced due to reduction in total assessed valuation or population. County Affairs; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1224: (Representative Sanford) Bulletproof Vests Revolving Fund; create. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1225: (Representative Karriem) Nonviolent offenders; require certain segregated housing, repeal 85% rule, expand authority of judge to make eligible for parole. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1226: (Representative Evans (91st)) Fifteenth Circuit Court Districts; remove residency requirement for Pearl River County and reduce the number of judges for the district. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1227: (Representative Evans (91st)) Fifteenth Circuit Court District; reduce the number of judges for. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1228: (Representative Evans (91st)) Fifteenth Circuit Court District; revise residency requirement. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1229: (Representative Evans (91st)) Wildlife management areas; authorize use of mobility-related devices on trails for certain individuals. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1230: (Representatives Bounds, Crawford) Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1231: (Representatives Bounds, Lamar, Miles, Kinkade, Felsher, Barnett, Reynolds, Karriem, Carpenter, Hudson, Byrd, Anthony, Stamps) Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1232: (Representatives Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster, Stamps) Hinds County; authorize assessments on convictions/nonadjudications to repair pre-trial detention centers and courthouses. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1233: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Fayette with improvements to Main Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1234: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Fayette with improvements to Spring Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1235: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson and Warren Counties with infrastructure improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1236: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with road improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1237: (Representative Ladner) PEER committee; require to review the operations of Child Protection Services. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1238: (Representative Hines) Sales tax; exempt sales of feminine hygiene products, contraceptive products, baby formula and diapers. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1239: (Representative Shanks) Health care practitioner; require to wear photo ID name tag that includes the type of license held by the practitioner. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1240: (Representative Lamar) Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan; allow certain agency heads to implement components of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1241: (Representative McCarty) Instant-runoff voting; authorize for certain elections. Apportionment and Elections; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1242: (Representatives McGee, McCarty, Owen) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1243: (Representative Bain) State Superintendent of Public Education; align salary of to no more than 150% of Governor's salary. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1244: (Representative Bennett) MAEP; remove the requirement for collection of fees in lieu of taxes as a portion of local contribution requirement. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1245: (Representatives Stamps, Rushing, Anderson (122nd), Byrd, Carpenter, Crudup, Currie, Evans (45th), Felsher, Foster, Gibbs (36th), Goodin, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Mangold, McCray, Newman, Pigott, Porter, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Summers, Tullos, White, Yancey, Wallace, Miles, Williamson, Barnett, Anthony) MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1246: (Representatives Crudup, Brown (70th), Summers, Gibbs (72nd), Holloway, Stamps) Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize demolition of slum and blighted properties located within. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1247: (Representative Crudup) Sheriffs and police officers; require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1248: (Representative Burnett) Casinos; revise locations in Tunica County where may locate. Gaming; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1249: (Representative Harness) Radar; delete population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality. Transportation; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1250: (Representative Karriem) Fresh Start Act; revise certain portions of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1251: (Representative Ford (54th)) Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission; return to a special fund agency. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1252: (Representative Boyd) Public Service Commission; provide certain requirements regarding public proceedings and information. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1253: (Representatives Bell (21st), Anderson (110th)) Construction management at risk method of project delivery; revise certain provisions related to. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1254: (Representative Bain) 2021 Mississippi Education Task Force; create to review state regulations and accountability system. Education.

H. B. No. 1255: (Representative Bain) Mississippi Dementia Care Program; create pilot program to provide services for caregivers of and persons with Alzheimer's or dementia. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1256: (Representative Turner) State Auditor; increase fee to be charged by for performing audits and other services. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1257: (Representative Brown (20th)) Public school athletics; establish study committee to evaluate transferring administration to local governments. Education.

H. B. No. 1258: (Representative Brown (20th)) Posting injurious messages; repeal code section held unconstitutional. Constitution.

H. B. No. 1259: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Department of Corrections to establish and maintain certain educational classes for inmates. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1260: (Representative Williams-Barnes) 2021 Women's Economic Security Act; create. Workforce Development; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1261: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Women's Economic Security Act of 2021; create. Workforce Development; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1262: (Representative Hopkins) Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state license if applicants satisfy certain conditions. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1263: (Representatives Currie, Owen, Brown (20th), Hopkins, Brown (70th), Anthony, Eubanks) Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1264: (Representative Owen) Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1265: (Representative Sanford) Occupational license; revise judicial review related to suspension of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1266: (Representative Tullos) Occupational license; revise judicial review related to suspension of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1267: (Representative Porter) Occupational license; revise judicial review related to suspension of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1268: (Representative Felsher) Marriage and family therapists; may be issued temporary license to nonresidents to practice in nonprofit facility. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1269: (Representative Arnold) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of the opposite sex in the same work establishment. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1270: (Representative Johnson) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1271: (Representative Karriem) Equal pay for equal work; require for women in the same work establishment. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1272: (Representative Clark) Employee wages; require to be paid equally for women and men. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1273: (Representative Yates) Marriage; remove prohibition for same-sex. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1274: (Representative Yates) Marriage license; provide same age of consent for females and males. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1275: (Representative Yates) Sexually oriented materials prohibited from being provided to youth; remove certain terms from. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1276: (Representative Yates) Adoption; remove prohibition against same gender. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1277: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Evelyn Gandy Fair Pay Act; create to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1278: (Representatives Clarke, Summers, Stamps, Bailey, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Denton, Gibbs (72nd), Hudson, McCray, Porter, Taylor, Thompson) Equal pay for equal work; require employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1279: (Representative Young) Cosmetology licensure laws; increase education requirement for nail technicians and require CE in sanitation. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1280: (Representative Evans (91st)) Nursing homes; require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1281: (Representatives Criswell, Boyd) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1282: (Representatives Eubanks, Boyd, Brown (20th), Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson) Municipalities; clarify authority of to regulate exercise of free speech near medical facilities. Constitution.

H. B. No. 1283: (Representative Carpenter) Unemployment Insurance Integrity Act of 2021; create. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1284: (Representative Read) Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund; revise certain provisions regarding. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1285: (Representative Boyd) Stay on Track Act of 2021; create. Education; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1286: (Representatives Eubanks, Lancaster) "Mississippi Country of Origin Labeling Law of 2009"; revise to also require notice of country of processing. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 1287: (Representative Barton) Sixteenth section land; authorize leasing of certain classified land to cities/counties for less than minimum percentage of market value. Municipalities; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 1288: (Representatives Felsher, Bennett, Zuber) Charter vessel operator's permit; create to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages by the holder of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1289: (Representative Ladner) Open accounts; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1290: (Representative Stevenson) Attorney General; allow salaries of assistants to exceed statutory limitation under certain circumstances. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1291: (Representative Arnold) Statues and monuments; prohibit removal of certain unless authorized by an act of the Legislature. Public Property.

H. B. No. 1292: (Representative Hopkins) Municipal annexation; require an election be held in the proposed annexed territory. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1293: (Representative Harness) Collegiate athletics; authorize student athletes to receive compensation and have legal representation. Universities and Colleges; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1294: (Representative Patterson) Socialism curriculum; require to be included in public secondary and postsecondary schools. Education; Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1295: (Representative Yates) Child support; prohibit imputation of income based on a standard amount in lieu of gathering facts. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1296: (Representatives Lamar, McGee, Felsher) Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1297: (Representatives Lamar, Bounds) Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1298: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1299: (Representatives Hale, Bailey, Brown (70th), Clark, Denton, Ford (54th), Foster, Goodin, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Kinkade, McLeod, Newman, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Straughter, Summers, Watson) Skill terminal devices; authorize operation of under in MS Lottery Corporation and impose tax on to support PERS. Gaming; Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1300: (Representative Gunn) Appropriation; Department of Education to provide grants to school districts to establish telehealth programs. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1301: (Representatives Gunn, Miles, Anthony) Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1302: (Representatives Stamps, White, Aguirre, Rosebud) Optometry; Board shall define practice of, and authorize to perform certain procedures and use and prescribe certain drugs. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1303: (Representatives Scoggin, Criswell, Hopkins, Rosebud, Eubanks) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions relating to, including collaboration requirement. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1304: (Representatives Yancey, Shanks, Newman) CON; issue for comprehensive medical rehabilitation beds and services in Rankin County. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1305: (Representative Yancey) Health Care Certificate of Need Law; repeal. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1306: (Representative Yancey) CON; remove moratorium on issuance for new home health agencies or expansion of existing agencies. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1307: (Representatives Brown (20th), Hopkins) CON laws; shall not apply in counties designated by MDA as a growth and prosperity county. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1308: (Representative Scott) CON; authorize for nursing home in Jones County. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1309: (Representative Hines) CON; provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1310: (Representative Hines) CON; remove services and equipment from requirement for. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1311: (Representative Summers) No-knock warrants; prohibit issuance of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1312: (Representative Turner) State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1313: (Representative Turner) State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1314: (Representative Creekmore IV) Architects; revise licensing laws to authorize multi-disciplinary firms with landscape architects and interior designers. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1315: (Representatives Gunn, Brown (20th), Anthony, Brown (70th)) Occupational licenses; repeal those for art therapists, auctioneers, interior designers, wigologists and massage therapists. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1316: (Representative Hopkins) Income tax; eliminate. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1317: (Representative Lamar) CON; issue to Panola Medical Center for adult psych beds and to North MS Medical Center for child psych beds. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1318: (Representative Mims) Cosmetology Board; remove threading and makeup artistry from regulation by. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1319: (Representative Turner) MS Professional Massage Therapy Act; extend repelaer on. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1320: (Representative Hopkins) Cosmetology licensure laws; remove threading and applying and removing eyelash extensions from application of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1321: (Representatives Mangold, Morgan, Pigott) Utility shutoffs; revise governor's authority regarding. Rules.

H. B. No. 1322: (Representative Steverson) Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1323: (Representatives Gunn, McLean, Summers) Open meeting; authorize executive session for discussion of plans to combat human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1324: (Representatives Williamson, Criswell) Emergency executive order; limit state of emergency orders to 30 days. Rules.

H. B. No. 1325: (Representative Bennett) Sales tax; revise counties eligible for diversion of revenue from certain tax increment financing projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1326: (Representatives Read, Brown (20th), Eubanks) Compact for a Balanced Budget; revise delegate membership and extend sunset provision. Rules.

H. B. No. 1327: (Representatives Ladner, Williamson, Criswell, Eubanks, Brown (20th), Stamps) State of emergency; provide a maximum time period for and authorize Department of Health to store dead bodies if necessary. Rules.

H. B. No. 1328: (Representatives Gunn, McLean) The MS Warrants Task Force; create to study the issuance and execution of warrants in the state. Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 5: (Representatives Stamps, Faulkner) Birthplace of Southern Soul; declare the State of Mississippi as. Tourism.

H. C. R. No. 6: (Representative Reynolds) Constitution; amend to provide that all elections for statewide office, state district office, member of the Legislature or local office shall be held at the same time as the presidential election. Apportionment and Elections; Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 7: (Representative Banks) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 8: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 9: (Representative Hines) Constitution; amend to reconstitute the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 10: (Representative Clarke) Arthur James Anderson, Sr.; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon his passing. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 11: (Representatives Wallace, Sanford) Magee High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 12: (Representatives Eubanks, Boyd, Arnold) Article V Convention; provide for selection and authority of commissioners. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 13: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Safe and Healthy Pregnancies for Working Women Day in Mississippi; designate February 14, 2021, as. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 14: (Representative Zuber) Joint Rules; amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in even-numbered years. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 15: (Representative Banks) President Biden; urge to cancel any plans for a military parade and use monies to help the veterans. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 16: (Representative Clark) Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; ratify. Constitution; Rules.

H. C. R. No. 17: (Representative Karriem) Constitution; amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 18: (Representative Evans (91st)) Constitution; amend to provide that member of House or Senate for the first time after January 1, 2022, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. Constitution; Apportionment and Elections.

H. C. R. No. 19: (Representatives Eubanks, Currie, Williamson) Day of Tears in Mississippi; recognize January 22, 2021, as. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 20: (Representative Williamson) Former Representative Nolan Mettetal; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 21: (Representative White) State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 22: (Representative Thompson) Barabbas Leasy; commend contributions throughout many years of service in education. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 23: (Representatives Criswell, Brown (20th), Carpenter, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson, McLeod, Boyd, Arnold, Currie, Owen) Bill of Rights Sanctuary State; declare the State of Mississippi to be a. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 24: (Representative Owen) Congress; urge to call a convention of the states under Article V of the U. S. Constitution to propose amendments limited to requiring that the U. S. Supreme Court be composed of nine justices. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 25: (Representative Newman) Former Representative Nolan "Ray" R. Rogers; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 26: (Representative Arnold) Joint Rules; amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2022. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 27: (Representative Harness) Mississippi Highway Patrol Lt. Troy Morris; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 28: (Representative Arnold) Daylight saving time; urge Congress to enact legislation to allow states to observe year-round. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 29: (Representative McCarty) Constitution; amend to remove requirement to hold a separate runoff election for Governor and statewide elected officials. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 30: (Representatives Bennett, Bounds) 2020 MHSAA Mr. Football Award recipients; commend and congratulate. Rules.

H. R. No. 3: (Representative McGee) Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi; commend for 20 years of dedicated service. Rules.

H. R. No. 4: (Representatives Bell (65th), Miles) Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning 2020 SWAC regular season championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 5: (Representative Anderson (110th)) House Rules; amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. Rules.

H. R. No. 6: (Representative Banks) President Biden; urge to agree that the press is not a threat to America. Rules.

H. R. No. 7: (Representative Banks) President Biden; urge to end the tariff war that is hurting Mississippi farmers. Rules.

H. R. No. 8: (Representative Arnold) House Rules; amend to create a new rule to require all House members representing new created circuit judicial districts to agree before adoption of bill. Rules.

H. R. No. 9: (Representative Mims) Dr. Harry C. Frye, Jr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 10: (Representative Bounds) Brenda Fortune Sisson; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 11: (Representative Karriem) House Rules; amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. Rules.

H. R. No. 12: (Representative Gunn) House Rules; create temporary rule on determining a quorum during meetings conducted remotely. Rules.

H. R. No. 13: (Representative Harness) Police Chief Calvin Jackson; commend upon occasion of retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 14: (Representative Gunn) House Rules; adopt permanent for the 2020-2024 term. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 106: State budget; revise provisions in several FY21 appropriation bills. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 199: Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 1: Bobby Paschal Martin; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 4: Representative Gary Chism; commend dedicated legislative career and public service upon his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy Coleman Drye Tuneburg, Wayne "Whistle" Prine, Ruth Sumrall Thornhill, Billy Rue Money, Juanita Graham, Glyn Belton Porter, Betty R. Monroe, Deloris M. Baughman, Ruth J. McKenzie, Mary Katherine Byrd, Mary Magalene Smith, Wain Speights, Virgil "Sonny Boy" Stringer, Ella "Jean" Conerly, Dwight L. Wesley, Bonnie Jean Pittman, Otho Thomas "O.T." Ware, Rev. Glen Mason Nelson, Jr., Deanna Bozeman, Tony Luther, Helga Shumacher Ham, Jimmy Michael Ryals, and Richard Mark Lott, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elizabeth Troutman Wallace, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Evans (45th) and Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Noah Maxwell Sessums, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Micah Griffin, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Massengill and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Gail Moore Morrison, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Deborah Elaine Walker Clifton, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles "Chuck" Teston, Robert E. Norton, Jr., James Olin Funderburk, Jr., Theron Paul Ladner, Pamela Aldridge Williams, and Charlotte Dianne Calmes, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Eure and McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jane Marie Rumpf Dennis, which motion prevailed.

At 4:08 PM, on motion of Rep. Currie the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

ELEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

(FIFTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Lee Yancey.

Rep. Yancey led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Home, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Weathersby. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Sanford and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Scoggin, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 374: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 425: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 508: Department of Revenue; allow retiring law enforcement officer of to retain issued sidearm. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 509: Unemployment compensation; allow withholding of state income tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 510: Motor vehicle certificate of title; limit period for which Department of Revenue must retain. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 511: Amusement ride operating permit decal; revise period for issuance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 512: ABC agents/inspectors; revise certain provisions regarding powers of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 514: Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to DeafBlind Community of Mississippi, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 516: Department of Revenue; allow department appraisers to receive certain pay increases upon completing certain training. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 519: Motor vehicle license tags; remove requirement for apportioned vehicles to have decal with expiration month/year on tag. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 518: Department of Revenue; authorize to create wholesale to retail accountability program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Albert Skinner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reba Jean Herrin, and Robert E. Waterbury, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David V. "Beetle" Bailey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of E. L. "Sonny" Goolsby, James Kenneth "Billy" Basil, and Ronald Rayburn Scott, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Burt, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Cockerham, Johnson and Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rose Mary Patterson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas Martin "Marty" Boldin, William "Puddin" Harper, Robert M. (Nate) McMullen, and Colonel James Robby Culpepper, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jon Thomas "Shack" Shackelford, JoAnn Witter Lagasse, Andrew Gallagher, James "Jay" Olin Funderburk, Jr., Martha Stella Chanis de Pierce, David Lee Boulboulle, John Brady Castleberry, Shirley Holloway Lee, Alicia Rollins Ellis, and John W. "The Stone Man" Scranage, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (54th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patrick Hopkins, Inez Elwart, Vincent Jeffers, Andrew Thomas Prudhomme, James Earl Harper, Sr., Tammy Renia Smith, Walter B. Hallberg, Jr., and James "Sam" Earl Price, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Lee Gonzales, Sr., Jerel Lee Ladner, Jay Donald Watts, Fred Jackson Hougue, II., and Sarah Smith Hewes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Maudine Harris, which motion prevailed.

Representative Crawford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marta Stella Chanis de Pierce, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elizabeth Ann Duckworth, and Willie G. Lane, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Porter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Chaz Ross, which motion prevailed.

At 2:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Turner the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWELFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

(SIXTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Lynn Wright.

Rep. Wright led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers,

Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.
Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Weathersby. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Sanford and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. R. No. 3: Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi; commend for 20 years of dedicated service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Clerk announced the following committee appointments:

Chairman of Insurance	Rep. Hank Zuber
Chairman of Banking and Financial Services	Rep. Jerry Turner
Chairman of Drug Policy	Rep. Lee Yancey
Chairman of Rules	Rep. Rob Roberson
Vice-Chairman of Medicaid	Rep. Clay Deweese

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kenneth Lynn Sims, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Gibbs (36th), Roberson, Taylor and Wright moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Paul Millsaps, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Curtis Felsher, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ola Mae Ory, Johnny Wade Koenenn, J. Lee Northrup, and Patsy Marie Lizana, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alton E. (Gene) Craft, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sherry Ann Vance, June Taylor Hill, Andrew Cortus Orr, Virginia Olene Duncan Martin, and Billy Pepper, which motion prevailed.

At 2:09 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 21, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021

(SEVENTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Vince Mangold.

Rep. Mangold led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Weathersby. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Sanford and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Scoggin, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 69: State Veterans Affairs Board; provide that certain employees of are nonstate service employees under state personnel system.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2021: Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility; house position under DFA, exempt contracts from rules of contract review board. Public Health and Human Services.

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 69: State Veterans Affairs Board; provide that certain employees of are nonstate service employees under state personnel system.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 1: Bobby Paschal Martin; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight,

McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 3: Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi; commend for 20 years of dedicated service.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 106: State budget; revise provisions in several FY21 appropriation bills.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 106. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 199: Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 80 by changing the amount "145,681.00" to "180,963.00"
AMEND FURTHER on line 85 by changing the amount "137,681.00" to "167,275.00"
AMEND FURTHER on line 87 by changing the amount "8,000.00" to "13,688.00"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 199**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Cockerham unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 3: Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi; commend for 20 years of dedicated service.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 69: State Veterans Affairs Board; provide that certain employees of are nonstate service employees under state personnel system.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Dwyer Cooley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Guice moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. David Martin Mohler, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Wayne Greer, Sr., Jerry Dean Patterson, Sr., Billy Lee Lane, Ruth Ann Jones, Kirby Wayne McCalop, Harold Dexter Hutchinson, Charlene Porter Burt, Georgia Ruth Fields, Judy Carol Rodgers Tingle, Barbara Ann Wilson Rodgers, Jack Sanderson McRee, Jimmie Wilburn Pinnix, James Robert Thorne, Nickalos James Kelly, George Marion Shute, Ronnie Lee Smith, Jr., Ruth Janette Matthews Carter, Brandi Morrow Fortner, Richardson Gram Pantin, Michael Jason "Sledgehammer" Austin, Jim Buck Aven, Martha Frances Davis McMaster, Bettye McCalop Lott, Thomas Mark Rush, Ricky Boyett, Paul Dennis Holland, Lanier L. "Buck" Naramore, Bettye Jean Norris, Peggy Jean Hollis, Russell Cohron "Rusty" Hambrick, James Parker, Mary Louise Campbell Beck, Bobby Gene Welch, Benjamin Lee Ferguson, Dave Craig Hovey, Betty Selby Ruth, Carolyn Ann Hendon Costilow, Karel Ann Collins Wilson, Hal Calhoun Pleasants, Sr., L. Q. James, John Walter Herring, Kenneth Wayne McMahan, Frances Manley Hill, Morris Edward Tingle, Jr., Mary Elsie Clanton Hood, Jenelle Martin Geiger, Barry Edward Tingle, Sharon Ann Avant Singley, Cary "Buddy" Clark, Jr., Helen Hamilton, Isaiah Thomas "Red" Wright, Jr., William "Bill" Hopper, Sandra B. Edwards, Lindsey Noel Whitten, Jr., Paul Keith Kelly, Sr., Jeff Counts, John Bernard Daly, James Atkinson "Jim" Baker, Harris Randall "Boots" Dunn, Mary Katherine Bugg, W. C. "Houston" Melton, Deborah Hill Hardin, Robert M. Mohead, Richard Taylor Campbell, William Leroy McCluskey, Jennie Faye Huffman McCluskey, David Hunter Beckham, William Earl "Bill" Pullen, Ester Jane Westbrook Poe, Alonzo Lamar Horne, Jr., Dorothy Lynn Hayden Hayward, Richard Gray Lott, Sr., Shirley Ann Pyle, and Jimmy Edward Pyle, which motion prevailed.

Representative Gibbs (72nd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wardine Meeks James, Frederick Lamar James, Maya Teeuwissen, Alex Pieter Teeuwissen-Smith, Louis Beverly, Art Pulliam, George Bartley, III., and Mary Lee Watson Gibbs, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bell (21st), Deweese and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James D. Maxwell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Millie Howell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dot M. Pigott, and Charles Ray Perry, which motion prevailed.

Representative Crawford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Clyde Jerome Williams, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Horan and Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lloyd "Honey" Ashmore, which motion prevailed.

At 2:25 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 22, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FOURTEENTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

(EIGHTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Bo Brown.

Rep. Brown (70th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Weathersby. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Sanford and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Pigott and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 12: House Rules; create temporary rule on determining a quorum during meetings conducted remotely. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 19: Day of Tears in Mississippi; recognize January 22, 2021, as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 21: State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 12: House Rules; create temporary rule on determining a quorum during meetings conducted remotely.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. C. R. No. 19: Day of Tears in Mississippi; recognize January 22, 2021, as.

H. C. R. No. 21: State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 12: House Rules; create temporary rule on determining a quorum during meetings conducted remotely.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Winsome J. Harwell, Homer Skelton, and Martha Chapman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy Jean Sharkey, Wesley Lloyd Livingston, Sr., and Dora Jean Norman, which motion prevailed.

At 9:09 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 25, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTEENTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021

(TWENTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Speaker Gunn.

Speaker Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and the House conducting committee meetings and convening via Zoom, Speaker Gunn moved that we suspend the following, until Wednesday, February 3, 2021: the Reading of the Journal; Reporting of Select Committees; Reporting of Standing Committees; the Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments, Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers, which motion prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 21: State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear.

S. B. No. 2001: Teachers' salaries; provide for increase.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Clerk announced the following committee assignments:

Representative Robin Robinson: Accountability, Efficiency, and Transparency; Agriculture; Conservation and Water Resources; County Affairs; Insurance

Representative De'Keither Stamps: Constitution; Investigate State Offices; Military Affairs, Municipalities; Public Utilities

Representative Joseph Tubb: Accountability, Efficiency, and Transparency; Agriculture; Conservation and Water Resources; Constitution; Workforce Development

Representative Joseph Lynn Wright: Agriculture; Conservation and Water Resources; Constitution; County Affairs; Public Utilities

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tim Leonard, and Jeffrey Redd, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Pastor Ernest Slaughter, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Don Swanberg, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Keith Hunter, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lathell "Baby" Boone, Tommy Glen McNabb, Coy Lee Holman, Tommie Lee Prisk Jeff, Evelyn Watts Wesley, Gwen Dale Pittman, Kenneth Pounds, Dimple Pittman Clark, James Doyle Powell, Billy Hugh "Rabbit" Pierce, Juanita "Jim" Morris, William "Rex" Allen, Hilda Stogner, Arthur Wilman Pigott, Allen Lee Morgan, Louise Elovee Holmes, Melissa Bass Adams, Charles L. Powell, Charles Clifford Kendrick, Glenda Dianne Watts, Joyce Catherine Pittman, Beverly Russell Vick, Timothy "Tim" Stringer, Helen Sones Oglesbee, Billy Ray Bedwell, Ralph Nelson Ward, Charles Dennis Head, Sr. , Frances Seavey Shows, James Earl "Dick" Deal, Janet Stafford, Kimberly Smith, and Thelma Ruth Robbins Fortenberry, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Aulton "Mutt" Ard, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elgin E. Thompson, and Billy Jones Edlin, which motion prevailed.

At 4:11 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTEENTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

(TWENTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robert Johnson.

Rep. Johnson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson,

Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and the House conducting committee meetings and convening via Zoom, Speaker Gunn moved that we suspend the following, until Wednesday, February 3, 2021: the Reading of the Journal; Reporting of Select Committees; Reporting of Standing Committees; the Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments, Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 284: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 312: Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions of to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 556: 16th Section lands; authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL PIGOTT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 104: Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 320: Perpetual care cemeteries; authorize counties and cities to clean property of those not properly maintained. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 186: Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 187: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 189: Mississippi Persian Gulf War Memorial; authorize MSVA to move to another appropriate location. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1182: Veterans; provide uniform definition and include NOAA Corps. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 73: Chiropractors; extend repealer on licensure law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 95: Nursing home administrators; extend repealer on licensure requirements for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 160: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 200: Remote patient monitoring services; delete requirement of 2 recent hospitalizations to qualify for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 208: Psychologists; extend repealer on licensure law and remove postdoctoral training requirements for licensure. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 294: Hospices; delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 296: Hospice licensure; extend moratorium on and authorize issuance of 2 pediatric palliative care licenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2021: Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility; house position under DFA, exempt contracts from rules of contract review board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1302: Optometry; Board shall define practice of, and authorize to perform certain procedures and use and prescribe certain drugs. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1303: Advanced practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions relating to, including collaboration requirement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 8: UMMC property; revise leasing authority by removing certain minimum requirements of improvements to development. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 9: MS Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy; name firing range as the "Lieutenant Colonel Pat Cronin Firing Range." Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 213: DFA; authorize Office of Surplus Property to administer the Federal Donation Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 3: Outdoor advertisement signs; revise height requirements for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 319: DPS; make revision to gun permit residency requirement and certain driver's license petitions for review. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 341: Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of deployment of in determining an individual's employment status with motor carrier. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 550: Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 73: Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 579: Motor carrier regulation; update and streamline. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 740: Driver's license applications; bring forward code section regarding. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1036: Driver's license; exempt active duty military, spouse and dependent children if they have valid license from their home state. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1195: Electric bicycles; regulate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1245: MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman

At 2:05 PM, Rep. Roberson moved that the House stand in recess for the Joint Assembly at 2:30 PM, and also moved that the House would stand adjourned upon dissolution of the Joint Assembly until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

JOINT SESSION

The hour of 2:30 PM having arrived, which was set by **H. C. R. No. 21** for a Joint Session of the Legislature to hear a message from Governor Tate Reeves, the Joint Assembly convened on the South Steps of the Capitol and was called to order by Speaker Gunn.

Speaker Gunn introduced Pastor Rontal Jenkins, Board Member of the Mississippi District United Pentecostal Church, who led the Invocation.

The National Anthem was played by Specialist Sarah Smith, with the 41st Army Band of the Mississippi National Guard.

Speaker Gunn yielded to Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, who presided over the Joint Assembly.

A committee composed of Representatives Karriem, Roberson and Robinson and Senators Jackson (32nd), Michel and Parks escorted Governor Tate Reeves and First Lady Elee Reeves to the Podium.

Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann introduced the many guests and presented Governor Tate Reeves who addressed the Joint Assembly.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Governor Tate Reeves addressed the Joint Session as follows:

"Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Hosemann and Speaker Gunn.

To members of the legislature and other public servants who would normally be here, I wish that we could be together today. We all know that normal has not been in the cards in 2020 or 2021 so far. But I know that you will be able to thoughtfully carry out your work even despite the challenges before us. I'm grateful for your service and I'm even more grateful for your friendship.

I'm very proud to be joined by my beautiful wife, who has been the steady hand I've needed during this tumultuous year. Elee, thank you for being a friend, a great Mom to our daughters, and a true partner in this work.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am here to say that our state is unconquerable. We have taken every hit that can be thrown. We've been tested by every force of nature, disease, and human frailty. It is already a miracle that our state is still standing, but we are not simply standing. We are marching forward.

In this year of crisis and confusion, there has been a solid foundation. It is the Mississippi spirit that binds all of us together. This is not a state of people who have cowered in the face of adversity.

We've got grit, and pride, and faith. We know how to overcome our differences and work together. We know how to do hard things. We know how to treat one another.

As we saw on Easter Sunday, this is a state of people who won't let a tornado leave the ground before arriving with chainsaws to clear their neighbors' land. As we saw after Zeta, it is a state of people who won't let the waves of a hurricane rush back to the sea before ensuring their neighbor has food and warmth. We are a state of people who step up, time and again, and have exceeded all expectations this year.

Tennessee Williams was a world-renowned playwright, and a son of Lowndes County, Mississippi. He once wrote that "The violets in the mountains have broken the rocks." What he meant was that decency, kindness, empathy, and goodness always win, even when facing hardened opposition. That has happened here, in our state, in our time. We've seen courage and compassion beat the forces of chaos and destruction in Mississippi. The victory isn't final, but we can see it here every day.

That victory is visible in the long hours of nurses, teachers, and first responders. It is visible in the lives saved by ordinary heroes administering care--physical, emotional, and spiritual--on a daily basis in our state.

It is because of those people that Mississippi was able to move forward when the rest of the world came to a halt. In Mississippi, we never stopped working. We never shut down our farms and we never shut down our factories. What we did slow down for safety, we opened up as quickly and as widely as we possibly could.

We've been cautious, never panicked. We've been safe, but not stubborn. Life cannot be lived in perpetual idleness and isolation. We realized that, and we've adapted our plans throughout the year--responding swiftly when the spread was most severe and opening up whenever it is possible.

And that has made a tremendous difference. Despite the once in a century pandemic, Mississippi's economy actually grew year over year. Think about that. We were the third-best state in the country for job recovery. We had more tourism spending return than any other state in the country--we were number one!

That's not just because of an open economy. It's because Mississippians don't want welfare, they want to work. They recognize the pride and dignity that comes with it, and they've been eager to return when given the opportunity. It is also why, as we look forward, we cannot be content with where we are. We can never simply say "that's good enough."

I don't want to compete with the Mississippi of the last fifty years. I don't want to compete with Mississippi of the last decade. I don't want to compete with Mississippi of last year. I want to compete with the best--Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas. Because I know we can compete, and I know we can win.

We can get in the ring with anybody, and we can leave with more jobs and higher wages. Mississippians can bring more skill and dedication to any project than anyone else, anywhere in the world. We work harder than anyone. Why shouldn't we get the best jobs, the best expansions, and best headquarters? I believe we can. And as Mississippi's own, the great Dizzy Dean, once said: "If you can do it, it ain't braggin'."

This is a time of global upheaval, uncertainty, and chaos. And it is in those times that fortunes are made. We need to make Mississippi's fortune today--this is the moment in our history to do it. We've chosen a new banner, we've improved our education, and we've shown the world that we're open for business. Now we need to go out and win high-paying jobs for the people of our state.

I believe that in order to fully capture the potential of this historic moment, we must think big. We need a bold move. This is the time for an action that will turn heads all across the country and get money and people flowing in. And I believe that move is the elimination of the income tax. It is a reward for our hard workers, and an incentive for others to invest here, to grow here, and to live here.

We can transform our economy. We can do it in a smart way, recognizing that it will take a few years to phase in. But we can change a generation of lives here, by attracting the jobs and wages we deserve. I am ready to work with legislators on this, and I know that there is an appetite for this type of boldness.

There are still many who say that we can't lower taxes because it puts new government spending at risk. And I understand that it is often good politics to act like something from the government is a gift. The far left has played that tune for generations.

But we have to be clear: the government does not have anything that it does not first take from a taxpayer. And the people of this state understand that. We have to respect the workers of Mississippi enough to recognize when we can show restraint and stop taking from them. Allow you to spend your money that you make, and it will grow our economy beyond belief.

I also believe we need to sharpen one particular tool to get our economy rolling--our state's workforce development. We don't need Mississippians to be stuck in low-paying jobs. We want them to embark on careers with good pay and freedom. The best way to accomplish that is to help lift young Mississippians up--give them access to training that puts them in a position to succeed.

The legislature made great progress in this effort last legislative session. I'm very grateful for their work. Now, I'm calling on the legislature to continue their wise investments in this mission. It is essential. It is how we will succeed. It is how we will lift people out of poverty and into proud work. I know they share that goal.

That mission really begins years sooner, with a solid education. Mississippi has made

incredible strides--number one in the nation in improvements. Now we need to, once again, set our sights even higher. This is not good enough, we can be better.

This year, in spite of tremendous pressure, we recognized that education is essential. It cannot be accomplished at scale without the incredible efforts of in-person educators. It seems obvious in hindsight, but there were tremendous headwinds. I know that we made the right decision to open our schools and allow our children and parents access to a true education.

We need to keep working. We need to keep fighting for every child to have access to the education that they deserve. We need to ensure that parents have the choice to save their child from a district that lets them down. And we need to reward our teachers for the exceptional, life-changing work that they do.

I support a teacher pay raise. I know the Senate has already passed the Lieutenant Governor's plan, and I know that the Speaker and the House have always been supportive of raises for teachers. I'll be eager to sign any raise that the legislature can send me. Our teachers have earned it. It's the right way to invest.

There's a lot more policy and politics to be hashed out in the coming year. Some of it is even important. But I know the people of Mississippi have heard a lot from me over the last year, so I want to keep this address on point. I want the people of Mississippi to know my focus for the weeks, months, and year ahead:

First, we need to crush this virus and get back to our way of life. The virus is still here, and it cannot be solved by ignoring it. We have to defeat it, because Mississippians are done. We're done burying loved ones who were lost to this virus. We're done with stressed hospitals. We're done with the fearful talk of lockdowns and shutdowns. We're ready for community again.

We all want schools to flourish with children learning and playing carefree. We want businesses thriving, with crowds of customers joined together. We want to let down the constant guard, and be joyful together. We want to be unafraid of fellowship with our friends and our neighbors.

It is one thing to eliminate government restrictions. Most of those went away last summer. It is another to be truly free from fear, and to have no more anxiety when we come together.

It will be a great day when we can gather in stadiums, churches, restaurants and bars--shoulder to shoulder--without the quiet fear of COVID. When you can celebrate with strangers after a touchdown, sing loudly at a concert not muffled by a mask, and just live life without fear. True comradery. That day is coming. It's coming sooner than we think. There is one more hurdle to that: the rapid distribution of the Coronavirus vaccine.

I reject the false narrative that is being pushed by some which says this is our new normal. That even after vaccination, we need to continue to hide away and live in perpetual isolation and fear. That's just wrong.

This is it. This is our moment. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and Mississippi is sprinting towards it. Last weekend, we celebrated 100,000 vaccines delivered. That took us about six weeks. We've done another 100,000 vaccinations since then, and as we speak we are likely delivering our 200,000th vaccine! That's because we refused to accept a slow pace--we went from the worst state in the country at the beginning of the process to operating at peak capacity.

I promise that we will smash every roadblock. We will get this done as safely and quickly as we possibly can, and allow people to protect themselves from the virus. It is my most immediate priority, and I assure you it has my full attention.

I also have a personal goal. It's one that I know I will fall short of, but I'm still aiming at it daily. It is to cultivate more empathy. It's been in short supply in this world for some time

now. That's been on display across our nation too. And too often that leads us to see one another as enemies. It leads to corrosion in trust. We as a people cannot allow cruelty to win. We must rise above. We must love our neighbors as ourselves. We'll always have spirited debate and disagreement. You can fight for what you believe in, while honoring the man or woman on the other side. Above all we have to understand that every Mississippian--every American--is on the same team. We all want to be treated with grace. And we're all made in the image of a perfect God. So, my goal is to act like it.

For me, that means looking out for those who need extra help. It means being honest with people--admitting what I don't know and working to be better. It means diligently working to make Mississippi an even more welcoming, prosperous state.

I'm incredibly lucky that I'm not in it alone. None of us are. We're surrounded by a legion of fellow Mississippians. People who care about you. People who want you to succeed, because they know we will all rise together. If we can just harness that, we can accomplish anything.

I know that our state has what it takes to be exceptional. And I know that with God's continued providence and our unconquerable spirit, together, we can get there.

May God bless you, and may God bless Mississippi."

At 2:58 PM on motion of Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, the Joint Session was dissolved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 21: State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hugh Milton Coleman, Wesley Waldrop Williamson, Linda Marie Phillips, Bernice Noah Hardy, James William Green, Sr., and David H. Manley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Steve Board, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Currie and Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Cortez Byrd, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ruth McGregor, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Waymon Howell Meeks, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Criswell, Eubanks, Hale, Hopkins and Kinkade moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bernice Noah Hardy, which motion prevailed.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTEENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

(TWENTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Brady Williamson.

Rep. Williamson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and the House conducting committee meetings and convening via Zoom, Speaker Gunn moved that we suspend the following, until Wednesday, February 3, 2021: the Reading of the Journal; Reporting of Select Committees; Reporting of Standing Committees; the Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments, Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 136: Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 219: Local governments; prohibit from imposing penalties or fines on security companies when false security alarm occurs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 274: Law enforcement officers; allow certain use of uniform, weapon, vehicle and equipment for disaster relief when off-duty. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 357: Bonding requirement for county purchase clerk; increase. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 358: Bonding requirement for school purchasing agents; increase. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 453: Law enforcement officers; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing certain volunteer services in off-duty hours. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 595: Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 718: Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1213: State Personnel Board; require exempted agencies' reports to include quantifiable data and to be sent to SPB, PEER and LBO. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1252: Public Service Commission; provide certain requirements regarding public proceedings and information. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY AND UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 609: Public purchasing law; exempt procurement of certain aircraft by state institutions of higher learning from. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman
MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 464: Parole board; revise notification time frame given to offender's victim for offender release and remove certain prohibition. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 525: Corrections omnibus bill; enact. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 557: Nonadjudication; authorize completion of workforce training or similar training as an option for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 929: Reentry for offenders; bring forward certain sections relating to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1174: Department of Corrections; authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 479: Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; authorize sales and purchase of certain products containing without a prescription. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1034: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 162: Public contracts of energy efficiency services; extend repealer on authority and certain requirements for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 632: "All Fuels Act of 2021"; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1037: Mississippi Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ENERGY AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1063: Transformative renewable energy projects; authorize boards of supervisors to designate as such for certain tax purposes. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 350: Certificate of rehabilitation; authorize those convicted in another state to apply for a. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 122: Expungement; authorize up to three felony convictions to be expunged after 15 years. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 119: Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 615: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 70: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 80: Dogs; regulate and provide penalties for those with a history of biting. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 287: Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1211: Administrative hearing procedures for Commission on Marine Resources; revise to authorize executive director of Department of Marine Resources to make final decisions during. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 594: Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

TIMMY LADNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 942: Public utilities; authorize investor-owned electric utilities to permit broadband provider use of the electric delivery system. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 505: Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 74: Emergency Telecommunications Services (911); extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 82: Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 113: Community College Boards of Trustees; revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 6: University and colleges anti-hazing policy; require Board of Trustees of IHL to develop policy against hazing and prescribe penalties. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 202: Mississippi Development Authority; bring forward various sections of law relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 499: Qualified equity investment tax credits; extend authority of Mississippi Development Authority to allocate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 500: Mississippi Home Corporation; extend reverter on authority to issue a certain amount of bonds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 520: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 638: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 667: Alcoholic beverages; delete requirement for immediate permit revocation for certain prohibited sales. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 877: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1091: Alcohol; bring forward sections relating to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1135: Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 886: Law enforcement officers; exempt from concealed firearms permit fees and renewal fees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 955: Abandoned mobile homes; establish a procedure to dispose of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 997: Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1076: Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1137: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding the determination of true value of land used for agricultural purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1139: Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1142: Construction; revise contractor's tax regarding certain, require permits in counties/municipalities with construction codes. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1197: Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1296: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 762: Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for Town of Wesson may be used. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Franklin Gann, David Victor "Vic" Clark, James "David" Alford, Sr., Ruby Kate Bowles, and David Rhodes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bill Breckenridge, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tommy Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representative Shanks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kathleen Philley Johnson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rev. Rayford Woodrick, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (54th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bradley Wayne Johnson, Jack Curtis, Jr., Robert "Bob" Friley III, Mary Alice Boyle Pharr, Myrtis Ford Davidson, Claire Jean Bridges Kelly, Horace Sudduth, Jr., Jody Wayne Chapin, and Lecia Angelina Franco Brown, which motion prevailed.

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Greg Collins, which motion prevailed.

At 2:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Bounds the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 28, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

(TWENTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Ronnie Crudup.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and the House conducting committee meetings and convening via Zoom, Speaker Gunn moved that we suspend the following, until Wednesday, February 3, 2021: the Reading of the Journal; Reporting of Select Committees; Reporting of Standing Committees; the Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments, Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers, which motion prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, January 28, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 69: State Veterans Affairs Board; provide that certain employees of are nonstate service employees under state personnel system. Thursday, January 28, 2021, 1:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1237: PEER committee; require to review the operations of Child Protection Services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1246: Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize demolition of slum and blighted properties located within. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1313: State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1314: Architects; revise licensing laws to authorize multi-disciplinary firms with landscape architects and interior designers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1315: Occupational licenses, repeal those for art therapists, auctioneers, interior designers, funeral home directors and establishments and wigologists. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1019: Gubernatorial inaugurations funds; require contributions and expenditures to be reported to Secretary of State. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1048: Qualification deadline; change to February 1 for certain statewide, state district, county and county district offices. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4: Statewide Elections Management System; remove voters who fail to respond to notice and who fail to vote after certain period of time. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 586: Statewide Elections Management System; compare to certain identification databases to ensure non-U.S. citizens are not registered to vote. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES JIM BECKETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 109: Budget process; update various sections relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 211: Insurance Department; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 212: State Fire Marshal and Fire Academy; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 307: Health department; authorize certain charges for services with other agencies for operation of medical marijuana program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 750: Deputy Secretaries of State; authorize creation of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1256: State Auditor; increase fee to be charged by for performing audits and other services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1290: Attorney General; revise the salary limitations of certain attorneys employed by. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 488: Libraries; authorize use of debit and credit cards. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 953: Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and require financial reviews by. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1075: MS Credit Availability Act, Title Pledge Act, and Check Cashers Act; extend or remove repealer on certain provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1077: Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
COUNTY AFFAIRS AND MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 493: Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare eligible employee benefits when employees secures Medicare under certain circumstances. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman
RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 135: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 302: Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 314: State Department of Education; permit to receive various contributions from public or private donors. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 370: Public purchasing laws; exempt purchase of nonadopted and adopted textbooks by MDE for nonpublic schools. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 487: County and public libraries; repeal certain provisions related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 504: Commission on School Accreditation; clarify membership composition. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 633: Computer science curriculum; require State Department of Education to implement in K-12 public schools. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 702: Assistant teachers; require school districts to notify of nonreemployment within 10 days after adopting budget. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 754: Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 853: Charter schools; revise deadlines for certain reporting requirements and to allow certain teacher units to those in first year of operation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 427: "Trauma-Informed Discipline Practices Act; enact to establish procedures to assess and mediate effects of traumatic events in schools. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 352: Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1012: Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1078: Perpetual care and preneed cemetery and funeral laws; unlawful to make false or misleading statements in records under. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1181: The MS Registered Agents Act; revise to include "email address." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 631: Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 695: State Domestic Violence Fund; remove the matching funds requirement for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 277: Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 299: Property interest; conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 746: Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise regarding warranty reimbursement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 932: Child support withholding orders; revise provisions to comply with the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
JUDICIARY A AND CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 933: Child support payment; suspend obligation to pay when the person to pay is incarcerated. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman
KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1140: First-degree murder; include unlawful distribution of controlled substances, when the distribution is proximate cause of death. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 87: MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 188: Required uniform designations for offenders; exempt offenders in Mississippi Statewide Incarcerated Veterans Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 551: Driver's license; require Department of Public Safety to allow official identifying document of MDOC to suffice for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 290: Pre-trial Intervention; prohibit certain amount of public embezzlement for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 300: Bail procedures; bring forward provisions for purposes of amendment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 634: Firearms restriction; limit those by cities, counties and state agencies. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 5: Hazing; increase penalties for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 883: Traffic ticket quotas; prohibit state and local agencies from establishing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 196: "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 163: Juvenile offenders convicted of murder; revise sentencing options for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 286: Cemeteries; authorize to disinter and reinter dead human remains for next of kin instructions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY B AND CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 796: Habitual offender; revise penalties for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman
KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON MILITARY AFFAIRS AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 761: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 359: Municipalities with a certain population; allow to establish overdue water/sewer bill programs. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1157: Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; allow municipalities to authorize operation on certain municipal streets. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 72: Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman
ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1167: State flags; Secretary of State shall procure for display on Capitol grounds and provided to legislators to give to the public. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 413: Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 995: Memorial highway; designate segment in Marshall County, Mississippi as the "Representative Tommy Woods Memorial Highway." Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 940: Highway sign; authorize erection of on MS Hwy 25 near Pisgah exit to honor Olympic Gold Medalist Tori Bowie. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 887: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway." Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 872: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 61 in Jefferson County as the "Highway Patrol Lieutenant Troy Morris Memorial Highway." Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 576: Local System Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation Fund; revise allocation formula. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 424: Memorial highway; designate entire segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway." Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1142: Construction; revise contractor's tax regarding certain, require permits in counties/municipalities with construction codes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1301: Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 539: Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 849: Office of Workforce Development; bring forward code sections related to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1253: Construction management at risk method of project delivery; revise certain provisions related to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1263: Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 536: Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Leona B. McAlpin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Beckett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James D. Maxwell, and David Mark Worsham, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Richard F. Grisham, which motion prevailed.

At 2:05 PM, on motion of Rep. Aguirre the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 29, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINETEENTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021

(TWENTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Stephanie Foster.

Rep. Foster led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Cockerham.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and the House conducting committee meetings and convening via Zoom, Speaker Gunn moved that we suspend the following, until Wednesday, February 3, 2021: the Reading of the Journal; Reporting of Select Committees; Reporting of Standing Committees; the Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments, Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bell (65th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Minnie Lee Scales, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patricia Lee, Karen Ann Wahl, Charles Anthony Haas, Norman Lynn Reese, Joyce Bordlee, Jerry H. Ross, Patricia Ann Hardman, and Kimo Alan Warren, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Clarke, Crudup, Foster, Gibbs (72nd), Gunn, Holloway, Stamps, Summers and Yates moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Pastor Ernest Slaughter, Sr., which motion prevailed.

At 9:16 AM, on motion of Rep. Foster the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 1, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTIETH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021

(TWENTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and the House conducting committee meetings and convening via Zoom, Speaker Gunn moved that we suspend the following, until Wednesday, February 3, 2021: the Reading of the Journal; Reporting of Select Committees; Reporting of Standing Committees; the Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments, Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COOPERATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1062: Daylight saving time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

WILLIAM TRACY ARNOLD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 581: The Sexual Assault Response For College Students Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1323: Open meeting; authorize executive session for discussion of plans to combat human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1328: The MS Warrants Task Force; create to study the issuance and execution of warrants in the state. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 874: Tobacco and alternative nicotine products; increase age to 21 and require government-issued photographic identification. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 974: DPS; revise law regarding. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION AND JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1249: Radar; delete population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman
NICK BAIN, Chairman

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Genevieve Sargent, Wayne H. Brown, Michael C. Baxter, and W. Conneil "Neil" Gryder, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Nancy M. Richmond, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Danny Denson Pittman, and Thomas "Tommy" Lavoy Wallace, which motion prevailed.

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Larry Van Winborne, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Ron Lubritz, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley Ann Shaw Ladner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Idigpio, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tim Butler, Sr., which motion prevailed.

At 4:09 PM, on motion of Rep. Currie the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

(TWENTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jerry Turner.

Rep. Turner led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Wallace. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Wallace.

A quorum was present.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and the House conducting committee meetings and convening via Zoom, Speaker Gunn moved that we suspend the following, until Wednesday, February 3, 2021: the Reading of the Journal; Reporting of Select Committees; Reporting of Standing Committees; the Introduction of Bills and

Constitutional Amendments, Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 100: MS Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on requirement that fees be deposited into State General Fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 814: Public Procurement Review Board; exempt certain contracts entered into by Attorney General's office from oversight of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 195: Municipalities; authorize those of certain size to conduct special elections at one polling place. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES JIM BECKETT, Chairman
RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1177: General laws and journals of legislative sessions; copies of not provided to certain recipients of unless specifically requested. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1251: Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission; return to a special fund agency. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1284: Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund; revise certain provisions regarding. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 377: Pawnbroker transactions; define transactional information for purposes of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 949: Solid waste landfills; prohibit new landfill in county where 2 or more exist, unless referendum held. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1154: Mississippi Outdoors and Natural Resources Fund; create to provide source of private funds to promote outdoors and natural resources. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHRIS BROWN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
CORRECTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 466: Inmate Welfare Fund; require DOC to expend unused portions of the fund on reentry purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 852: Teachers' and teacher's assistants' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 925: School buildings; require new construction and certain renovations to include refillable water bottle stations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1047: Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1123: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; revise funding and specify teaching standards. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1179: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 327: Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 330: Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 331: Professional employer organizations; provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1205: Telemedicine; revise definition for provisions of law regarding coverage for telemedicine services. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 354: Municipal judges; authorize to order a defendant to remedy real property ordinance violations within a reasonable time period. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 951: Department of Human Services; authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to child support to financial institutions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 429: Contracts; authorize persons eighteen years of age or older to enter into for the purpose of investing in mutual funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1008: Medicaid; bring forward sections for purposes of amendment. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
MEDICAID AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1013: Medicaid; create Medicaid Commission to administer program and abolish Division of Medicaid. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 842: Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman
LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORTS, HARBORS AND AIRPORTS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 992: County port and harbor commission; provide that members hold appointment until successor appointed and installed. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JEFFREY S. GUICE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1018: State buildings; name DPS Gulf Coast Regional Forensics Laboratory as the "Gary T. Hargrove Memorial Forensic Laboratory." Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1156: Public property; authorize certain state property conveyed to Jackson to be used for park and recreational purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 91: Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 108: Wireless Communication Commission; remove ITS control over. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1326: Compact for a Balanced Budget; revise delegate membership and extend sunset provision. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1327: State of emergency; provide a maximum time period for and authorize Department of Health to store dead bodies if necessary. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. R. No. 14: House Rules; adopt permanent for the 2020-2024 term. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 10: Arthur James Anderson, Sr.; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 11: Magee High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 20: Former Representative Nolan Mettetal; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 22: Barabbas Leasy; commend contributions throughout many years of service in education. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 25: Former Representative Nolan "Ray" R. Rogers; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 27: Mississippi Highway Patrol Lt. Troy Morris; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 30: 2020 MHSAA Mr. Football Award recipients; commend and congratulate. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 4: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning 2020 SWAC regular season championship. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 9: Dr. Harry C. Frye, Jr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 10: Brenda Fortune Sisson; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 13: Police Chief Calvin Jackson; commend upon occasion of retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION AND COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 328: State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman
LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TOURISM AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 148: Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise state parks. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 111: Community and junior colleges; authorize boards of trustees to approve policies permitting waiver of out-of-state tuition. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1029: Income share agreements; authorize IHLs to enter into with eligible students. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1160: Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1030: "Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act"; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman
ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 945: Light wine, beer and light spirit product; revise number of qualified electors required to petition for election to prohibit or authorize. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1288: Charter vessel operator's permit; create to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages by the holder of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1095: Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1136: Mississippi Educational Talent Recruitment Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1230: Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1231: Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Peggy Ann Feathers, which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Homer Harris, and Loree Allen, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Inez Vanlandingham, Joyce Smith, Dennia Johnson, William H. "Screwball" Griffin, and Michael "Mike" Constantine Asters, which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Angelo Mistilis, which motion prevailed.

At 2:05 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

(THIRTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Tommy Reynolds.

Rep. Reynolds led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,

Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Robinson and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. R. No. 14: House Rules; adopt permanent for the 2020-2024 term.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1327: State of emergency; provide a maximum time period for and authorize Department of Health to store dead bodies if necessary.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1327. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Cockerham, Paden, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-5.

Present--Byrd, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. C. R. No. 10: Arthur James Anderson, Sr.; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 11: Magee High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

H. C. R. No. 22: Barabbas Leasy; commend contributions throughout many years of service in education.

H. C. R. No. 30: 2020 MHSAA Mr. Football Award recipients; commend and congratulate.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Scoggin, Weathersby. Total-4.

Present--Byrd. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 4: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning 2020 SWAC regular season championship.

H. R. No. 9: Dr. Harry C. Frye, Jr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 10: Brenda Fortune Sisson; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 13: Police Chief Calvin Jackson; commend upon occasion of retirement.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 20: Former Representative Nolan Mettetal; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin,

Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 25: Former Representative Nolan "Ray" R. Rogers; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Hudson, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 27: Mississippi Highway Patrol Lt. Troy Morris; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing house bill and resolutions, except HR 14.

Representative Clark entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following resolution passed.

H. R. No. 14: House Rules; adopt permanent for the 2020-2024 term.

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 109: Budget process; update various sections relating to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 109.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Scott, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 211: Insurance Department; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 211.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill,

McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Hopkins. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Blackmon, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 212: State Fire Marshal and Fire Academy; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 212.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Hopkins. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Currie, Robinson, Scott, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 307: Health department; authorize certain charges for services with other agencies for operation of medical marijuana program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 307.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles,

Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Anderson, J, Newman, Scott. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Carpenter, Robinson, Steverson, Weathersby. Total-5.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 750: Deputy Secretaries of State; authorize creation of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 750.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Summers, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1256: State Auditor; increase fee to be charged by for performing audits and other services.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1256.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell,

Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Johnson, Rushing. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Goodin, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1290: Attorney General; allow salaries of assistants to exceed statutory limitation under certain circumstances.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1290. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Beckett, Bell, C, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Johnson, Kinkade, McCray, Owen, Porter, Rosebud, Rushing, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Watson, Williams-Barnes. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Gibbs, D, Jackson, Paden, Robinson, Walker, Weathersby. Total-7.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1177: General laws and journals of legislative sessions; copies of not provided to certain recipients of unless specifically requested.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1177. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster,

Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Anderson, J, Karriem, Young. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hale, Paden, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1251: Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission; return to a special fund agency.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1251. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Robinson, Scott, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 1284: Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund; revise certain provisions regarding.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1284. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem,

Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing Appropriation bills.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 374: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 374. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Faulkner, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 425: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 425. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade,

Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 508: Department of Revenue; allow retiring law enforcement officer of to retain issued sidearm.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 508.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bailey. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Holloway, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 509: Unemployment compensation; allow withholding of state income tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 509.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds,

Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bailey, Brown, B, Clark, Hines, Johnson, McCray, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Walker. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Hood, Paden, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Hines entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 509: Unemployment compensation; allow withholding of state income tax.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 510: Motor vehicle certificate of title; limit period for which Department of Revenue must retain.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 510.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Present--Anderson, J, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 511: Amusement ride operating permit decal; revise period for issuance.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 511.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes,

Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Ford, K, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Present--Young. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 512: ABC agents/inspectors; revise certain provisions regarding powers of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 512.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Hopkins, McCray. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Paden, Robinson, Walker, Weathersby. Total-4.

Present--Hines, Young. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 516: Department of Revenue; allow department appraisers to receive certain pay increases upon completing certain training.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 516.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem,

Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C. Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Hopkins. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Paden, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 519: Motor vehicle license tags; remove requirement for apportioned vehicles to have decal with expiration month/year on tag.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 519. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Hudson, Owen, Paden, Robinson, Taylor, Walker, Weathersby. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 202: Mississippi Development Authority; bring forward various sections of law relating to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 202. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen,

Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Horne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Paden, Robinson, Walker, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 499: Qualified equity investment tax credits; extend authority of Mississippi Development Authority to allocate.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 499.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Horne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Mims, Robinson, Scott, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 500: Mississippi Home Corporation; extend reverter on authority to issue a certain amount of bonds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 500.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--McGee, Robinson, Turner, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 520: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 520. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Currie, Hood, Paden, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 638: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 638. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Darnell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Mangold, Mims, Newman, Oliver, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Haney, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Crudup. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 667: Alcoholic beverages; delete requirement for immediate permit revocation for certain prohibited sales.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 667**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, Darnell, Newman. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Creekmore, Hood, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

At 11:30 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:32 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 877: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 877**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Shanks,

Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Beckett, Bounds, Boyd, Darnell, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, Mims, Newman, Oliver, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Smith. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Arnold, Cockerham, Creekmore, Jackson, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-8.

Present--Anthony, Crudup. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1135: Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1135.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Shanks, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--72.

Nays--Banks, Beckett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Calvert, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Ford, J, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Mangold, McCray, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Turner, Walker, Watson, Wright. Total--37.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Arnold, Bennett, Cockerham, Jackson, Ladner, Lancaster, Robinson, Sanford, Weathersby, Young. Total-11.

Present--Anthony, Crudup. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 572.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--92.

Nays--Arnold, Beckett, Boyd, Calvert, Darnell, Evans, B. Ford, J. Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, McLean, Miles, Newman, Oliver, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Smith, Wright. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J. Cockerham, Jackson, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Present--Anthony, Bounds, Crudup, Horne. Total--4.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 886: Law enforcement officers; exempt from concealed firearms permit fees and renewal fees.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND on line 282 after the word "person" by
inserting the following:

", except a law enforcement officer as defined in Section 45-6-3 with a distinct license authorized by the Department of Public Safety, "

AMEND further on line 321 after the period by inserting the following:

"(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide licenses to law enforcement officers as defined in Section 45-6-3 who choose to obtain a license under the provision of this section, which shall include a distinction that the officer is an "active duty" law enforcement officer and an endorsement that such officer is authorized to carry in the locations listed in subsection (13). A law enforcement officer shall provide the following information to receive the license described in this subsection: (i) a letter, with the official letterhead of the agency or department for which the officer is employed at the time of application and (ii) a letter with the official letterhead of the agency or department, which explains that such officer has completed a certified law enforcement training academy."

AMEND further on line 321 after the period and before the word "The" by inserting the following:

"(b)"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 886.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J. Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 955: Abandoned mobile homes; establish a procedure to dispose of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 955.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 997: Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 242:

"(8) A wholesaler shall sell and deliver alcoholic beverages at uniform prices throughout the state; however, a wholesaler may provide volume or bulk price discounts provided that such discounts are made available to and provided to all retailers."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 242:

"(9) No alcoholic beverages shall be delivered to a retailer other than alcoholic beverages that have been stored or warehoused for no less than forty-eight (48) hours at a premise in this state owned, rented or leased by a wholesaler.

(10) (a) No wholesaler may sell and no retailer may purchase alcoholic beverages except for cash or on terms requiring payment by the retailer in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection (10). A wholesaler who accepts a check or draft as payment from a retailer for the purchase of alcoholic beverages must deposit the check or draft in the bank for payment or present the check or draft for payment within five (5) business days after it is received.

(b) On purchases made from the first through the fifteenth day of a month, payment must be made on or before the twenty-fifth day of that month. On purchases

made on the sixteenth day through the last day of a month, payment must be made on or before the tenth day of the following month. An account is not delinquent if payment is received by the wholesaler not later than the fourth business day after the date payment is due under this paragraph (b).

(c) Each delivery of alcoholic beverages shall be accompanied by an invoice giving the date of purchase. If a retailer becomes delinquent in the payment of an account for alcoholic beverages, the wholesaler immediately shall report that fact in writing, including by electronic mail or facsimile transmission, to the commission. A wholesaler may not sell any alcoholic beverages to a retailer who is delinquent until the delinquent account is paid in full and cleared from the records of the commission, provided that sales to delinquent retailers can be made on a cash on delivery basis. An account becomes delinquent if it is not paid when it is required to be paid under paragraph (b) of this subsection (10).

(d) The commission may not accept the voluntary cancellation or suspension of a permit or allow a permit to be renewed or transferred if the permit holder is delinquent in the payment of an account for alcoholic beverages under this subsection (10). A person whose permit is canceled by the commission or whose permit has expired is not eligible to hold any other permit or license under this chapter until the person has cured any delinquency of the person under this section.

(e) It shall be unlawful for a wholesaler to accept a postdated check, a note or memorandum, or participate in a manner to assist a retailer in the violation of this subsection (10).

(f) Nothing in this subsection (10) shall require a wholesaler to make sales to a retailer on a credit basis. A wholesaler may at any time require that sales be made on a cash on delivery basis. "

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 997**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanford, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Newman, Scoggin, Scott. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Bain, Beckett, Burnett, Faulkner, Ladner, Robinson, Rushing, Weathersby. Total-9.

Present--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bounds, Boyd, Hobgood-Wilkes, Young. Total--6.
Necessary for passage--65

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1137: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding the determination of true value of land used for agricultural purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1137**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Anderson, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bailey, Burnett, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1197: Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND by striking lines 542 through 562 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If *** an agency or governing authority determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the *** agency or governing authority, then with respect to an agency, that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board, and with respect to a governing authority, that determination must be approved by the governing body of the governing authority. *** An agency shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the *** agency and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. A governing authority shall make findings in its minutes of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the governing authority. If as to an agency, the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, or if as to a governing authority, the governing board thereof authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design or construction of public facilities, including buildings, roads and bridges. As to an agency, the Public Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning."

AMEND further, the title on line 27 by striking "31-11-3, 61-3-15 AND 31-7-13," and inserting in lieu thereof "31-11-3 AND 61-3-15"

AMEND further, the title on line 28 by inserting the following after the semicolon: "TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO REVISE THE REVERSE AUCTION METHOD FOR

RECEIVING BIDS TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN AGENCIES AND GOVERNING AUTHORITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT IF AN AGENCY DETERMINES THAT A REVERSE AUCTION IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE AGENCY, THEN THAT DETERMINATION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REVIEW BOARD; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A GOVERNING AUTHORITY DETERMINES THAT A REVERSE AUCTION IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY, THEN THAT DETERMINATION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AGENCY AND GOVERNING AUTHORITY MUST SUBMIT AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY A REVERSE AUCTION IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE AGENCY OR GOVERNING AUTHORITY;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1197**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Anderson, J, Young. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1296: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1296**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 762: Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for Town of Wesson may be used.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 762. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Eubanks, Osborne, Read, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 945: Light wine, beer and light spirit product; revise number of qualified electors required to petition for election to prohibit or authorize.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 145 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

A motion to table the committee amendment prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 945. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan,

Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Arnold, Beckett, Bounds, Boyd, Calvert, Darnell, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Mangold, Miles, Newman, Oliver, Sanford, Scott, Smith. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Haney, Ladner, Owen, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-6.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Rushing. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 1288: Charter vessel operator's permit; create to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages by the holder of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1288. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Arnold, Beckett, Boyd, Calvert, Creekmore, Darnell, Ford, J, Horne, Huddleston, Mangold, Newman, Scott, Wright. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Miles, Oliver, Owen, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Weathersby. Total-10.

Present--Anthony, Bounds, Crudup. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1230: Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1230. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston,

Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Arnold, Miles, Robinson, Weathersby, White. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

H. B. No. 1301: Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1301. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

H. B. No. 539: Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 539. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

H. B. No. 849: State Workforce Investment Board; revise membership of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 849.** On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Scott. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 1315: Occupational licenses, repeal those for art therapists, auctioneers, interior designers, funeral home directors and establishments and wigologists.

A committee substitute was adopted.

Rep. Read moved to table, which motion lost.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1315.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hood, Hopkins, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--74.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bain, Banks, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horne, Karriem, McCray, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Paden, Porter, Read, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--36.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Foster, Lancaster, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-5.

Present--Bailey, Bounds, Burnett, Clark, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horan, Rushing. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

H. B. No. 1263: Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND on line 62 by inserting the following language before the word "If": "For those applicants who are not members of the military or married to or dependents of members of the military,"

AMEND further on line 67 by inserting the following language before the word "The": "For those applicants who are not members of the military or married to or dependents of members of the military,"

AMEND further on line 120 by inserting the following words after the period: "The provisions of this subsection (7) shall not prevent an applicant who is married to or is a dependent of a member of the military from being able to be issued a license under an interstate compact."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE McLean:

To authorize Mississippi Bar licensing for out-of-state licensed attorneys who have a minimum of five years of practical experience, who have resided in the state of Mississippi for at least 2 years prior to application, and become employed by the State of Mississippi. Delete Section 1, subsection (14)(2) - which relates to the practice of law.

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1263.** On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs,

K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Scott, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Pigott called up:

H. B. No. 312: Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions of to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 312.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Robinson, Scott, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up:

H. B. No. 556: 16th Section lands; authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 556.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen,

Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Barnett, Newman. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Clark, Currie, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Hines, Hood, Pigott, Robinson, Smith, Summers, Thompson, Weathersby, Yates. Total-14.

Present--Anderson, J, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--54

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 186: Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 186. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby, Williamson. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 189: Mississippi Persian Gulf War Memorial; authorize MSVA to move to another appropriate location.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 189. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott,

Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Goodin, Hale, Paden, Robinson, Tubb, Weathersby, Young. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 187: County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 187.** On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, McCray, Robinson, Walker, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 1182: Veterans; provide uniform definition and include NOAA Corps.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1182.** On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson,

Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.
Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 3: Outdoor advertisement signs; revise height requirements for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 3. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Karriem, Robinson, Scoggin, Weathersby.
Total-5.

Present--Clark. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 319: DPS; make revision to gun permit residency requirement and certain driver's license petitions for review.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 319. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Gibbs, D, Robinson, Summers, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 341: Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of deployment of in determining an individual's employment status with motor carrier.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 341.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 550: Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 550.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, Gibbs, D, Huddleston, Robinson, Summers, Weathersby. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 573: Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 573.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, D, Robinson, Scoggin, Weathersby, White. Total-5.

Present--Clark. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 579: Motor carrier regulation; update and streamline.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 579.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 740: State identification card; require commissioner of DPS to establish one that does not require proof of domicile.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 740. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, McLeod, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Kinkade, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 1036: Driver's license; exempt active duty military, spouse and dependent children if they have valid license from their home state.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1036. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Scoggin, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 1195: Electric bicycles; regulate.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1195.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Paden, Robinson, Stamps, Walker, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 73: Chiropractors; extend repealer on licensure law.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 73.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Creekmore, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bell, D, Clark, Evans, B, Robinson, Scott, Weathersby, White, Young. Total-9.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 95: Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Clark:

AMEND on line 111 and add the following language:

" Any member of the Legislature who serves on the Public Health and/or Medicaid Committee who is a licensed administrator shall be exempt from continuous education."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 95**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Calvert, McLeod, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-5.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 160: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 160**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 1302: Optometry; Board shall define practice of, and authorize to perform certain procedures and use and prescribe certain drugs.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1302. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Wright, Yates, Zuber. Total--90.

Nays--Banks, Beckett, Bennett, Blackmon, Calvert, Crawford, Denton, Deweese, Felsher, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Ladner, McCarty, McGee, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Patterson, Powell, Read, Scott, Williams-Barnes, Yancey. Total--24.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Gibbs, D, Hines, Robinson, Tubb, Weathersby, Young. Total-7.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 1303: Advanced practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions relating to, including collaboration requirement.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1303. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Crawford, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yates. Total--78.

Nays--Aguirre, Banks, Barnett, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Brown, B, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Guice, Harness,

Hines, Hood, Huddleston, Johnson, Ladner, Mangold, McCarty, McGee, Mims, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Powell, Read, Scott, Shanks, Straughter, Tubb, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--38.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bain, Gibbs, D, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 200: Remote patient monitoring services; delete requirement of 2 recent hospitalizations to qualify for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 200. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Calvert, Robinson, Scoggin, Smith, Turner, Weathersby, Young. Total-8.

Present--Hines. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 208: Psychologists; extend repealer on licensure law and remove postdoctoral training requirements for licensure.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 208. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson,

Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Banks, Bomgar, Brown, B, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Hines, Holloway, Johnson, McCray, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 294: Hospices; delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 294.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Clark. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 296: Hospice licensure; extend moratorium on and authorize issuance of 2 pediatric palliative care licenses.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 296.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Present--Clark, Haney, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2021: Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility; house position under DFA, exempt contracts from rules of contract review board.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2021**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Shanks, Weathersby, Young.
Total-5.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Busby entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 319: DPS; make revision to gun permit residency requirement and certain driver's license petitions for review.

Representative Reynolds entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 556: 16th Section lands; authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on.

Representative Rushing entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1315: Occupational licenses, repeal those for art therapists, auctioneers, interior designers, funeral home directors and establishments and wigologists.

Representative Roberson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following resolution was adopted.

H. R. No. 4: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning 2020 SWAC regular season championship.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 9: Dr. Harry C. Frye, Jr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 10: Brenda Fortune Sisson; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 13: Police Chief Calvin Jackson; commend upon occasion of retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gaye Starnes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David M. Harendza, and H. Roland Barnett, which motion prevailed.

Representative Eubanks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert G. "R.G." Moore, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy Jane Odom, Rhonda Elaine Miller, James Franklin "Hinkey" McNeil, Audrey Harlston Barton, Charles Cleo Long, Emily Gene Williams, Mary Ileen Carroll, Kendra Diane Goodman, James Benjamin Ivy, Jerry Dale Dearman, Walter Scott Howard, Edward Scott "Scotty" Morgan, Annie Laura Waller, Billy Ray Hamburg, Jerome Edward Wicker, and Ann Elizabeth Murray (Aunt Ann), which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of C. J. "Buck" Fayard, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Opal Harper, Paul Douglas Thompson, and James H. Archie, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Toxie Allen, and Baby Dallas Craig Collin-Bullock, which motion prevailed.

At 4:59 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 4, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

(THIRTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Dale Goodin.

Rep. Goodin led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Robinson and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2004: Health Care Certificate of Need; bring forward section.

S. B. No. 2020: Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification.

S. B. No. 2068: Voyeurism; revise sentencing.

S. B. No. 2075: State parks; change name of Natchez State Park to "Bob M. Dearing Natchez State Park."

S. B. No. 2106: Off-duty law enforcement officers; authorized to use public vehicles for private security duty.

S. B. No. 2124: Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of.

S. B. No. 2252: Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; authorize parole for medically frail inmates, licensure and Medicaid reimbursement.

S. B. No. 2279: Parole and earned release; criminalize absconding.

S. B. No. 2324: Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2332: Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on development and implementation of program.

S. B. No. 2336: MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; delay effective date of.

S. B. No. 2337: Surplus Lines Association; transfer fees collected by the association upon written request by certain officials.

S. B. No. 2372: Oil and gas; to extend repeal date on the use of the conservation fund to plug orphan or gas wells.

S. B. No. 2429: State-owned vehicles; create study committee to study the management of.

S. B. No. 2437: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for Wildlife Mississippi.

S. B. No. 2552: Pretrial Intervention Program; prohibit eligibility for persons charged with public embezzlement over a certain amount.

S. B. No. 2559: Public Service Commission; may contract with federal agencies for the collection of data and mapping of broadband availability.

S. B. No. 2561: "Empower Reentry Through Licensing Act"; authorize provisional driver's licenses for eligible inmates.

S. B. No. 2578: Arrest warrants; authorize electronic signatures.

S. B. No. 2649: Energy efficiency contracts; extend repeal date on use of.

S. B. No. 2798: Broadband services; provide for the participation of rate-regulated electric utilities in the expansion of.

S. B. No. 2811: Abandoned manufactured or mobile homes; establish procedure for disposition.

S. B. No. 2812: Motor vehicles; limit period for DOR's retention of certificates of title to 15 years.

S. B. No. 2813: Amusement rides; change period for operating permit decals from 12 months to calendar year.

S. B. No. 2814: Unemployment benefits; allow withholding for state income taxes, corresponding to withholding for federal income taxes.

S. B. No. 2815: Motor vehicles; remove requirement for apportioned vehicles to have decal with expiration month and year on license tag.

S. B. No. 2831: Historic structure income tax credit; cap per taxpayer and authorize sale or transfer.

S. B. No. 2833: Motor Vehicle Commission Law; provide obligations of manufacturers, distributors & dealers regarding rates for parts and labor.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 502: Remember the legacy of former Governor William F. Winter and extend deepest sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

S. C. R. No. 503: Commend Aysa Branch for winning Miss USA.

S. C. R. No. 504: Ted Booth; commend for receiving the 2020 Legislative Staff Achievement Award from NCSL.

S. C. R. No. 509: Extend deepest sympathy of Legislature on the passing of Mississippi Sports Icon JSU Coach "W.C." Gorden.

S. C. R. No. 510: Mourn the passing of former Senator Tommy Moffatt, Sr., of Gautier, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

S. C. R. No. 511: Commend Leake Academy "Rebels" Football Team for winning the MAIS Class 5A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 512: Commend the life of legendary college and NFL football player and Coach Ray Perkins from Petal, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 513: Recognize the Bicentennial Celebration of Franklin Academy in Columbus, the first public school in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 514: Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of the state's longest-serving Mayor, Dock Gabbert, of Derma, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 515: Extending condolences of Mississippi Legislature on the passing of Wiggins Mayor Joel Travis Miles and remembering his legacy.

S. C. R. No. 516: Pay tribute to the memory and career of pioneering country music superstar Charley Pride from Sledge, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 517: Pay tribute to the memory of former State Senator and Representative Nolan Mettetal.

S. C. R. No. 518: Commend Hillcrest Christian Fast Pitch Softball Team for MAIS State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 519: Commend Brookhaven High School "Panthers" Boys Cross-Country Team for second consecutive state championship.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1329: (Representative Banks) Sales tax; exempt sales of groceries. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1330: (Representative Lancaster) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Woodland with expansion of Woodland Clinic. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1331: (Representative Lancaster) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Houston with repair and renovation of the Bijou-Dream Theater. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1332: (Representative Lancaster) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Woodland with construction of a park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1333: (Representative Currie) Town of Wesson; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1334: (Representative Currie) Town of Georgetown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1335: (Representative Currie) Lincoln County; include food sold at county's civic center as retail merchandise when processing electronic payments for such merchandise. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1336: (Representative Taylor) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with certain drainage projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1337: (Representative Taylor) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Artesia with drainage improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1338: (Representative Foster) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1339: (Representative Foster) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to Storehouse Community Food Pantry. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1340: (Representative Foster) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to Read by Third Grade, a Tutorial Program for At-Risk Students. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1341: (Representatives Brown (70th), Banks, Holloway, Johnson, Scott, Stamps, Thompson) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for additional funding for community health centers to expand outpatient services for former inmates. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1342: (Representatives Brown (70th), Crudup, Banks, Clarke, Gibbs (72nd), Holloway, Stamps, Yates) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with renovating the Russell C. Davis Planetarium. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1343: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Meadville with certain projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1344: (Representative Powell) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Rankin County with improvements to Andrew Chapel Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1345: (Representatives Clarke, Summers, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Yates) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public Schools District's Career Development Center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1346: (Representative Turner) City of Guntown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1347: (Representatives Johnson, Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist enterprises operating certain hydroponic facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1348: (Representative Bounds) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Philadelphia with levee system improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1349: (Representative Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize hiring of additional part-time assistant county prosecuting attorneys. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1350: (Representative Steverson) City of Ripley; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1351: (Representatives Lamar, Bounds) Bonds; increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund. Ways and Means.

H. C. R. No. 31: (Representatives Taylor, Karriem, Clarke, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Clark, Crudup, Denton, Goodin, Hines, Kinkade, Rosebud, Scott, Thompson, Young) Curtis Flowers; issue an apology from the State of Mississippi to him after 6 trials and 23 years in prison and dismissal of charges. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 32: (Representative Taylor) Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Mississippi; designate April 2021 as. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 33: (Representative Lancaster) Ruby Kate Bowles; commend her life upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 15: (Representative Bell (65th)) Head Coach Tomeka Reed; commend and congratulate for many accomplishments as Head Coach of the Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team. Rules.

H. R. No. 16: (Representative Oliver) David Eldridge; commend on retirement as Chief of Police for the Kilmichael Police Department. Rules.

H. R. No. 17: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Deacon Lloyd Webster, Jr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 18: (Representative Ford (54th)) Gene Murphy; commend and congratulate upon his retirement as athletic director of Hinds Community College. Rules.

H. R. No. 19: (Representatives Hopkins, Eubanks, Darnell, Criswell) Homer Dee Skelton; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

Representative Morgan called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 556:** (16th Section lands; authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Roberson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. R. No. 4:** (Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning 2020 SWAC regular season championship.) was adopted, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

A committee substitute was adopted.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 509:** (Unemployment compensation; allow withholding of state income tax.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 319:** (DPS; make revision to gun permit residency requirement and certain driver's license petitions for review.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Busby:

AMEND on line 245 by deleting the words "a notarized affidavit stating" and inserting in lieu thereof the following word: "certification".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 319**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Darnell, Owen, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 1245: MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Busby:

AMEND on page 6 by deleting subsection (4) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, beginning on July 1, 2021, the department shall maintain grass mowing of rights-of-way for any state highways located within the municipal limits of any municipality in the state with a population of ten thousand (10,000) or less according to the latest federal decennial census that desires that the department perform grass mowing services, provided that it is in accordance with the department's annual mowing schedule and that the department shall not be required to maintain grass mowing for areas that are subject to a beautification permit or agreement."

AMEND FURTHER the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1245**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Ladner, Owen, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Holloway called up:

H. B. No. 8: UMMC property; revise leasing authority by removing certain minimum requirements of improvements to development.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 8.** On motion of Rep. Holloway the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson, Weathersby, Williamson. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Holloway called up:

H. B. No. 9: MS Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy; name firing range as the "Lieutenant Colonel Pat Cronin Firing Range."

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 26 by deleting the words, "Craft Center" and inserting in lieu thereof, "firing range"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 9. On motion of Rep. Holloway the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Holloway called up:

H. B. No. 213: DFA; authorize Office of Surplus Property to administer the Federal Donation Program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 213. On motion of Rep. Holloway the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Carpenter, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 104: Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 104. On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Clark, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 320: Perpetual care cemeteries; authorize counties and cities to clean property of those not properly maintained.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 320.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Beckett, McKnight, Oliver, Read, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 479: Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; authorize sales and purchase of certain products containing without a prescription.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 479.** On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Scoggin. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1034: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1034. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 350: Certificate of rehabilitation; authorize those convicted in another state to apply for a.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 350. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Anderson, B. Currie, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Rushing. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, Haney, Horne, Owen, Patterson, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 122: Expungement; authorize up to three felony convictions to be expunged after 15 years.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND on lines 50 through 61 by deleting all underlined language in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"A person may have up to two (2) felony convictions expunged if the person: (i) has successfully completed all terms and conditions of the sentences for the convictions for which he or she seeks to expunge, (ii) has paid all criminal fines and costs of the court imposed in the sentences for each conviction that he or she seeks to expunge, (iii) has not been convicted of any other felony not less than ten (10) years after the successful completion of all terms and conditions of the sentence for conviction, and (iv) does not seek to expunge a felony conviction that is excluded from expungement by paragraph (a) of this subsection (2). The terms "one (1) conviction" and "one (1) felony expunction" means the same as they are defined in subsection (2)(a) of this section.

(c) A person may have up to three (3) felony convictions expunged if the person: (i) has successfully completed all terms and conditions of the sentences for the convictions for which he or she seeks to expunge, (ii) has paid all criminal fines and costs of the court imposed in the sentences for each conviction that he or she seeks to expunge, (iii) has not been convicted of any other felony not less than fifteen (15) years after the successful completion of all terms and conditions of the sentence for conviction, and (iv) does not seek to expunge a felony conviction that is excluded from expungement by paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) or does not seek to expunge a felony conviction under Section 99-19-83. The terms "one (1) conviction" and "one (1) felony expunction" means the same as they are defined in subsection (2)(a) of this section."

AMEND further on line 62 by deleting "(**c)" and inserting in lieu thereof: "(***d)"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 122.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Eure, Ford, J, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Powell, Rushing, Smith, Tubb, Turner, Williamson. Total--43.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 119: Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 119. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 615: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 798 after "2021" by inserting the following:
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 615**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Arnold, Gibbs, D, Holloway, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 70: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting lines 48 through 132 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof, the following:

(5) (a) (i) For purposes of this subsection (5), the terms "medical examiner" and "custodian of record" means any district medical examiner or coroner as defined in Section 41-61-53, as well as any employee, deputy, or agent of a medical examiner or any other person who may obtain possession of a photograph or audio or video recording of an autopsy in the course of assisting a medical examiner in the performance of his or her official duties.

(ii) For purposes of this subsection "surviving relative" means and includes in the following order of priority, the spouse of the deceased, the surviving parents if there is no surviving spouse, an adult child of the deceased if there are no surviving parents or any surviving relative if all others named above are deceased.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), a photograph, video or audio recording of an autopsy shall be confidential and may only be viewed, listened to or copied by a surviving relative as defined by this subsection (5) and only in the order provided in such definition. The surviving relative may designate an agent in writing to obtain such records.

The custodian of record, or his or her designee, may not permit any other person, except an agent designated in writing by the surviving relative with whom authority rests to view, listen, copy or obtain such without a court order.

(c) A photograph, video or audio recording of an autopsy may only be used in the following manner:

(i) A local governmental entity, or a state or federal agency, in furtherance of its official duties, pursuant to a written request, may view or copy a photograph or video recording or may listen to or copy an audio recording of an autopsy,

and unless otherwise required in the performance of their duties, the identity of the deceased shall remain confidential and exempt.

(ii) 1. The court, upon a showing of good cause, may issue an order authorizing any person to view or copy a photograph or video recording of an autopsy or to listen to or copy an audio recording of an autopsy and may prescribe any restrictions or stipulations that the court deems appropriate. In determining good cause, the court shall consider whether such disclosure is necessary for the public evaluation of governmental performance; the seriousness of the intrusion into the family's right to privacy and whether such disclosure is the least intrusive means available; and the availability of similar information in other public records, regardless of form.

2. A surviving relative shall be given reasonable notice of a petition filed with the court to view or copy a photograph or video recording of an autopsy or a petition to listen to or copy an audio recording, a copy of such petition, and reasonable notice of the opportunity to be present and heard at any hearing on the matter.

(iii) Any governmental or private participant of a meeting of a multidisciplinary child protection team created under Section 43-15-51 may use the autopsy information only as authorized by Section 43-15-51.

(iv) A governmental organization may share victim information with necessary persons to accomplish the job duties or to satisfy statutory or constitutional requirements of disclosure.

(v) A medical examiner or custodian of record may use information from an autopsy for medical or scientific teaching or training, teaching or training law enforcement personnel, teaching or training attorneys, conferring with medical or scientific experts in the field of forensic science or publication in a scientific or medical journal or textbook only if the medical examiner or custodian of record is in lawful possession of the information used, and has redacted and removed all identifying characteristics and information of the deceased, including, but not limited to, the address, name, case number, medical record number, social security information and any other uniquely identifying information about the deceased.

(d) (i) Any custodian of the record who willfully and knowingly violates the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for one (1) year, or both.

(ii) Any person who willfully and knowingly violates a court order issued pursuant to this section commits a felony punishable upon conviction by a fine of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for one (1) year, or both.

(e) A criminal or administrative proceeding shall be exempt from the restrictions of this subsection (5), provided, however, that this paragraph (e) shall not be construed to prohibit a court in a criminal or administrative proceeding upon good cause shown from restricting or otherwise controlling the disclosure of an autopsy, crime scene, or similar photograph or video or audio recordings in the manner prescribed herein.

(f) In all cases, the viewing, copying, listening to or other handling of a photograph or video or audio recording of an autopsy must be under the direct supervision of the custodian of record or his or her designee.

(g) Create a cause of action for damages against the state or any of its agencies, officials, employees or political subdivisions.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Calvert:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 9 and renumbering the succeeding sections accordingly:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Christian's Law."

AMEND further the title on line 1 by inserting "TO CREATE CHRISTIAN'S LAW;" after the word "ACT".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 70**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 287: Drug Intervention Courts; standardize and revise circuit districts.

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 464: Parole board; revise notification time frame given to offender's victim for offender release and remove certain prohibition.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 464**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 557: Nonadjudication; authorize completion of workforce training or similar training as an option for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 557. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Anderson, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Guice, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 100 by adding the following language before the period: ", and shall be repealed from and after June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 747. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson,

Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.
Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Horan:

AMEND on line 93 by striking the words "brought forward" and by inserting in lieu thereof: amended

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 195: Out of the deputy commissioners employed under this subsection (1), as set out in paragraphs (a) through (d), the commissioner shall designate one of the commissioners as an executive deputy commissioner who shall have the duties prescribed under Section 47-5-8.

AMEND further on line 305 by striking the words "brought forward" and by inserting in lieu thereof: amended

AMEND further on line 310 by inserting the following after (2): "(a) There shall be an Executive Deputy Commissioner who shall be directly responsible to the Commissioner of Corrections within the department who shall serve as the Commissioner of Corrections in the absence of the Commissioner and shall assume any and all duties that the Commissioner of Corrections assigns, including, but not limited to, supervising all other deputy commissioners." The salary of the Executive Deputy Commissioner shall not exceed the salary of the Commissioner of Corrections.

AMEND further by deleting the "(a)" on line 310 and inserting in lieu thereof (b).

AMEND further by deleting the "(b)" on line 315 and inserting in lieu thereof (c).

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 928.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Arnold, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1174: Department of Corrections; authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1174.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 136: Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 136.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 219: Local governments; prohibit from imposing penalties or fines on security companies when false security alarm occurs.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 219.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Anderson, B, Bell, D, Evans, M, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Karriem, McLeod, Patterson, Porter, Rushing, Stamps. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 274: Law enforcement officers; allow certain use of uniform, weapon, vehicle and equipment for disaster relief when off-duty.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 274.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 357: Bonding requirement for county purchase clerk; increase.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 357.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Criswell called up:

H. B. No. 358: Bonding requirement for school purchasing agents; increase.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 358.** On motion of Rep. Criswell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Ford, J, Hopkins, McLeod, Rosebud, Summers. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Criswell called up:

H. B. No. 609: Public purchasing law; exempt procurement of certain aircraft by state institutions of higher learning from.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 609. On motion of Rep. Criswell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Anderson, B, Banks, Brown, B. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Paden, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 453: Law enforcement officers; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing certain volunteer services in off-duty hours.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 453. On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--82.

Nays--Banks, Bell, C, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clark, Clarke, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, McCray, Mickens, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates. Total--33.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Gibbs, D, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Williams-Barnes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 718: Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 718**. On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 1213: State Personnel Board; require exempted agencies' reports to include quantifiable data and to be sent to SPB, PEER and LBO.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1213**. On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 74: Emergency Telecommunications Services (911); extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 74**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Straughter, Watson, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Ladner called up:

H. B. No. 1211: Administrative hearing procedures for Commission on Marine Resources; revise to authorize executive director of Department of Marine Resources to make final decisions during.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1211. On motion of Rep. Ladner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Ladner called up:

H. B. No. 594: Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark".

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 594. On motion of Rep. Ladner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 162: Public contracts of energy efficiency services; extend repealer on authority and certain requirements for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 162. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Evans, B, Karriem, Reynolds, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 632: "All Fuels Act of 2021"; establish.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 632. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Paden, Robinson, Weathersby, Young.
Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 1037: Mississippi Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; enact.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1037.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Gibbs, D, Robinson, Summers, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Huddleston called up:

H. B. No. 82: Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 82.** On motion of Rep. Huddleston the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd,

Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Foster, Kinkade, McGee, Robinson, Weathersby.
Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Huddleston called up:

H. B. No. 113: Community College Boards of Trustees; revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on line 114 by striking "Northwest" and inserting in lieu thereof: "Northeast".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scoggin:

AMEND on line 65 by inserting after "members" the following:
"one (1) of whom may be a superintendent of education within the county".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 113.** On motion of Rep. Huddleston the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Gibbs, D, Robinson, Sanford, Summers, Weathersby, Young. Total-7.

Present--Hines, Holloway. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Huddleston called up:

H. B. No. 6: University and colleges anti-hazing policy; require Board of Trustees of IHL to develop policy against hazing and prescribe penalties.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 6. On motion of Rep. Huddleston the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Hudson, Zuber. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Weathersby. Total--2.

Present--Jackson, Paden. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 1063: Transformative renewable energy projects; authorize boards of supervisors to designate as such for certain tax purposes.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BURNETT AND POWELL:

AMEND on line 31 and amend on 33 and 34 by deleting the words and figures "fifteen thousand (15,000)" and inserting in lieu there of the following:
"nine thousand (9,000)"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1063. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin,

Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Robinson, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Bell (21st) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bills passed.

H. B. No. 1301: Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments.

H. B. No. 539: Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments.

Representative Horan entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bills passed.

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail.

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.

Representative Kinkade entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 122: Expungement; authorize up to three felony convictions to be expunged after 15 years.

Representative Boyd entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 70: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions.

Representative Roberson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. R. No. 14:** (House Rules; adopt permanent for the 2020-2024 term.) was adopted, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1063: Transformative renewable energy projects; authorize boards of supervisors to designate as such for certain tax purposes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 14: House Rules; adopt permanent for the 2020-2024 term.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Calvert and Evans (45th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Georgie Pilgrim Darnell, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Richard Avery Park IV, Diana Lynn Moore, John Malley, Keith Northrop, and Patty Williams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hale moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Christopher Gage Davis, which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Kaigler, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Major Larry Joseph Mattina, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Floyd Courvelle, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Walter James, Sr., which motion prevailed.

At 12:03 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 5, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

(THIRTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. John Hines.

Rep. Hines led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Robinson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Guice, Robinson and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2077: Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

S. B. No. 2087: Cemetery owners; authorize to disinter dead human remains for reinterment, reburial or delivery to a carrier for transportation.

S. B. No. 2098: State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2204: Revised LLC Act and MS Registered Agents Act; require listing of registered agent's email address.

S. B. No. 2223: Arrest warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony.

S. B. No. 2278: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

S. B. No. 2282: Youth detention; raise minimum age for youth commitment to state training school and secure detention.

S. B. No. 2283: Freedom of Roadway Act; increase penalties for the obstruction of public passageways.

S. B. No. 2307: Dyslexia Awareness Training Program; require teachers to complete two hours of training for.

S. B. No. 2477: Mississippi Home Corporation; remove reverter on statute granting authority to issue negotiable bonds and notes.

S. B. No. 2483: Electric bicycles; classify as bicycles and not as motor vehicles, and regulate.

S. B. No. 2527: Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2573: Department of Public Safety; implement uniform reporting standards for jail census data & create & maintain a centralized database.

S. B. No. 2603: Salvage or abandoned vehicles; authorize disposition by auction firms on behalf of insurers.

S. B. No. 2628: Credit Availability Act; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2664: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; prescribe standards and benchmarks.

S. B. No. 2725: State Budget; bring forward certain provisions and transfer funds.

S. B. No. 2728: Department of Revenue; allow retiring law enforcement officers to keep one issued sidearm each.

S. B. No. 2759: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase the monthly amount.

S. B. No. 2807: Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized.

S. B. No. 2816: Public officials and employees; allow Department of Revenue appraisers to receive same pay increases as county tax assessors.

S. B. No. 2828: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; remove provision that agents and inspectors do not have general police powers.

S. B. No. 2830: New Markets Tax Credit; extend MDA's ability to allocate by one year.

S. B. No. 2832: Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026.

S. B. No. 2834: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund Grant Program; establish within Department of Archives and History.

S. B. No. 2850: Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2035: Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

S. B. No. 2119: Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; authorize sales and purchase of certain products containing without a prescription.

S. B. No. 2189: Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare-eligible employees supplemental compensation if employees secure Medicare.

S. B. No. 2267: Teacher license; allow reciprocity if teacher possesses standard license from other state.

S. B. No. 2270: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and recordings of.

S. B. No. 2305: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create.

S. B. No. 2569: Urine; create the crime of selling or tampering with urine.

S. B. No. 2762: Department of Human Services; permit use of a simplified reporting system.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 20: (Representatives Anderson (122nd), Williams-Barnes, Anderson (110th), Barton, Bennett, Busby, Crawford, Eure, Felsher, Guice, Gunn, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, McKnight, Patterson, Read, Zuber) Deputy Lt. Michael Anthony Boutte, Sr.; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing. Rules.

Representative Mickens called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 928:** (Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2021: Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility; house position under DFA, exempt contracts from rules of contract review board.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 4: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning 2020 SWAC regular season championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles E. "Billy" Vandevender, and Anna Sue Cooper, which motion prevailed.

At 9:11 AM, on motion of Rep. Currie the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 8, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

(THIRTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robin Robinson.

Rep. Robinson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2024: Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities.

S. B. No. 2072: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating.

S. B. No. 2205: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after 18 years.

S. B. No. 2293: Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge.

S. B. No. 2294: Veteran Driver's License Designation; allow proof of military service in person.

S. B. No. 2486: State parks; create study committee on restructuring ownership and management arrangements.

S. B. No. 2574: Reentry courts; create pilot reentry court, and establish rehab and workforce development program at MDOC.

S. B. No. 2606: Mississippi Native Spirit Law; create.

S. B. No. 2630: County law library; authorize use of money for technological purposes.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 502: Remember the legacy of former Governor William F. Winter and extend deepest sympathy of the Legislature on his passing. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 503: Commend Aysa Branch for winning Miss USA. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 504: Ted Booth; commend for receiving the 2020 Legislative Staff Achievement Award from NCSL. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 509: Extend deepest sympathy of Legislature on the passing of Mississippi Sports Icon JSU Coach "W.C." Gorden. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 510: Mourn the passing of former Senator Tommy Moffatt, Sr., of Gautier, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 511: Commend Leake Academy "Rebels" Football Team for winning the MAIS Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 512: Commend the life of legendary college and NFL football player and Coach Ray Perkins from Petal, Mississippi. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 513: Recognize the Bicentennial Celebration of Franklin Academy in Columbus, the first public school in Mississippi. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 514: Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of the state's longest-serving Mayor, Dock Gabbert, of Derma, Mississippi. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 515: Extending condolences of Mississippi Legislature on the passing of Wiggins Mayor Joel Travis Miles and remembering his legacy. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 516: Pay tribute to the memory and career of pioneering country music superstar Charley Pride from Sledge, Mississippi. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 517: Pay tribute to the memory of former State Senator and Representative Nolan Mettetal. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 518: Commend Hillcrest Christian Fast Pitch Softball Team for MAIS State Championship. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 519: Commend Brookhaven High School "Panthers" Boys Cross-Country Team for second consecutive state championship. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1352: (Representative Zuber) Bonds; authorize for West Jackson County Utility District construction of new water and sewer infrastructure at I-10 corridor. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1353: (Representative Zuber) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist West Jackson County Utility District in paying costs of constructing a water tank. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1354: (Representative Ford (54th)) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Port of Vicksburg. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1355: (Representative Ford (54th)) Bonds; authorize issuance for acquiring and renovating property to house Hinds CC Maritime Training Center in Vicksburg. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1356: (Representatives Lamar, Deweese, Steverson) Income tax and sales tax; revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1357: (Representative Lamar) Bonds; authorize issuance for the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1358: (Representative Foster) City of Vicksburg; authorize certain funding for nonprofit museums within the city. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1359: (Representative Foster) City of Vicksburg; authorize to execute certain agreement to make contributions to Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 34: (Representative Lancaster) James "David" Alford, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 21: (Representatives Ford (54th), Denton) James E. "Jim" Stirgus, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 22: (Representative Jackson) Reverend Clyde Larocque Carter; commend and celebrate life and historic legacy of. Rules.

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 70:** (Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Franklin Hardy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rachel Marie Kelly, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brandon Trocheset, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Haney and Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Knight Martin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Clifford Lowe, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Virginia Wallace Robinson, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hale and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Dale Ladner, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carole Renee Gressel, Diane Pettigrew, Helen Virginia "Jenny" Spencer, and Viccie Johnson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sammy Cauthen, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Teresa Criddle, and Douglas Brown, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Archie Patrick Sprabery, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Criswell and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Donald Eugene Grogan, and Michael H. Conrad, which motion prevailed.

At 4:08 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

(THIRTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Price Wallace.

Rep. Wallace led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 33: Ruby Kate Bowles; commend her life upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 34: James "David" Alford, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 2: Omega Psi Phi Day; designate February 5, 2021 as in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 15: Head Coach Tomeka Reed; commend and congratulate for many accomplishments as Head Coach of the Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 16: David Eldridge; commend on retirement as Chief of Police for the Kilmichael Police Department. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 17: Deacon Lloyd Webster, Jr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 18: Gene Murphy; commend and congratulate upon his retirement as athletic director of Hinds Community College. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 19: Homer Dee Skelton; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 20: Deputy Lt. Michael Anthony Boutte, Sr.; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 21: James E. "Jim" Sturgus, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 22: Reverend Clyde Larocque Carter; commend and celebrate life and historic legacy of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 502: Remember the legacy of former Governor William F. Winter and extend deepest sympathy of the Legislature on his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 503: Commend Aysa Branch for winning Miss USA. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

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S. C. R. No. 511: Commend Leake Academy "Rebels" Football Team for winning the MAIS Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

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S. C. R. No. 516: Pay tribute to the memory and career of pioneering country music superstar Charley Pride from Sledge, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

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S. C. R. No. 518: Commend Hillcrest Christian Fast Pitch Softball Team for MAIS State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 519: Commend Brookhaven High School "Panthers" Boys Cross-Country Team for second consecutive state championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representative Horan called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 747:** (Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail.) passed and moved to reconsider for an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVES HORAN AND NEWMAN:

AMEND on line 21 by inserting the following before the word "or": ", Mississippi Department of Corrections,"

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 31: "(d) "Mississippi Department of Corrections" means the Commissioner of Mississippi Department of Corrections, provided that the Commissioner or designated deputy commissioner may assign offenders to work release programs administered by Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation under this section."

AMEND further on line 32 by striking "(d)" and by inserting in lieu thereof "(e)".

AMEND further on line 32 by adding the following before the word "employment": "or part-time".

AMEND further on line 37 by inserting the following before the word "or": ", state or regional correctional facility".

AMEND further by adding the following at the end of line 37: ", state or regional correctional facility".

AMEND further on line 40 by adding the following before the word "assign": "and such offender volunteers,"

AMEND further on line 41 by inserting the following before the word "sheriff": "Mississippi Department of Corrections, Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation,"

AMEND further on line 50 by inserting the following before the word "or": ", a state or regional correctional facility".

AMEND further on line 51 by inserting the following before the word "at": ", state or regional correctional facility,"

AMEND further by deleting lines 52 through the period on line 53 and by inserting the following language in lieu thereof: "the Mississippi Department of Corrections and sheriff to a work release program under the supervision of the Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation or sheriff."

AMEND further on line 53 by inserting the following after the word "The": "Mississippi Department of Corrections or".

AMEND further on line 58 by inserting the following before the word "sheriff": "Mississippi Department of Corrections or".

AMEND further on line 64 by inserting the following before the word "sheriff": "Mississippi Department of Corrections,"

AMEND further on line 67 by inserting the following after the comma: "the Mississippi Department of Corrections,"

AMEND further on line 70 by inserting the following before the "or": ", Mississippi Department of Corrections,"

AMEND further on line 80 by inserting the following before the word "director": "Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation,"

AMEND further on line 83 by inserting the following after the word "through": "Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation or".

AMEND further on line 85 by inserting the following language before the word "sheriff": "Mississippi Department of Corrections,".

AMEND the title on line 1 by inserting the following after the word "AUTHORIZE": "THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,".

AMEND further the title on line 3 by inserting the following before the semicolon: ", STATE OR REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY".

AMEND further the title by inserting the following at the end of line 4: "MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES CORPORATION,".

AMEND further the title on line 11 by inserting the following after the word "THE": "MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 747**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 122**: (Expungement; authorize up to three felony convictions to be expunged after 15 years.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1063**: (Transformative renewable energy projects; authorize boards of supervisors to designate as such for certain tax purposes.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Boyd called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1315**: (Occupational licenses; repeal those for art therapists, auctioneers, interior designers, wigologists and massage therapists.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 80: Dogs; regulate and provide penalties for those with a history of biting.

Rep. Bain moved to lay on table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 525: Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 525.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Currie, Haney, Hood, Ladner, Patterson, Rushing, Straughter, Watson, Weathersby. Total-10.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 929: Reentry for offenders; bring forward certain sections relating to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 942: Public utilities; authorize investor-owned electric utilities to permit broadband provider use of the electric delivery system.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 942.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden,

Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Anderson, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 505: Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 505.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--McLeod, Paden, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1140: First-degree murder; include unlawful distribution of controlled substances, when the distribution is proximate cause of death.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 35 after the word "done" and before the word "by" inserting the following:

"with deliberate design"

AMEND on line 639 after "2021" before the period by inserting the following:

"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bomgar:

AMEND on line 40 by inserting the following new language before the period:

", unless the person in good faith seeks medical assistance for the individual experiencing the overdose, transports the individual experiencing the overdose to a medical facility for care, or remains present to aid or assist in any way someone who is experiencing a drug overdose".

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 637 and renumbering the succeeding section:

SECTION 9. Confidential informants shall be at least 21 years of age, and notified of their right to contact an attorney, and all notifications shall happen at least twenty-four (24) hours before they agree to serve. Any deal, arrangement, or agreement must be detailed and in writing, and the constitutional right to contact an attorney shall not be abridged or undermined, and exercising this right shall incur no negative consequences on any deal, arrangement, or agreement regarding informant work. To protect the safety of the individuals involved, informants may make no more than one (1) sale, purchase, or transfer from any individual person.

AMEND TITLE on line 6 after the word "person" by inserting the following: "WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1140**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--78.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, McLean, Mickens, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates. Total--42.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 87: MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 87**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold,

Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, McLean, Owen, Williamson. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Calvert, Kinkade, Oliver, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 188: Required uniform designations for offenders; exempt offenders in Mississippi Statewide Incarcerated Veterans Program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 188.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 551: Driver's license; require Department of Public Safety to allow official identifying document of MDOC to suffice for.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 100 after the period by inserting the following:

"The Mississippi Department of Corrections shall work with the department to provide an official state identification card to each person who is released from the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections on the day he or she is released from such custody."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 551. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Johnson, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 290: Pre-trial Intervention; prohibit certain amount of public embezzlement for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 290. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Blackmon, Karriem, Summers. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Crudup, Gibbs, D, Scott, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 300: Bail procedures; bring forward provisions for purposes of amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 165 after "2021" and before the period by

inserting the following:

", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 300**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Newman, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 634: Firearms restriction; limit those by cities, counties and state agencies.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barnett:

AMEND on line 150 by inserting after the word "municipality", the following: "including, but not limited to, bureaus and other local government entities,". Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 634**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing,

Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--79.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--41.

Absent or those not voting--McGee, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 5: Hazing; increase penalties for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 5. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--86.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Eubanks, Faulkner, Hines, Hopkins, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Young. Total--31.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, McCray, Read, Scott, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 196: "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 196. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing,

Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, B, Clark, Scott, Weathersby, Young.
Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 163: Judicial districts; create Twenty-fourth Circuit Court.

Rep. Bain moved to table the committee substitute, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BAIN AND ROBERSON:

AMEND by deleting Section 1 in its entirety and renumber succeeding sections: AMEND Further on line 881 after "2021" before the period by inserting the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 163.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill failed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Burnett, Busby, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Hines, Hood, Horan, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Sanford, Shanks, Steverson, Straughter, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yates, Zuber. Total--57.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Hale, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Ladner, Mangold, McCray, McLeod, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Smith, Stamps, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Walker, Williamson, Yancey, Young. Total--58.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Gibbs, D, Haney, McLean, Patterson, Scott, Weathersby. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Roberson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill failed to pass.

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 286: Cemeteries; authorize to disinter and reinter dead human remains for next of kin instructions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 286.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J. Clark, Currie, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Present--Banks, Oliver, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 352: Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 352.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J. Clark, Clarke, Rosebud, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1012: Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1012.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clark, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1078: Perpetual care and preneed cemetery and funeral laws; unlawful to make false or misleading statements in records under.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1078.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clark, Oliver, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Present--Banks, Burnett, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1181: The MS Registered Agents Act; revise to include "email address."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1181.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clark, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 631: Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND on line 11 by inserting after "(1)", the following: "(a)".

AMEND further after line 25 by inserting the following new paragraph:

"(b) If the person or entity, and the person's or entity's insurer, fails or refuses to endorse, indemnify and hold harmless the employing jurisdiction, the employing jurisdiction shall not approve the use of any official uniform, weapon or vehicle of the employing jurisdiction for private security services."

AMEND further on line 79 by inserting after "(3)", the following: "(a)".

AMEND further after line 85 by inserting the following new paragraph:

"(b) If the person or entity, and the person's or entity's insurer, fails or refuses to endorse, indemnify and hold harmless the employing jurisdiction, the employing jurisdiction shall not approve the use of any official uniform, weapon or vehicle of the employing jurisdiction for private security services."

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 631.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Brown, B, Crawford, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clark, Rushing, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 695: State Domestic Violence Fund; remove the matching funds requirement for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 695. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Read, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 277: Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 277. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 299: Property interest; conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 299.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Clark, Scott, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 746: Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise regarding warranty reimbursement.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 746.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott, Turner, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 932: Child support withholding orders; revise provisions to comply with the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 932. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Young entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 634: Firearms restriction; limit those by cities, counties and state agencies.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harry L. Richardson, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harry Homer Bell, Jr. , and Robert Lawrence Lennon, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Massengill and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Cody Thomas Samples, and Patsy Hobson McGill, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ernestine Griffin Simpson, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Arnold, Boyd and Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Earl Stone, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Richard Wildee, Jr. , James E. Stirgus, Sr. , Maddie Lee Bell, Laura Louise Palmer Taylor, Deacon Golie Alexander, Gloria Jean Nailor, Earl Ray Blanton, Sr. , Curtis Jenkins, Emma B. Miller, and Dorothy Bell, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Sanford, Tullos and Yates moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Judge Eddie H. Bowen, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Miles and Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Allison Joy Berthelette, which motion prevailed.

At 12:14 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

(THIRTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gregory Holloway.

Rep. Holloway led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2018: Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on provision requiring deposit of fees to State General Fund.

S. B. No. 2253: Concealed carry weapons permit; combine with driver's license or identification card.

S. B. No. 2420: Temporary license for social workers; authorize to practice in nonprofit facilities.

S. B. No. 2435: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries.

S. B. No. 2507: Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs.

S. B. No. 2626: MS Business Corporation Act; amend to allow corporations to hold annual or special shareholder meetings remotely.

S. B. No. 2805: Alcoholic beverages; remove provision requiring DOR to immediately revoke permit for certain unlawful sales.

S. B. No. 2809: Public records; extend repealer on provision requiring public access to records.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2081: University of Mississippi Medical Center property; revise leasing authority by removing provision requiring mixed-use development.

S. B. No. 2188: State agencies; revise reporting requirements when personnel actions are exempted from State Personnel Board procedures.

S. B. No. 2313: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; allow athletes to be compensated for name, image and likeness.

S. B. No. 2373: Motor fuel sales; provide immunity for damages caused by the use of incompatible fuel upon certain conditions.

S. B. No. 2389: Domestic violence shelters; revise eligibility for funds.

S. B. No. 2521: Mississippi Advantage Jobs Act; revise definition of "new direct job" for incentive applicants from and after July 1, 2010.

S. B. No. 2572: DUI law; revise fourth offense of and require all expunctions to be confidentially registered.

S. B. No. 2602: Nonadmitted insurer policy fee; divert certain amount to fund fire trucks and fire apparatus/protection grants.

S. B. No. 2623: Motor vehicle insurance; extend repealer on Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act.

S. B. No. 2638: Electronic documents; provide recording procedure for counties without electronic-recording capability.

S. B. No. 2651: Surplus property; clarify current policy to conform with federal regulations for the Department of Finance and Administration.

S. B. No. 2689: State Auditor; increase fee which may be charged for performing audits and other services.

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.

S. B. No. 2829: Department of Revenue; allow to use tag revenue to cover tag program expenses.

S. B. No. 2839: SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate.

S. B. No. 2872: Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area.

S. B. No. 2874: Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2868: Qualified resort areas; include certain municipalities.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1360: (Representative Read) Appropriation; additional for the Department of Marine Resources for Fiscal Year 2021. Appropriations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1360: Appropriation; additional for the Department of Marine Resources for Fiscal Year 2021. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 518: Department of Revenue; authorize to create wholesale to retail accountability program.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 107 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

Rep. Criswell moved to table, which motion lost.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 518.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates. Total--86.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Eubanks, Eure, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horne, Karriem, Ladner, McCray, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Owen, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Summers, Turner, Walker, Watson, Williamson, Zuber. Total--28.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Beckett, Clarke, Gibbs, D, Paden, Rosebud, Weathersby, Young. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1091: Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Zuber:

AMEND on line 1547 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND on line 1546 by adding the following new section: "Section 17. Package stores shall be allowed to sell beer, cigarettes, snacks, cups, ice and any other non-perishable food items."

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1091**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Burnett, Busby, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Criswell, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Shanks, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--74.

Nays--Arnold, Banks, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Byrd, Calvert, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Mangold, Miles, Mims, Newman, Oliver, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Turner, Watson, Williamson. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Deweese, Gibbs, D, Paden, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Present--Anthony, Clark, Crudup. Total--3.
Necessary for passage--57

Representative Hines entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1076: Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 101 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1076**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Paden, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1142: Construction; revise contractor's tax regarding certain, require permits in counties/municipalities with construction codes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 31 by inserting "installing, remodeling, renovating," after "erecting".

AMEND further on line 33 by inserting "roof," after "building".

AMEND further on line 46 by inserting the following after the period: " The tax levied under this section upon the construction of a new residential dwelling structure shall be due within sixty (60) days after the date a certificate of occupancy is issued for the structure. However, for the construction of a new residential dwelling structure where the structure is owned as part of land developed by the owner and is not constructed for use as a dwelling by the owner but for the purpose of the owner selling the land with the structure as part of the real property, the tax levied by this section shall be levied against the total sales price between the owner and purchaser, excluding the value of the land and any closing costs for the sale such as realtor fees and attorney fees paid for by the owner. Every contractor issued an MPC for the construction of a new residential structure must file a report with the Department by January 20 of each year to report any dwelling that was completed but not sold within the prior calendar year."

AMEND further on line 135 before the word "Any" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (c),".

AMEND further on line 159 by inserting the following after the period: "The requirement for a bond or prepayment of tax under this paragraph (c), shall not apply to the construction of a new residential dwelling structure."

AMEND further on line 181 by striking "brought forward" and inserting in lieu thereof "amended".

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 296:

"(e) On or before August 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-21 from business activities for constructing, building, erecting, repairing or adding to any building, electrical system, air-conditioning system, heating system or any other improvement or structure which is used for or primarily in connection with a residence or dwelling place for human beings, shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 3 of this act. For the purposes of this paragraph (e), such residences shall include homes, mobile homes, summer cottages, fishing and hunting camp buildings and similar buildings, but shall not include apartment buildings, condominiums, hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing or retirement homes, tourist cottages or other commercial establishments."

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 649 and renumbering the succeeding sections accordingly:

"SECTION 3. There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of monies deposited therein under Section 27-65-75(1)(e) and monies from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Monies in the fund shall be distributed by the Department of Revenue to municipalities based on the proportion that the amount of sales tax revenue collected under Section 27-65-17 in a municipality during the preceding fiscal year from sales by businesses with the North American Industry Classification System Code of 4441 bears to the total amount of sales tax revenue collected under Section 27-65-17 in all municipalities during the preceding fiscal year from sales by businesses with the North American Industry Classification System Code of 4441. The Department of Revenue shall distribute funds under this section on an annual basis with distributions being made in the month of January."

AMEND further the title on lines 7 through 10 by striking "TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 27-65-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE SALES TAX REVENUE, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT;" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF STATE SALES TAX REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE CONTRACTOR'S TAX SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO A SPECIAL FUND CREATED BY THIS ACT IN THE STATE TREASURY AND DISTRIBUTED TO MUNICIPALITIES;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1142**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, McLeod. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Bain, Byrd, Currie, Eubanks, Read, Weathersby, Young. Total-9.

Present--Williams-Barnes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1139: Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 257 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1139**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs,

K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1136: Mississippi Educational Talent Recruitment Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND by deleting Sections 2 through 4 of the bill and renumbering succeeding sections accordingly.

AMEND further on lines 609 and 708 by striking "5" and inserting in lieu thereof "2".

AMEND further on line 833 by striking "7" and inserting in lieu thereof "4".

AMEND further on lines 895 and 994 by striking "9" and inserting in lieu thereof "6".

AMEND further on line 1370 by striking "Sections 2 and 7" and inserting in lieu thereof "Section 4" and on line 1371 by striking "new sections" and inserting in lieu thereof "a new section".

AMEND further on line 1372 by striking "1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 13" and inserting in lieu thereof "4 and 5".

AMEND further the title on lines 2 through 12 by deleting the following:

"TO PROVIDE FOR A REBATE PROGRAM IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A RECENT GRADUATE OF A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN MISSISSIPPI OR OUTSIDE MISSISSIPPI, AND IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE EMPLOYED IN A QUALIFYING JOB IN THIS STATE MAY PARTICIPATE AND RECEIVE A REBATE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ALL OR A PORTION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE REBATES RECEIVED UNDER THIS ACT FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "GROSS INCOME" FOR PURPOSES OF THE STATE INCOME TAX LAW;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1136.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud,

Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Johnson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 883: Traffic ticket quotas; prohibit state and local agencies from establishing.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 883.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Newman. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 488: Libraries; authorize use of debit and credit cards.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 488.** On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 953: Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and require financial reviews by.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 953. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Guice, Miles, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1075: MS Credit Availability Act, Title Pledge Act, and Check Cashers Act; extend or remove repealer on certain provisions of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1075. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--91.

Nays--Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Harness, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray,

Osborne, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates. Total--27.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Weathersby. Total-2.

Present--Anthony, Hines. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Aguirre called up:

H. B. No. 1077: Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1077. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Karriem, Summers. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

H. B. No. 1253: Construction management at risk method of project delivery; revise certain provisions related to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st):

AMEND by striking Section 4 through Section 9 in their entirety and renumbering the succeeding sections.

SECTION 4. Section 37-15-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows: 37-15-38. (1) The following phrases have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) A dual enrolled student is a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school.

(b) A dual credit student is a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school and who is receiving high school and college credit for postsecondary coursework.

(2) A local school board, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board shall establish a dual enrollment system under which students in the school district who meet the prescribed criteria of this section may be enrolled in a postsecondary institution in Mississippi while they are still in school.

(3) Dual credit eligibility. Before credits earned by a qualified high school student from a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning may be transferred to the student's home school district, the student must be properly enrolled in a dual enrollment program.

(4) Admission criteria for dual enrollment in community and junior college or university programs. The Mississippi Community College Board and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning may recommend to the State Board of Education admission criteria for dual enrollment programs under which high school students may enroll at a community or junior college or university while they are still attending high school and enrolled in high school courses. Students may be admitted to enroll in community or junior college courses under the dual enrollment programs if they meet that individual institution's stated dual enrollment admission requirements.

(5) Tuition and cost responsibility. Tuition and costs for university-level courses and community and junior college courses offered under a dual enrollment program may be paid for by the postsecondary institution, the local school district, the parents or legal guardians of the student, or by grants, foundations or other private or public sources. Payment for tuition and any other costs must be made directly to the credit-granting institution.

(6) Transportation responsibility. Any transportation required by a student to participate in the dual enrollment program is the responsibility of the parent, custodian or legal guardian of the student. Transportation costs may be paid from any available public or private sources, including the local school district.

(7) School district average daily attendance credit. When dually enrolled, the student may be counted, for adequate education program funding purposes, in the average daily attendance of the public school district in which the student attends high school.

(8) High school student transcript transfer requirements. Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted to a dual credit program must be recorded on the high school student record and on the college transcript at the university or community or junior college where the student attends classes. The transcript of the university or community or junior college coursework may be released to another institution or applied toward college graduation requirements.

(9) Determining factor of prerequisites for dual enrollment courses. Each university and community or junior college participating in a dual enrollment program shall determine course prerequisites. Course prerequisites shall be the same for dual enrolled students as for regularly enrolled students at that university or community or junior college.

(10) Process for determining articulation of curriculum between high school, university, and community and junior college courses. All dual credit courses must meet the standards established at the postsecondary level. Postsecondary level developmental courses may not be considered as meeting the requirements of the dual credit program. Dual credit memorandum of understandings must be established between each postsecondary institution and the school district implementing a dual credit program.

(11) [Deleted]

(12) Eligible courses for dual credit programs. Courses eligible for dual credit include, but are not necessarily limited to, foreign languages, advanced math courses, advanced science courses, performing arts, advanced business and technology, and career and technical courses. Distance Learning Collaborative Program courses approved under Section 37-67-1 shall be fully eligible for dual credit. All courses being considered for dual credit must receive unconditional approval from the superintendent of the local school district and the chief instructional officer at the participating community or junior college or university in order for college credit to be awarded. A university or community or junior college shall make the final decision on what courses are eligible for semester hour credits.

(13) High school Carnegie unit equivalency. One (1) three-hour university or community or junior college course is equal to one (1) high school Carnegie unit.

(14) Course alignment. The universities, community and junior colleges and the State Department of Education shall periodically review their respective policies and assess the place of dual credit courses within the context of their traditional offerings.

(15) Maximum dual credits allowed. It is the intent of the dual enrollment program to make it possible for every eligible student who desires to earn a semester's worth of

college credit in high school to do so. A qualified dually enrolled high school student must be allowed to earn an unlimited number of college or university credits for dual credit.

(16) Dual credit program allowances. A student may be granted credit delivered through the following means:

(a) Examination preparation taught at a high school by a qualified teacher. A student may receive credit at the secondary level after completion of an approved course and passing the standard examination, such as an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course through which a high school student is allowed CLEP credit by making a three (3) or higher on the end-of-course examination.

(b) College or university courses taught at a high school or designated postsecondary site by a qualified teacher who is an employee of the school district and approved as an instructor by the collaborating college or university.

(c) College or university courses taught at a college, university or high school by an instructor employed by the college or university and approved by the collaborating school district.

(d) Online courses of any public university, community or junior college in Mississippi.

(17) Qualifications of dual credit instructors. A dual credit academic instructor must meet the requirements set forth by the regional accrediting association (Southern Association of College and Schools). University and community and junior college personnel have the sole authority in the selection of dual credit instructors.

A dual credit career and technical education instructor must meet the requirements set forth by the Mississippi Community College Board in the qualifications manual for postsecondary career and technical personnel.

(18) Guidance on local agreements. The Chief Academic Officer of the State Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Chief Instructional Officers of the Mississippi Community College Board and the State Department of Education, working collaboratively, shall develop a template to be used by the individual community and junior colleges and institutions of higher learning for consistent implementation of the dual enrollment program throughout the State of Mississippi.

(19) Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option. A local school board and the local community colleges board shall establish a Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option Program under which potential or recent student dropouts may dually enroll in their home school and a local community college in a dual credit program consisting of high school completion coursework and a community college credential, certificate or degree program. Students completing the dual enrollment-credit option may obtain their high school diploma while obtaining a community college credential, certificate or degree. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall assist students who have successfully completed the Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option in securing a job upon the application of the student or the participating school or community college. The Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option Program will be implemented statewide in the 2012-2013 school year and thereafter. The State Board of Education, local school board and the local community college board shall establish criteria for the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program. Students enrolled in the program will not be eligible to participate in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities at the home school district. Tuition and costs for community college courses offered under the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program shall not be charged to the student, parents or legal guardians. When dually enrolled, the student shall be counted for adequate education program funding purposes, in the average daily attendance of the public school district in which the student attends high school, as provided in Section 37-151-7(1)(a). Any transportation required by the student to participate in the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian of the student, and transportation costs may be paid from any available public or private sources, including the local school district. Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted to this Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program shall be recorded on the high school student record and on the college transcript at the community college and high school where the student attends classes. The transcript of the community college coursework may be released to another institution or applied toward college graduation requirements. Any course that is required for subject area testing as a requirement for graduation from

a public school in Mississippi is eligible for dual credit, and courses eligible for dual credit shall also include career, technical and degree program courses. All courses eligible for dual credit shall be approved by the superintendent of the local school district and the chief instructional officer at the participating community college in order for college credit to be awarded. A community college shall make the final decision on what courses are eligible for semester hour credits and the local school superintendent, subject to approval by the Mississippi Department of Education, shall make the final decision on the transfer of college courses credited to the student's high school transcript.

SECTION 5. Section 37-16-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-16-17. (1) Purpose. (a) The purpose of this section is to create a quality option in Mississippi's high schools for students not wishing to pursue a baccalaureate degree, which shall consist of challenging academic courses and modern career-technical studies. The goal for students pursuing the career *** technical education pathways is to graduate from high school with a standard diploma and credit toward a community college certification in a career-technical field. These students also shall be encouraged to take the national assessment in the career-technical field in which they become certified.

(b) The State Board of Education shall develop and adopt course and curriculum requirements for career *** technical education pathways offered by local public school boards in accordance with this section. The Mississippi Community College Board and the State Board of Education jointly shall determine course and curriculum requirements for the career *** technical education pathways. The State Board of Education shall provide notice to all incoming middle school students and junior high students of the career technical education pathways offered by local school boards. Such notice shall include the career technical education pathways available, the course requirements of each pathways, how to enroll in the pathway and any other necessary information as determined by the State Board of Education.

(2) *** Career technical education pathway; description; curriculum. (a) A career *** technical education pathway shall provide a student with greater technical skill and a strong academic core and shall be offered to each high school student enrolled in a public school district. The career *** technical education pathway shall be linked to postsecondary options and shall prepare students to pursue either a degree or certification from a postsecondary institution, an industry-based training or certification, an apprenticeship, the military, or immediate entrance into a career field. The career *** technical education pathway shall be designed primarily for those students who are not college bound and shall provide them with alternatives to entrance into a four-year university or college after high school graduation.

(b) Students pursuing a career *** technical education pathway shall be afforded the opportunity to dually enroll in a community or technical college or to participate in a business internship or work-study program, when such opportunities are available and appropriate.

(c) Each public school district shall offer a career *** technical education pathway approved by the State Board of Education.

(d) Students in a career *** technical education pathway shall complete an academic core of courses and a career and technical sequence of courses.

(e) The *** twenty-four (24) course unit requirements for the career *** technical education pathway may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (i) English I;
- (ii) English II;
- (iii) Technical writing;
- (iv) Computer programming;
- (v) Algebra I;
- (vi) Personal Finance;
- (vii) Business/construction mathematics;
- (viii) Computer science;
- (ix) Biology;
- (x) Earth and Space Science;
- (xi) U.S. History;
- (xii) Mississippi Studies/U.S. Government;

- (xiii) Health;
- (xiv) Physical Education;
- (xv) Soft skills, which include, but are not limited to, social graces, communication abilities, language skills, personal habits, cognitive or emotional empathy, time management, teamwork and leadership traits;
- (xvi) Career technical education pathway courses; and
- (xvii) Integrated technology.

Academic courses within the career * * * technical education pathway of the standard diploma shall provide the knowledge and skill necessary for proficiency on the state subject area tests.

(f) The courses provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection may be tailored to the individual needs of the school district as long as the amendments align with the basic course requirements of paragraph (e).

(3) Nothing in this section shall disallow the development of a dual enrollment program with a technical college so long as an individual school district, with approval from the State Department of Education, agrees to implement such a program in connection with a technical college and the agreement is also approved by the proprietary school's commission.

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SECTION 6. Section 37-3-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-3-2. (1) There is established within the State Department of Education the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission to make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

(2) (a) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) qualified members. The membership of the commission shall be composed of the following members to be appointed, three (3) from each of the four (4) congressional districts, as such districts existed on January 1, 2011, in accordance with the population calculations determined by the 2010 federal decennial census, including: four (4) classroom teachers; three (3) school administrators; one (1) representative of schools of education of public institutions of higher learning located within the state to be recommended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; one (1) representative from the schools of education of independent institutions of higher learning to be recommended by the Board of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges; one (1) representative from public community and junior colleges located within the state to be recommended by the Mississippi Community College Board; one (1) local school board member; and four (4) laypersons. Three (3) members of the commission, at the sole discretion of the State Board of Education, shall be appointed from the state at large.

(b) All appointments shall be made by the State Board of Education after consultation with the State Superintendent of Public Education. The first appointments by the State Board of Education shall be made as follows: five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; and five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years.

(3) The State Board of Education when making appointments shall designate a chairman. The commission shall meet at least once every two (2) months or more often if needed. Members of the commission shall be compensated at a rate of per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(4) (a) An appropriate staff member of the State Department of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education to serve as executive secretary and coordinator for the commission. No less than two (2) other appropriate staff members of the State Department of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education to serve on the staff of the commission.

(b) An Office of Educator Misconduct Evaluations shall be established within the State Department of Education to assist the commission in responding to infractions

and violations, and in conducting hearings and enforcing the provisions of subsections (11), (12), (13), (14) and (15) of this section, and violations of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics.

(5) It shall be the duty of the commission to:

(a) Set standards and criteria, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, for all educator preparation programs in the state;

(b) Recommend to the State Board of Education each year approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in the state, subject to a process and schedule determined by the State Board of Education;

(c) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, standards for initial teacher certification and licensure in all fields;

(d) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, standards for the renewal of teacher licenses in all fields;

(e) Review and evaluate objective measures of teacher performance, such as test scores, which may form part of the licensure process, and to make recommendations for their use;

(f) Review all existing requirements for certification and licensure;

(g) Consult with groups whose work may be affected by the commission's decisions;

(h) Prepare reports from time to time on current practices and issues in the general area of teacher education and certification and licensure;

(i) Hold hearings concerning standards for teachers' and administrators' education and certification and licensure with approval of the State Board of Education;

(j) Hire expert consultants with approval of the State Board of Education;

(k) Set up ad hoc committees to advise on specific areas; and

(l) Perform such other functions as may fall within their general charge and which may be delegated to them by the State Board of Education.

(6) (a) Standard License - Approved Program Route. An educator entering the school system of Mississippi for the first time and meeting all requirements as established by the State Board of Education shall be granted a standard five-year license. Persons who possess two (2) years of classroom experience as an assistant teacher or who have taught for one (1) year in an accredited public or private school shall be allowed to fulfill student teaching requirements under the supervision of a qualified participating teacher approved by an accredited college of education. The local school district in which the assistant teacher is employed shall compensate such assistant teachers at the required salary level during the period of time such individual is completing student teaching requirements. Applicants for a standard license shall submit to the department:

(i) An application on a department form;

(ii) An official transcript of completion of a teacher education program approved by the department or a nationally accredited program, subject to the following: Licensure to teach in Mississippi prekindergarten through kindergarten classrooms shall require completion of a teacher education program or a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis from a program accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) or by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Licensure to teach in Mississippi kindergarten, for those applicants who have completed a teacher education program, and in Grade 1 through Grade 4 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary program of studies. Licenses for Grades 4 through 8 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary program of studies with two (2) or more areas of concentration. Licensure to teach in Mississippi Grades 7 through 12 shall require a major in an academic field other than education, or a combination of disciplines other than education. Students preparing to teach a subject shall complete a major in the respective subject discipline. All applicants for standard licensure shall demonstrate that such person's college preparation in those fields was in accordance with the standards set forth by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) or, for those applicants who have a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis, the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). Effective July 1, 2016, for initial elementary education licensure, a

teacher candidate must earn a passing score on a rigorous test of scientifically research-based reading instruction and intervention and data-based decision-making principles as approved by the State Board of Education;

(iii) A copy of test scores evidencing satisfactory completion of nationally administered examinations of achievement, such as the Educational Testing Service's teacher testing examinations;

(iv) Any other document required by the State Board of Education; and

(v) From and after July 1, 2020, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi who did not meet the following criteria for entrance into an approved teacher education program:

1. An ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent);

or

2. Achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; or

3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program.

(b) (i) Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route. From and after July 1, 2020, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi under the alternate route who did not meet the following criteria:

* * *1. An ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent); or

* * *2. Achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; or

* * *3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program.

(ii) Beginning July 1, 2020, an individual who has attained a passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators or an ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent) or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program and a passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment in the requested area of endorsement may apply for admission to the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program to teach students in Grades 7 through 12 if the individual meets the requirements of this paragraph (b). The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring that teacher preparation institutions which provide the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program for the preparation of nontraditional teachers shall meet the standards and comply with the provisions of this paragraph.

* * *1. The Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) shall include an intensive eight-week, nine-semester-hour summer program or a curriculum of study in which the student matriculates in the fall or spring semester, which shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in education, effective teaching strategies, classroom management, state curriculum requirements, planning and instruction, instructional methods and pedagogy, using test results to improve instruction, and a one (1) semester three-hour supervised internship to be completed while the teacher is employed as a full-time teacher intern in a local school district. The TMI shall be implemented on a pilot program basis, with courses to be offered at up to four (4) locations in the state, with one (1) TMI site to be located in each of the three (3) Mississippi Supreme Court districts.

* * *2. The school sponsoring the teacher intern shall enter into a written agreement with the institution providing the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program, under terms and conditions as agreed upon by the contracting parties, providing that the school district shall provide teacher interns seeking a nontraditional provisional teaching license with a one-year classroom teaching experience. The teacher intern shall successfully complete the one (1) semester three-hour intensive internship in the school district during the semester immediately following successful completion of the TMI and prior to the end of the one-year classroom teaching experience.

* * *3. Upon completion of the nine-semester-hour TMI or the fall or spring semester option, the individual shall submit his transcript to the commission for provisional licensure of the intern teacher, and the intern teacher shall be

issued a provisional teaching license by the commission, which will allow the individual to legally serve as a teacher while the person completes a nontraditional teacher preparation internship program.

* * *4. During the semester of internship in the school district, the teacher preparation institution shall monitor the performance of the intern teacher. The school district that employs the provisional teacher shall supervise the provisional teacher during the teacher's intern year of employment under a nontraditional provisional license, and shall, in consultation with the teacher intern's mentor at the school district of employment, submit to the commission a comprehensive evaluation of the teacher's performance sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the nontraditional provisional license. If the comprehensive evaluation establishes that the provisional teacher intern's performance fails to meet the standards of the approved nontraditional teacher preparation internship program, the individual shall not be approved for a standard license.

* * *5. An individual issued a provisional teaching license under this nontraditional route shall successfully complete, at a minimum, a one-year beginning teacher mentoring and induction program administered by the employing school district with the assistance of the State Department of Education.

* * *6. Upon successful completion of the TMI and the internship provisional license period, applicants for a Standard License - Nontraditional Route shall submit to the commission a transcript of successful completion of the twelve (12) semester hours required in the internship program, and the employing school district shall submit to the commission a recommendation for standard licensure of the intern. If the school district recommends licensure, the applicant shall be issued a Standard License - Nontraditional Route which shall be valid for a five-year period and be renewable.

* * *7. At the discretion of the teacher preparation institution, the individual shall be allowed to credit the twelve (12) semester hours earned in the nontraditional teacher internship program toward the graduate hours required for a Master of Arts in Teacher (MAT) Degree.

* * *8. The local school district in which the nontraditional teacher intern or provisional licensee is employed shall compensate such teacher interns at Step 1 of the required salary level during the period of time such individual is completing teacher internship requirements and shall compensate such Standard License - Nontraditional Route teachers at Step 3 of the required salary level when they complete license requirements.

(iii) Implementation of the TMI program provided for under this paragraph (b) shall be contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated specifically for such purpose by the Legislature. Such implementation of the TMI program may not be deemed to prohibit the State Board of Education from developing and implementing additional alternative route teacher licensure programs, as deemed appropriate by the board. The emergency certification program in effect prior to July 1, 2002, shall remain in effect.

(iv) A Standard License - Approved Program Route shall be issued for a five-year period, and may be renewed. Recognizing teaching as a profession, a hiring preference shall be granted to persons holding a Standard License - Approved Program Route or Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route over persons holding any other license.

(c) Special License - Expert Citizen. In order to allow a school district to offer specialized or technical courses, the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education, may grant a * * * five-year expert citizen-teacher license to local business or other professional personnel to teach in a public school or nonpublic school accredited or approved by the state. Such person shall be required to have a high school diploma, an industry-recognized certification related to the subject area in which they are teaching and a minimum of five (5) years of relevant experience but shall not be required to hold an associate or bachelor's degree, provided that he or she possesses the minimum qualifications required for his or her profession, and may begin teaching upon his employment by the local school board and licensure by the Mississippi Department of Education. If a school board hires

a career technical education pathway instructor who does not have an industry certification in his or her area of expertise but does have the required experience, the school board shall spread their decision on the minutes at their next meeting and provide a detailed explanation for why they hired the instructor. Such instructor shall present the minutes of the school board to the State Department of Education when he or she applies for an expert citizen license. The board shall adopt rules and regulations to administer the expert citizen-teacher license. A Special License - Expert Citizen may be renewed in accordance with the established rules and regulations of the State Department of Education.

(d) Special License - Nonrenewable. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations to allow those educators not meeting requirements in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subsection (6) to be licensed for a period of not more than three (3) years, except by special approval of the State Board of Education.

(e) Nonlicensed Teaching Personnel. A nonlicensed person may teach for a maximum of three (3) periods per teaching day in a public school district or a nonpublic school accredited/approved by the state. Such person shall submit to the department a transcript or record of his education and experience which substantiates his preparation for the subject to be taught and shall meet other qualifications specified by the commission and approved by the State Board of Education. In no case shall any local school board hire nonlicensed personnel as authorized under this paragraph in excess of five percent (5%) of the total number of licensed personnel in any single school.

(f) Special License - Transitional Bilingual Education. Beginning July 1, 2003, the commission shall grant special licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who possess such qualifications as are prescribed in this section. Teachers of transitional bilingual education shall be compensated by local school boards at not less than one (1) step on the regular salary schedule applicable to permanent teachers licensed under this section. The commission shall grant special licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who present the commission with satisfactory evidence that they (i) possess a speaking and reading ability in a language, other than English, in which bilingual education is offered and communicative skills in English; (ii) are in good health and sound moral character; (iii) possess a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree in teacher education from an accredited institution of higher education; (iv) meet such requirements as to courses of study, semester hours therein, experience and training as may be required by the commission; and (v) are legally present in the United States and possess legal authorization for employment. A teacher of transitional bilingual education serving under a special license shall be under an exemption from standard licensure if he achieves the requisite qualifications therefor. Two (2) years of service by a teacher of transitional bilingual education under such an exemption shall be credited to the teacher in acquiring a Standard Educator License. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit a local school board from employing a teacher licensed in an appropriate field as approved by the State Department of Education to teach in a program in transitional bilingual education.

(g) In the event any school district meets the highest accreditation standards as defined by the State Board of Education in the accountability system, the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may exempt such school district from any restrictions in paragraph (e) relating to the employment of nonlicensed teaching personnel.

(h) Highly Qualified Teachers. Beginning July 1, 2006, any teacher from any state meeting the federal definition of highly qualified, as described in the No Child Left Behind Act, must be granted a standard five-year license by the State Department of Education.

(7) Administrator License. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations and to administer the licensure process of the school administrators in the State of Mississippi. There will be four (4) categories of administrator licensure with exceptions only through special approval of the State Board of Education.

(a) Administrator License - Nonpracticing. Those educators holding administrative endorsement but having no administrative experience or not serving in an administrative position on January 15, 1997.

(b) Administrator License - Entry Level. Those educators holding administrative endorsement and having met the department's qualifications to be eligible for employment in a Mississippi school district. Administrator License - Entry Level shall be issued for a five-year period and shall be nonrenewable.

(c) Standard Administrator License - Career Level. An administrator who has met all the requirements of the department for standard administrator licensure.

(d) Administrator License - Nontraditional Route. The board may establish a nontraditional route for licensing administrative personnel. Such nontraditional route for administrative licensure shall be available for persons holding, but not limited to, a master of business administration degree, a master of public administration degree, a master of public planning and policy degree or a doctor of jurisprudence degree from an accredited college or university, with five (5) years of administrative or supervisory experience. Successful completion of the requirements of alternate route licensure for administrators shall qualify the person for a standard administrator license.

Individuals seeking school administrator licensure under paragraph (b), (c) or (d) shall successfully complete a training program and an assessment process prescribed by the State Board of Education. All applicants for school administrator licensure shall meet all requirements prescribed by the department under paragraph (b), (c) or (d), and the cost of the assessment process required shall be paid by the applicant.

(8) Reciprocity. (a) The department shall grant a standard license to any individual who possesses a valid standard license from another state and meets minimum Mississippi license requirements or equivalent requirements as determined by the State Board of Education. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

(b) The department shall grant a nonrenewable special license to any individual who possesses a credential which is less than a standard license or certification from another state. Such special license shall be valid for the current school year plus one (1) additional school year to expire on June 30 of the second year, not to exceed a total period of twenty-four (24) months, during which time the applicant shall be required to complete the requirements for a standard license in Mississippi.

(9) Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for the renewal and reinstatement of educator and administrator licenses. Effective May 15, 1997, the valid standard license held by an educator shall be extended five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the license in order to afford the educator adequate time to fulfill new renewal requirements established pursuant to this subsection. An educator completing a master of education, educational specialist or doctor of education degree in May 1997 for the purpose of upgrading the educator's license to a higher class shall be given this extension of five (5) years plus five (5) additional years for completion of a higher degree.

(10) All controversies involving the issuance, revocation, suspension or any change whatsoever in the licensure of an educator required to hold a license shall be initially heard in a hearing de novo, by the commission or by a subcommittee established by the commission and composed of commission members, or by a hearing officer retained and appointed by the commission, for the purpose of holding hearings. Any complaint seeking the denial of issuance, revocation or suspension of a license shall be by sworn affidavit filed with the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. The decision thereon by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, shall be final, unless the aggrieved party shall appeal to the State Board of Education, within ten (10) days, of the decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal to the State Board of Education shall be perfected upon filing a notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of the costs of the preparation of the record of proceedings by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal shall be on the record previously made before the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations adopted by the board. The decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer shall not be disturbed on appeal if supported by substantial evidence, was not arbitrary or capricious, within the authority of the commission, and did not violate some statutory or constitutional right. The State Board of Education in its authority may reverse, or remand with instructions, the

decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. The decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

(11) (a) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, may deny an application for any teacher or administrator license for one or more of the following:

(i) Lack of qualifications which are prescribed by law or regulations adopted by the State Board of Education;

(ii) The applicant has a physical, emotional or mental disability that renders the applicant unfit to perform the duties authorized by the license, as certified by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist;

(iii) The applicant is actively addicted to or actively dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens or other drugs having similar effect, at the time of application for a license;

(iv) Fraud or deceit committed by the applicant in securing or attempting to secure such certification and license;

(v) Failing or refusing to furnish reasonable evidence of identification;

(vi) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this subparagraph (vi) of this paragraph (a), a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(vii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or post-release supervision for a felony or conviction, as defined by federal or state law. However, this disqualification expires upon the end of the probationary or post-release supervision period.

(b) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, shall deny an application for any teacher or administrator license, or immediately revoke the current teacher or administrator license, for one or more of the following:

(i) If the applicant or licensee has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(ii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or post-release supervision for a sex offense conviction, as defined by federal or state law;

(iii) The license holder has fondled a student as described in Section 97-5-23, or had any type of sexual involvement with a student as described in Section 97-3-95; or

(iv) The license holder has failed to report sexual involvement of a school employee with a student as required by Section 97-5-24.

(12) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any teacher or administrator license for specified periods of time or may place on probation, reprimand a licensee, or take other disciplinary action with regard to any license issued under this chapter for one or more of the following:

(a) Breach of contract or abandonment of employment may result in the suspension of the license for one (1) school year as provided in Section 37-9-57;

(b) Obtaining a license by fraudulent means shall result in immediate suspension and continued suspension for one (1) year after correction is made;

(c) Suspension or revocation of a certificate or license by another state shall result in immediate suspension or revocation and shall continue until records in the prior state have been cleared;

(d) The license holder has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this paragraph, a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(e) The license holder knowingly and willfully committing any of the acts affecting validity of mandatory uniform test results as provided in Section 37-16-4(1);

(f) The license holder has engaged in unethical conduct relating to an educator/student relationship as identified by the State Board of Education in its rules;

(g) The license holder served as superintendent or principal in a school district during the time preceding and/or that resulted in the Governor declaring a state of emergency and the State Board of Education appointing a conservator;

(h) The license holder submitted a false certification to the State Department of Education that a statewide test was administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System; or

(i) The license holder has failed to comply with the Procedures for Reporting Infractions as promulgated by the commission and approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (15) of this section.

For purposes of this subsection, probation shall be defined as a length of time determined by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, and based on the severity of the offense in which the license holder shall meet certain requirements as prescribed by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. Failure to complete the requirements in the time specified shall result in immediate suspension of the license for one (1) year.

(13) (a) Dismissal or suspension of a licensed employee by a local school board pursuant to Section 37-9-59 may result in the suspension or revocation of a license for a length of time which shall be determined by the commission and based upon the severity of the offense.

(b) Any offense committed or attempted in any other state shall result in the same penalty as if committed or attempted in this state.

(c) A person may voluntarily surrender a license. The surrender of such license may result in the commission recommending any of the above penalties without the necessity of a hearing. However, any such license which has voluntarily been surrendered by a licensed employee may only be reinstated by a majority vote of all members of the commission present at the meeting called for such purpose.

(14) (a) A person whose license has been suspended or surrendered on any grounds except criminal grounds may petition for reinstatement of the license after one (1) year from the date of suspension or surrender, or after one-half (1/2) of the suspended or surrendered time has lapsed, whichever is greater. A person whose license has been suspended or revoked on any grounds or violations under subsection (12) of this section may be reinstated automatically or approved for a reinstatement hearing, upon submission of a written request to the commission. A license suspended, revoked or surrendered on criminal grounds may be reinstated upon petition to the commission filed after expiration of the sentence and parole or probationary period imposed upon conviction. A revoked, suspended or surrendered license may be reinstated upon satisfactory showing of evidence of rehabilitation. The commission shall require all who petition for reinstatement to furnish evidence satisfactory to the commission of good character, good mental, emotional and physical health and such other evidence as the commission may deem necessary to establish the petitioner's rehabilitation and fitness to perform the duties authorized by the license.

(b) A person whose license expires while under investigation by the Office of Educator Misconduct for an alleged violation may not be reinstated without a hearing before the commission if required based on the results of the investigation.

(15) Reporting procedures and hearing procedures for dealing with infractions under this section shall be promulgated by the commission, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education. The revocation or suspension of a license shall be effected at the time indicated on the notice of suspension or revocation. The commission shall immediately notify the superintendent of the school district or school board where the teacher or administrator is employed of any disciplinary action and also notify the teacher or administrator of such revocation or suspension and shall maintain records of action taken. The State Board of Education may reverse or remand with instructions any decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer regarding a petition for reinstatement of a license, and any such decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

(16) An appeal from the action of the State Board of Education in denying an application, revoking or suspending a license or otherwise disciplining any person under the provisions of this section shall be filed in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, on the record made, including a verbatim transcript of the testimony at the hearing. The appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days after notification of the

action of the board is mailed or served and the proceedings in chancery court shall be conducted as other matters coming before the court. The appeal shall be perfected upon filing notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of all costs, including the cost of preparation of the record of the proceedings by the State Board of Education, and the filing of a bond in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) conditioned that if the action of the board be affirmed by the chancery court, the applicant or license holder shall pay the costs of the appeal and the action of the chancery court.

(17) All such programs, rules, regulations, standards and criteria recommended or authorized by the commission shall become effective upon approval by the State Board of Education as designated by appropriate orders entered upon the minutes thereof.

(18) The granting of a license shall not be deemed a property right nor a guarantee of employment in any public school district. A license is a privilege indicating minimal eligibility for teaching in the public school districts of Mississippi. This section shall in no way alter or abridge the authority of local school districts to require greater qualifications or standards of performance as a prerequisite of initial or continued employment in such districts.

(19) In addition to the reasons specified in subsections (12) and (13) of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

SECTION 7. Section 37-16-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-16-3. (1) The State Department of Education is directed to implement a program of statewide assessment testing which shall provide for the improvement of the operation and management of the public schools. The statewide program shall be timed, as far as possible, so as not to conflict with ongoing district assessment programs. As part of the program, the department shall:

(a) Establish, with the approval of the State Board of Education, minimum performance standards related to the goals for education contained in the state's plan including, but not limited to, basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. The minimum performance standards shall be approved by April 1 in each year they are established.

(b) Conduct a uniform statewide testing program in grades deemed appropriate in the public schools, including charter schools, which shall provide for the administration of the ACT WorkKeys Assessment to any students electing to the assessment. Each individual school district shall determine whether the ACT WorkKeys Assessment is administered in the ninth, tenth or eleventh grade. The program may test skill areas, basic skills and high school course content.

(c) Monitor the results of the assessment program and, at any time the composite student performance of a school or basic program is found to be below the established minimum standards, notify the district superintendent or the governing board of the charter school, as the case may be, the school principal and the school advisory committee or other existing parent group of the situation within thirty (30) days of its determination. The department shall further provide technical assistance to a school district in the identification of the causes of this deficiency and shall recommend courses of action for its correction.

(d) Provide technical assistance to the school districts, when requested, in the development of student performance standards in addition to the established minimum statewide standards.

(e) Issue security procedure regulations providing for the security and integrity of the tests that are administered under the basic skills assessment program.

(f) In case of an allegation of a testing irregularity that prompts a need for an investigation by the Department of Education, the department may, in its discretion, take complete control of the statewide test administration in a school district or any part thereof, including, but not limited to, obtaining control of the test booklets and answer documents. In the case of any verified testing irregularity that jeopardized the security and integrity of the test(s), validity or the accuracy of the test results, the cost of the investigation and any other actual and necessary costs related to the investigation paid by the Department of Education shall be reimbursed by the local school district from funds other than federal funds, Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds, or any other state funds within six (6) months from the date of notice by the department to the school district to make reimbursement to the department.

(2) Uniform basic skills tests shall be completed by each student in the appropriate grade. These tests shall be administered in such a manner as to preserve the integrity and validity of the assessment. In the event of excused or unexcused student absences, make-up tests shall be given. The school superintendent of every school district in the state and the principal of each charter school shall annually certify to the State Department of Education that each student enrolled in the appropriate grade has completed the required basic skills assessment test for his or her grade in a valid test administration.

(3) Within five (5) days of completing the administration of a statewide test, the principal of the school where the test was administered shall certify under oath to the State Department of Education that the statewide test was administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education. The principal's sworn certification shall be set forth on a form developed and approved by the Department of Education. If, following the administration of a statewide test, the principal has reason to believe that the test was not administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education, the principal shall submit a sworn certification to the Department of Education setting forth all information known or believed by the principal about all potential violations of the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education. The submission of false information or false certification to the Department of Education by any licensed educator may result in licensure disciplinary action pursuant to Section 37-3-2 and criminal prosecution pursuant to Section 37-16-4.

SECTION 8. Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-17-6. (1) The State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall establish and implement a permanent performance-based accreditation system, and all noncharter public elementary and secondary schools shall be accredited under this system.

(2) No later than June 30, 1995, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require school districts to provide school classroom space that is air-conditioned as a minimum requirement for accreditation.

(3) (a) Beginning with the 1994-1995 school year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require that school districts employ certified school librarians according to the following formula:

Number of Students	Number of Certified
Per School Library	School Librarians
0 - 499 Students	1/2 Full-time Equivalent

Certified Librarian	
500 or More Students	1 Full-time Certified

Librarian

(b) The State Board of Education, however, may increase the number of positions beyond the above requirements.

(c) The assignment of certified school librarians to the particular schools shall be at the discretion of the local school district. No individual shall be employed as a

certified school librarian without appropriate training and certification as a school librarian by the State Department of Education.

(d) School librarians in the district shall spend at least fifty percent (50%) of direct work time in a school library and shall devote no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the workday to administrative activities that are library related.

(e) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any school district from employing more certified school librarians than are provided for in this section.

(f) Any additional millage levied to fund school librarians required for accreditation under this subsection shall be included in the tax increase limitation set forth in Sections 37-57-105 and 37-57-107 and shall not be deemed a new program for purposes of the limitation.

(4) On or before December 31, 2002, the State Board of Education shall implement the performance-based accreditation system for school districts and for individual noncharter public schools which shall include the following:

(a) High expectations for students and high standards for all schools, with a focus on the basic curriculum;

(b) Strong accountability for results with appropriate local flexibility for local implementation;

(c) A process to implement accountability at both the school district level and the school level;

(d) Individual schools shall be held accountable for student growth and performance;

(e) Set annual performance standards for each of the schools of the state and measure the performance of each school against itself through the standard that has been set for it;

(f) A determination of which schools exceed their standards and a plan for providing recognition and rewards to those schools;

(g) A determination of which schools are failing to meet their standards and a determination of the appropriate role of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education in providing assistance and initiating possible intervention. A failing district is a district that fails to meet both the absolute student achievement standards and the rate of annual growth expectation standards as set by the State Board of Education for two (2) consecutive years. The State Board of Education shall establish the level of benchmarks by which absolute student achievement and growth expectations shall be assessed. In setting the benchmarks for school districts, the State Board of Education may also take into account such factors as graduation rates, dropout rates, completion rates, the extent to which the school or district employs qualified teachers in every classroom, and any other factors deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, acting through the State Department of Education, shall apply a simple "A," "B," "C," "D" and "F" designation to the current school and school district statewide accountability performance classification labels beginning with the State Accountability Results for the 2011-2012 school year and following, and in the school, district and state report cards required under state and federal law. Under the new designations, a school or school district that has earned a "Star" rating shall be designated an "A" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "High-Performing" rating shall be designated a "B" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "Successful" rating shall be designated a "C" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned an "Academic Watch" rating shall be designated a "D" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "Low-Performing," "At-Risk of Failing" or "Failing" rating shall be designated an "F" school or school district. Effective with the implementation of any new curriculum and assessment standards, the State Board of Education, acting through the State Department of Education, is further authorized and directed to change the school and school district accreditation rating system to a simple "A," "B," "C," "D," and "F" designation based on a combination of student achievement scores and student growth as measured by the statewide testing programs developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to Chapter 16, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972. In any statute or regulation containing the former accreditation designations, the new designations shall be applicable;

(h) Development of a comprehensive student assessment system to implement these requirements; and

(i) The State Board of Education may, based on a written request that contains specific reasons for requesting a waiver from the school districts affected by Hurricane Katrina of 2005, hold harmless school districts from assignment of district and school level accountability ratings for the 2005-2006 school year. The State Board of Education upon finding an extreme hardship in the school district may grant the request. It is the intent of the Legislature that all school districts maintain the highest possible academic standards and instructional programs in all schools as required by law and the State Board of Education.

(5) (a) Effective with the 2013-2014 school year, the State Department of Education, acting through the Mississippi Commission on School Accreditation, shall revise and implement a single "A" through "F" school and school district accountability system complying with applicable federal and state requirements in order to reach the following educational goals:

(i) To mobilize resources and supplies to ensure that all students exit third grade reading on grade level by 2015;

(ii) To reduce the student dropout rate to thirteen percent (13%) by 2015; and

(iii) To have sixty percent (60%) of students scoring proficient and advanced on the assessments of the Common Core State Standards by 2016 with incremental increases of three percent (3%) each year thereafter.

(b) The State Department of Education shall combine the state school and school district accountability system with the federal system in order to have a single system.

(c) The State Department of Education shall establish five (5) performance categories ("A," "B," "C," "D" and "F") for the accountability system based on the following criteria:

(i) Student Achievement: the percent of students proficient and advanced on the current state assessments;

(ii) Individual student growth: the percent of students making one (1) year's progress in one (1) year's time on the state assessment, with an emphasis on the progress of the lowest twenty-five percent (25%) of students in the school or district;

(iii) Four-year graduation rate: the percent of students graduating with a standard high school diploma in four (4) years, as defined by federal regulations;

(iv) Categories shall identify schools as Reward ("A" schools), Focus ("D" schools) and Priority ("F" schools). If at least five percent (5%) of schools in the state are not graded as "F" schools, the lowest five percent (5%) of school grade point designees will be identified as Priority schools. If at least ten percent (10%) of schools in the state are not graded as "D" schools, the lowest ten percent (10%) of school grade point designees will be identified as Focus schools;

(v) The State Department of Education shall discontinue the use of Star School, High-Performing, Successful, Academic Watch, Low-Performing, At-Risk of Failing and Failing school accountability designations;

(vi) The system shall include the federally compliant four-year graduation rate in school and school district accountability system calculations. Graduation rate will apply to high school and school district accountability ratings as a compensatory component. The system shall discontinue the use of the High School Completer Index (HSCI);

(vii) The school and school district accountability system shall incorporate a standards-based growth model, in order to support improvement of individual student learning;

(viii) The State Department of Education shall discontinue the use of the Quality Distribution Index (QDI);

(ix) The State Department of Education shall determine feeder patterns of schools that do not earn a school grade because the grades and subjects taught at the school do not have statewide standardized assessments needed to calculate a school grade. Upon determination of the feeder pattern, the department shall notify schools and school districts prior to the release of the school grades beginning in 2013.

Feeder schools will be assigned the accountability designation of the school to which they provide students;

(x) Standards for student, school and school district performance will be increased when student proficiency is at a seventy-five percent (75%) and/or when sixty-five percent (65%) of the schools and/or school districts are earning a grade of "B" or higher, in order to raise the standard on performance after targets are met * * *; and

(xi) The system shall include student performance on the administration of the ACT WorkKeys Assessment, which shall be weighted in the same percentage as the standard ACT Assessment as administered to students in Grade 11, for inclusion in the college and career readiness portion of the accountability rating system. The State Department of Education shall ensure equitable distribution of points under the accountability rating, in comparison to the ACT Assessment, for a Silver Status on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment. A student shall not be required to complete all of the courses within his or her career pathway for his or her performance on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment to be included in the system.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require a nonpublic school that receives no local, state or federal funds for support to become accredited by the State Board of Education.

(7) The State Board of Education shall create an accreditation audit unit under the Commission on School Accreditation to determine whether schools are complying with accreditation standards.

(8) The State Board of Education shall be specifically authorized and empowered to withhold adequate education program fund allocations, whichever is applicable, to any public school district for failure to timely report student, school personnel and fiscal data necessary to meet state and/or federal requirements.

(9) [Deleted]

(10) The State Board of Education shall establish, for those school districts failing to meet accreditation standards, a program of development to be complied with in order to receive state funds, except as otherwise provided in subsection (15) of this section when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in a school district or as otherwise provided in Section 206, Mississippi Constitution of 1890. The state board, in establishing these standards, shall provide for notice to schools and sufficient time and aid to enable schools to attempt to meet these standards, unless procedures under subsection (15) of this section have been invoked.

(11) Beginning July 1, 1998, the State Board of Education shall be charged with the implementation of the program of development in each applicable school district as follows:

(a) Develop an impairment report for each district failing to meet accreditation standards in conjunction with school district officials;

(b) Notify any applicable school district failing to meet accreditation standards that it is on probation until corrective actions are taken or until the deficiencies have been removed. The local school district shall develop a corrective action plan to improve its deficiencies. For district academic deficiencies, the corrective action plan for each such school district shall be based upon a complete analysis of the following: student test data, student grades, student attendance reports, student dropout data, existence and other relevant data. The corrective action plan shall describe the specific measures to be taken by the particular school district and school to improve: (i) instruction; (ii) curriculum; (iii) professional development; (iv) personnel and classroom organization; (v) student incentives for performance; (vi) process deficiencies; and (vii) reporting to the local school board, parents and the community. The corrective action plan shall describe the specific individuals responsible for implementing each component of the recommendation and how each will be evaluated. All corrective action plans shall be provided to the State Board of Education as may be required. The decision of the State Board of Education establishing the probationary period of time shall be final;

(c) Offer, during the probationary period, technical assistance to the school district in making corrective actions. Beginning July 1, 1998, subject to the availability of funds, the State Department of Education shall provide technical and/or financial assistance to all such school districts in order to implement each measure identified in that district's corrective action plan through professional development and on-site

assistance. Each such school district shall apply for and utilize all available federal funding in order to support its corrective action plan in addition to state funds made available under this paragraph;

(d) Assign department personnel or contract, in its discretion, with the institutions of higher learning or other appropriate private entities with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools to assist school districts;

(e) Provide for publication of public notice at least one time during the probationary period, in a newspaper published within the jurisdiction of the school district failing to meet accreditation standards, or if no newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper having a general circulation therein. The publication shall include the following: declaration of school system's status as being on probation; all details relating to the impairment report; and other information as the State Board of Education deems appropriate. Public notices issued under this section shall be subject to Section 13-3-31 and not contrary to other laws regarding newspaper publication.

(12) (a) If the recommendations for corrective action are not taken by the local school district or if the deficiencies are not removed by the end of the probationary period, the Commission on School Accreditation shall conduct a hearing to allow the affected school district to present evidence or other reasons why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. Additionally, if the local school district violates accreditation standards that have been determined by the policies and procedures of the State Board of Education to be a basis for withdrawal of school district's accreditation without a probationary period, the Commission on School Accreditation shall conduct a hearing to allow the affected school district to present evidence or other reasons why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. After its consideration of the results of the hearing, the Commission on School Accreditation shall be authorized, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to withdraw the accreditation of a public school district, and issue a request to the Governor that a state of emergency be declared in that district.

(b) If the State Board of Education and the Commission on School Accreditation determine that an extreme emergency situation exists in a school district that jeopardizes the safety, security or educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in that district and that emergency situation is believed to be related to a serious violation or violations of accreditation standards or state or federal law, or when a school district meets the State Board of Education's definition of a failing school district for two (2) consecutive full school years, or if more than fifty percent (50%) of the schools within the school district are designated as Schools At-Risk in any one (1) year, the State Board of Education may request the Governor to declare a state of emergency in that school district. For purposes of this paragraph, the declarations of a state of emergency shall not be limited to those instances when a school district's impairments are related to a lack of financial resources, but also shall include serious failure to meet minimum academic standards, as evidenced by a continued pattern of poor student performance.

(c) Whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district in response to a request made under paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, the State Board of Education may take one or more of the following actions:

(i) Declare a state of emergency, under which some or all of state funds can be escrowed except as otherwise provided in Section 206, Constitution of 1890, until the board determines corrective actions are being taken or the deficiencies have been removed, or that the needs of students warrant the release of funds. The funds may be released from escrow for any program which the board determines to have been restored to standard even though the state of emergency may not as yet be terminated for the district as a whole;

(ii) Override any decision of the local school board or superintendent of education, or both, concerning the management and operation of the school district, or initiate and make decisions concerning the management and operation of the school district;

(iii) Assign an interim superintendent, or in its discretion, contract with a private entity with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools and school districts, who will have those powers and duties prescribed in subsection (15) of this section;

(iv) Grant transfers to students who attend this school district so that they may attend other accredited schools or districts in a manner that is not in violation of state or federal law;

(v) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (a) only, if the accreditation deficiencies are related to the fact that the school district is too small, with too few resources, to meet the required standards and if another school district is willing to accept those students, abolish that district and assign that territory to another school district or districts. If the school district has proposed a voluntary consolidation with another school district or districts, then if the State Board of Education finds that it is in the best interest of the pupils of the district for the consolidation to proceed, the voluntary consolidation shall have priority over any such assignment of territory by the State Board of Education;

(vi) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (b) only, reduce local supplements paid to school district employees, including, but not limited to, instructional personnel, assistant teachers and extracurricular activities personnel, if the district's impairment is related to a lack of financial resources, but only to an extent that will result in the salaries being comparable to districts similarly situated, as determined by the State Board of Education;

(vii) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (b) only, the State Board of Education may take any action as prescribed in Section 37-17-13.

(d) At the time that satisfactory corrective action has been taken in a school district in which a state of emergency has been declared, the State Board of Education may request the Governor to declare that the state of emergency no longer exists in the district.

(e) The parent or legal guardian of a school-age child who is enrolled in a school district whose accreditation has been withdrawn by the Commission on School Accreditation and without approval of that school district may file a petition in writing to a school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation for a legal transfer. The school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation may grant the transfer according to the procedures of Section 37-15-31(1)(b). In the event the accreditation of the student's home district is restored after a transfer has been approved, the student may continue to attend the transferee school district. The per-pupil amount of the adequate education program allotment, including the collective "add-on program" costs for the student's home school district shall be transferred monthly to the school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation that has granted the transfer of the school-age child.

(f) Upon the declaration of a state of emergency for any school district in which the Governor has previously declared a state of emergency, the State Board of Education may either:

(i) Place the school district into district transformation, in which the school district shall remain until it has fulfilled all conditions related to district transformation. If the district was assigned an accreditation rating of "D" or "F" when placed into district transformation, the district shall be eligible to return to local control when the school district has attained a "C" rating or higher for five (5) consecutive years, unless the State Board of Education determines that the district is eligible to return to local control in less than the five-year period;

(ii) Abolish the school district and administratively consolidate the school district with one or more existing school districts;

(iii) Reduce the size of the district and administratively consolidate parts of the district, as determined by the State Board of Education. However, no school district which is not in district transformation shall be required to accept additional territory over the objection of the district; or

(iv) Require the school district to develop and implement a district improvement plan with prescriptive guidance and support from the State Department of Education, with the goal of helping the district improve student achievement. Failure of the school board, superintendent and school district staff to implement the plan with fidelity and participate in the activities provided as support by the department shall result in the school district retaining its eligibility for district transformation.

(g) There is established a Mississippi Recovery School District within the State Department of Education under the supervision of a deputy superintendent appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Education, who is subject to the approval by the State Board of Education. The Mississippi Recovery School District shall provide leadership and oversight of all school districts that are subject to district transformation status, as defined in Chapters 17 and 18, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall have all the authority granted under these two (2) chapters. The Mississippi Department of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall develop policies for the operation and management of the Mississippi Recovery School District. The deputy state superintendent is responsible for the Mississippi Recovery School District and shall be authorized to oversee the administration of the Mississippi Recovery School District, oversee the interim superintendent assigned by the State Board of Education to a local school district, hear appeals that would normally be filed by students, parents or employees and heard by a local school board, which hearings on appeal shall be conducted in a prompt and timely manner in the school district from which the appeal originated in order to ensure the ability of appellants, other parties and witnesses to appeal without undue burden of travel costs or loss of time from work, and perform other related duties as assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education. The deputy state superintendent is responsible for the Mississippi Recovery School District and shall determine, based on rigorous professional qualifications set by the State Board of Education, the appropriate individuals to be engaged to be interim superintendents and financial advisors, if applicable, of all school districts subject to district transformation status. After State Board of Education approval, these individuals shall be deemed independent contractors.

(13) Upon the declaration of a state of emergency in a school district under subsection (12) of this section, the Commission on School Accreditation shall be responsible for public notice at least once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published within the jurisdiction of the school district failing to meet accreditation standards, or if no newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper having a general circulation therein. The size of the notice shall be no smaller than one-fourth (1/4) of a standard newspaper page and shall be printed in bold print. If an interim superintendent has been appointed for the school district, the notice shall begin as follows: "By authority of Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, adopted by the Mississippi Legislature during the 1991 Regular Session, this school district (name of school district) is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Education acting through its appointed interim superintendent (name of interim superintendent)."

The notice also shall include, in the discretion of the State Board of Education, any or all details relating to the school district's emergency status, including the declaration of a state of emergency in the school district and a description of the district's impairment deficiencies, conditions of any district transformation status and corrective actions recommended and being taken. Public notices issued under this section shall be subject to Section 13-3-31 and not contrary to other laws regarding newspaper publication.

Upon termination of the state of emergency in a school district, the Commission on School Accreditation shall cause notice to be published in the school district in the same manner provided in this section, to include any or all details relating to the corrective action taken in the school district that resulted in the termination of the state of emergency.

(14) The State Board of Education or the Commission on School Accreditation shall have the authority to require school districts to produce the necessary reports, correspondence, financial statements, and any other documents and information necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant any individual, corporation, board or interim superintendent the authority to levy taxes except in accordance with presently existing statutory provisions.

(15) (a) Whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district in response to a request made under subsection (12) of this section, the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may assign an interim superintendent to the school district, or in its discretion, may contract with an appropriate private entity with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools and school districts, who will

be responsible for the administration, management and operation of the school district, including, but not limited to, the following activities:

(i) Approving or disapproving all financial obligations of the district, including, but not limited to, the employment, termination, nonrenewal and reassignment of all licensed and nonlicensed personnel, contractual agreements and purchase orders, and approving or disapproving all claim dockets and the issuance of checks; in approving or disapproving employment contracts of superintendents, assistant superintendents or principals, the interim superintendent shall not be required to comply with the time limitations prescribed in Sections 37-9-15 and 37-9-105;

(ii) Supervising the day-to-day activities of the district's staff, including reassigning the duties and responsibilities of personnel in a manner which, in the determination of the interim superintendent, will best suit the needs of the district;

(iii) Reviewing the district's total financial obligations and operations and making recommendations to the district for cost savings, including, but not limited to, reassigning the duties and responsibilities of staff;

(iv) Attending all meetings of the district's school board and administrative staff;

(v) Approving or disapproving all athletic, band and other extracurricular activities and any matters related to those activities;

(vi) Maintaining a detailed account of recommendations made to the district and actions taken in response to those recommendations;

(vii) Reporting periodically to the State Board of Education on the progress or lack of progress being made in the district to improve the district's impairments during the state of emergency; and

(viii) Appointing a parent advisory committee, comprised of parents of students in the school district that may make recommendations to the interim superintendent concerning the administration, management and operation of the school district.

The cost of the salary of the interim superintendent and any other actual and necessary costs related to district transformation status paid by the State Department of Education shall be reimbursed by the local school district from funds other than adequate education program funds. The department shall submit an itemized statement to the superintendent of the local school district for reimbursement purposes, and any unpaid balance may be withheld from the district's adequate education program funds.

At the time that the Governor, in accordance with the request of the State Board of Education, declares that the state of emergency no longer exists in a school district, the powers and responsibilities of the interim superintendent assigned to the district shall cease.

(b) In order to provide loans to school districts under a state of emergency or in district transformation status that have impairments related to a lack of financial resources, the School District Emergency Assistance Fund is created as a special fund in the State Treasury into which monies may be transferred or appropriated by the Legislature from any available public education funds. Funds in the School District Emergency Assistance Fund up to a maximum balance of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) annually shall not lapse but shall be available for expenditure in subsequent years subject to approval of the State Board of Education. Any amount in the fund in excess of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund or the Education Enhancement Fund, depending on the source of the fund.

The State Board of Education may loan monies from the School District Emergency Assistance Fund to a school district that is under a state of emergency or in district transformation status, in those amounts, as determined by the board, that are necessary to correct the district's impairments related to a lack of financial resources. The loans shall be evidenced by an agreement between the school district and the State Board of Education and shall be repayable in principal, without necessity of interest, to the School District Emergency Assistance Fund by the school district from any allowable funds that are available. The total amount loaned to the district shall be due and payable within five (5) years after the impairments related to a lack of financial resources are corrected. If a school district fails to make payments on the loan in accordance with the terms of the

agreement between the district and the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education, may withhold that district's adequate education program funds in an amount and manner that will effectuate repayment consistent with the terms of the agreement; the funds withheld by the department shall be deposited into the School District Emergency Assistance Fund.

The State Board of Education shall develop a protocol that will outline the performance standards and requisite timeline deemed necessary for extreme emergency measures. If the State Board of Education determines that an extreme emergency exists, simultaneous with the powers exercised in this subsection, it shall take immediate action against all parties responsible for the affected school districts having been determined to be in an extreme emergency. The action shall include, but not be limited to, initiating civil actions to recover funds and criminal actions to account for criminal activity. Any funds recovered by the State Auditor or the State Board of Education from the surety bonds of school officials or from any civil action brought under this subsection shall be applied toward the repayment of any loan made to a school district hereunder.

(16) If a majority of the membership of the school board of any school district resigns from office, the State Board of Education shall be authorized to assign an interim superintendent, who shall be responsible for the administration, management and operation of the school district until the time as new board members are selected or the Governor declares a state of emergency in that school district under subsection (12), whichever occurs first. In that case, the State Board of Education, acting through the interim superintendent, shall have all powers which were held by the previously existing school board, and may take any action as prescribed in Section 37-17-13 and/or one or more of the actions authorized in this section.

(17) (a) If the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district, the State Board of Education may take all such action pertaining to that school district as is authorized under subsection (12) or (15) of this section, including the appointment of an interim superintendent. The State Board of Education shall also have the authority to issue a written request with documentation to the Governor asking that the office of the superintendent of the school district be subject to recall. If the Governor declares that the office of the superintendent of the school district is subject to recall, the local school board or the county election commission, as the case may be, shall take the following action:

(i) If the office of superintendent is an elected office, in those years in which there is no general election, the name shall be submitted by the State Board of Education to the county election commission, and the county election commission shall submit the question at a special election to the voters eligible to vote for the office of superintendent within the county, and the special election shall be held within sixty (60) days from notification by the State Board of Education. The ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"Shall County Superintendent of Education _____ (here the name of the superintendent shall be inserted) of the _____ (here the title of the school district shall be inserted) be retained in office? Yes _____ No _____"

If a majority of those voting on the question votes against retaining the superintendent in office, a vacancy shall exist which shall be filled in the manner provided by law; otherwise, the superintendent shall remain in office for the term of that office, and at the expiration of the term shall be eligible for qualification and election to another term or terms.

(ii) If the office of superintendent is an appointive office, the name of the superintendent shall be submitted by the president of the local school board at the next regular meeting of the school board for retention in office or dismissal from office. If a majority of the school board voting on the question vote against retaining the superintendent in office, a vacancy shall exist which shall be filled as provided by law, otherwise the superintendent shall remain in office for the duration of his employment contract.

(b) The State Board of Education may issue a written request with documentation to the Governor asking that the membership of the school board of the school district shall be subject to recall. Whenever the Governor declares that the membership of the school board is subject to recall, the county election commission or the local governing authorities, as the case may be, shall take the following action:

(i) If the members of the local school board are elected to office, in those years in which the specific member's office is not up for election, the name of the school board member shall be submitted by the State Board of Education to the county election commission, and the county election commission at a special election shall submit the question to the voters eligible to vote for the particular member's office within the county or school district, as the case may be, and the special election shall be held within sixty (60) days from notification by the State Board of Education. The ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"Members of the _____ (here the title of the school district shall be inserted) School Board who are not up for election this year are subject to recall because of the school district's failure to meet critical accountability standards as defined in the letter of notification to the Governor from the State Board of Education. Shall the member of the school board representing this area, _____ (here the name of the school board member holding the office shall be inserted), be retained in office? Yes _____ No _____"

If a majority of those voting on the question vote against retaining the member of the school board in office, a vacancy in that board member's office shall exist, which shall be filled in the manner provided by law; otherwise, the school board member shall remain in office for the term of that office, and at the expiration of the term of office, the member shall be eligible for qualification and election to another term or terms of office. However, if a majority of the school board members are recalled in the special election, the Governor shall authorize the board of supervisors of the county in which the school district is situated to appoint members to fill the offices of the members recalled. The board of supervisors shall make those appointments in the manner provided by law for filling vacancies on the school board, and the appointed members shall serve until the office is filled at the next regular special election or general election.

(ii) If the local school board is an appointed school board, the name of all school board members shall be submitted as a collective board by the president of the municipal or county governing authority, as the case may be, at the next regular meeting of the governing authority for retention in office or dismissal from office. If a majority of the governing authority voting on the question vote against retaining the board in office, a vacancy shall exist in each school board member's office, which shall be filled as provided by law; otherwise, the members of the appointed school board shall remain in office for the duration of their term of appointment, and those members may be reappointed.

(iii) If the local school board is comprised of both elected and appointed members, the elected members shall be subject to recall in the manner provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), and the appointed members shall be subject to recall in the manner provided in subparagraph (ii).

(18) Beginning with the school district audits conducted for the 1997-1998 fiscal year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require each school district to comply with standards established by the State Department of Audit for the verification of fixed assets and the auditing of fixed assets records as a minimum requirement for accreditation.

(19) Before December 1, 1999, the State Board of Education shall recommend a program to the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate for identifying and rewarding public schools that improve or are high performing. The program shall be described by the board in a written report, which shall include criteria and a process through which improving schools and high-performing schools will be identified and rewarded.

The State Superintendent of Public Education and the State Board of Education also shall develop a comprehensive accountability plan to ensure that local school boards, superintendents, principals and teachers are held accountable for student achievement. A written report on the accountability plan shall be submitted to the Education Committees of both houses of the Legislature before December 1, 1999, with any necessary legislative recommendations.

(20) Before January 1, 2008, the State Board of Education shall evaluate and submit a recommendation to the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the

Senate on inclusion of graduation rate and dropout rate in the school level accountability system.

(21) If a local school district is determined as failing and placed into district transformation status for reasons authorized by the provisions of this section, the interim superintendent appointed to the district shall, within forty-five (45) days after being appointed, present a detailed and structured corrective action plan to move the local school district out of district transformation status to the deputy superintendent. A copy of the interim superintendent's corrective action plan shall also be filed with the State Board of Education.

SECTION 9. Beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development, and in conjunction with the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall require each educator preparation program in the state to include, as part of its curriculum, a Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination and a Praxis II examination course of study, which shall serve as a preparatory review course with emphasis on the concepts and exam skills necessary for success on the exam, and reinforces students' knowledge through thought-provoking examples and Praxis exam questions. Upon completion of the course, students shall have mastered concepts as they are tested so that students can excel within the time constraints of the exam."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1253**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, McCray, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Currie, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Present--Bailey, Crudup. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

H. B. No. 536: Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st):

AMEND by striking Section 7 through Section 12 in their entirety and renumbering the succeeding sections.

SECTION 7. Section 37-15-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-15-38. (1) The following phrases have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) A dual enrolled student is a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school.

(b) A dual credit student is a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school and who is receiving high school and college credit for postsecondary coursework.

(2) A local school board, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board shall establish a dual enrollment system under which students in the school district who meet the prescribed criteria of this section may be enrolled in a postsecondary institution in Mississippi while they are still in school.

(3) Dual credit eligibility. Before credits earned by a qualified high school student from a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning may be transferred to the student's home school district, the student must be properly enrolled in a dual enrollment program.

(4) Admission criteria for dual enrollment in community and junior college or university programs. The Mississippi Community College Board and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning may recommend to the State Board of Education admission criteria for dual enrollment programs under which high school students may enroll at a community or junior college or university while they are still attending high school and enrolled in high school courses. Students may be admitted to enroll in community or junior college courses under the dual enrollment programs if they meet that individual institution's stated dual enrollment admission requirements.

(5) Tuition and cost responsibility. Tuition and costs for university-level courses and community and junior college courses offered under a dual enrollment program may be paid for by the postsecondary institution, the local school district, the parents or legal guardians of the student, or by grants, foundations or other private or public sources. Payment for tuition and any other costs must be made directly to the credit-granting institution.

(6) Transportation responsibility. Any transportation required by a student to participate in the dual enrollment program is the responsibility of the parent, custodian or legal guardian of the student. Transportation costs may be paid from any available public or private sources, including the local school district.

(7) School district average daily attendance credit. When dually enrolled, the student may be counted, for adequate education program funding purposes, in the average daily attendance of the public school district in which the student attends high school.

(8) High school student transcript transfer requirements. Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted to a dual credit program must be recorded on the high school student record and on the college transcript at the university or community or junior college where the student attends classes. The transcript of the university or community or junior college coursework may be released to another institution or applied toward college graduation requirements.

(9) Determining factor of prerequisites for dual enrollment courses. Each university and community or junior college participating in a dual enrollment program shall determine course prerequisites. Course prerequisites shall be the same for dual enrolled students as for regularly enrolled students at that university or community or junior college.

(10) Process for determining articulation of curriculum between high school, university, and community and junior college courses. All dual credit courses must meet the standards established at the postsecondary level. Postsecondary level developmental courses may not be considered as meeting the requirements of the dual credit program. Dual credit memorandum of understandings must be established between each postsecondary institution and the school district implementing a dual credit program.

(11) [Deleted]

(12) Eligible courses for dual credit programs. Courses eligible for dual credit include, but are not necessarily limited to, foreign languages, advanced math courses, advanced science courses, performing arts, advanced business and technology, and career and technical courses. Distance Learning Collaborative Program courses approved under Section 37-67-1 shall be fully eligible for dual credit. All courses being considered for dual credit must receive unconditional approval from the superintendent of the local school

district and the chief instructional officer at the participating community or junior college or university in order for college credit to be awarded. A university or community or junior college shall make the final decision on what courses are eligible for semester hour credits.

(13) High school Carnegie unit equivalency. One (1) three-hour university or community or junior college course is equal to one (1) high school Carnegie unit.

(14) Course alignment. The universities, community and junior colleges and the State Department of Education shall periodically review their respective policies and assess the place of dual credit courses within the context of their traditional offerings.

(15) Maximum dual credits allowed. It is the intent of the dual enrollment program to make it possible for every eligible student who desires to earn a semester's worth of college credit in high school to do so. A qualified dually enrolled high school student must be allowed to earn an unlimited number of college or university credits for dual credit.

(16) Dual credit program allowances. A student may be granted credit delivered through the following means:

(a) Examination preparation taught at a high school by a qualified teacher. A student may receive credit at the secondary level after completion of an approved course and passing the standard examination, such as an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course through which a high school student is allowed CLEP credit by making a three (3) or higher on the end-of-course examination.

(b) College or university courses taught at a high school or designated postsecondary site by a qualified teacher who is an employee of the school district and approved as an instructor by the collaborating college or university.

(c) College or university courses taught at a college, university or high school by an instructor employed by the college or university and approved by the collaborating school district.

(d) Online courses of any public university, community or junior college in Mississippi.

(17) Qualifications of dual credit instructors. A dual credit academic instructor must meet the requirements set forth by the regional accrediting association (Southern Association of College and Schools). University and community and junior college personnel have the sole authority in the selection of dual credit instructors.

A dual credit career and technical education instructor must meet the requirements set forth by the Mississippi Community College Board in the qualifications manual for postsecondary career and technical personnel.

(18) Guidance on local agreements. The Chief Academic Officer of the State Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Chief Instructional Officers of the Mississippi Community College Board and the State Department of Education, working collaboratively, shall develop a template to be used by the individual community and junior colleges and institutions of higher learning for consistent implementation of the dual enrollment program throughout the State of Mississippi.

(19) Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option. A local school board and the local community colleges board shall establish a Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option Program under which potential or recent student dropouts may dually enroll in their home school and a local community college in a dual credit program consisting of high school completion coursework and a community college credential, certificate or degree program. Students completing the dual enrollment-credit option may obtain their high school diploma while obtaining a community college credential, certificate or degree. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall assist students who have successfully completed the Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option in securing a job upon the application of the student or the participating school or community college. The Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option Program will be implemented statewide in the 2012-2013 school year and thereafter. The State Board of Education, local school board and the local community college board shall establish criteria for the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program. Students enrolled in the program will not be eligible to participate in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities at the home school district. Tuition and costs for community college courses offered under the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program shall not be charged to the student, parents or legal guardians. When dually enrolled, the student shall be counted

for adequate education program funding purposes, in the average daily attendance of the public school district in which the student attends high school, as provided in Section 37-151-7(1)(a). Any transportation required by the student to participate in the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian of the student, and transportation costs may be paid from any available public or private sources, including the local school district. Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted to this Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program shall be recorded on the high school student record and on the college transcript at the community college and high school where the student attends classes. The transcript of the community college coursework may be released to another institution or applied toward college graduation requirements. Any course that is required for subject area testing as a requirement for graduation from a public school in Mississippi is eligible for dual credit, and courses eligible for dual credit shall also include career, technical and degree program courses. All courses eligible for dual credit shall be approved by the superintendent of the local school district and the chief instructional officer at the participating community college in order for college credit to be awarded. A community college shall make the final decision on what courses are eligible for semester hour credits and the local school superintendent, subject to approval by the Mississippi Department of Education, shall make the final decision on the transfer of college courses credited to the student's high school transcript.

SECTION 8. Section 37-16-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-16-17. (1) Purpose. (a) The purpose of this section is to create a quality option in Mississippi's high schools for students not wishing to pursue a baccalaureate degree, which shall consist of challenging academic courses and modern career-technical studies. The goal for students pursuing the career *** technical education pathways is to graduate from high school with a standard diploma and credit toward a community college certification in a career-technical field. These students also shall be encouraged to take the national assessment in the career-technical field in which they become certified.

(b) The State Board of Education shall develop and adopt course and curriculum requirements for career *** technical education pathways offered by local public school boards in accordance with this section. The Mississippi Community College Board and the State Board of Education jointly shall determine course and curriculum requirements for the career *** technical education pathways. The State Board of Education shall provide notice to all incoming middle school students and junior high students of the career technical education pathways offered by local school boards. Such notice shall include the career technical education pathways available, the course requirements of each pathways, how to enroll in the pathway and any other necessary information as determined by the State Board of Education.

(2) *** Career technical education pathway; description; curriculum. (a) A career *** technical education pathway shall provide a student with greater technical skill and a strong academic core and shall be offered to each high school student enrolled in a public school district. The career *** technical education pathway shall be linked to postsecondary options and shall prepare students to pursue either a degree or certification from a postsecondary institution, an industry-based training or certification, an apprenticeship, the military, or immediate entrance into a career field. The career *** technical education pathway shall be designed primarily for those students who are not college bound and shall provide them with alternatives to entrance into a four-year university or college after high school graduation.

(b) Students pursuing a career *** technical education pathway shall be afforded the opportunity to dually enroll in a community or technical college or to participate in a business internship or work-study program, when such opportunities are available and appropriate.

(c) Each public school district shall offer a career *** technical education pathway approved by the State Board of Education.

(d) Students in a career *** technical education pathway shall complete an academic core of courses and a career and technical sequence of courses.

(e) The *** twenty-four (24) course unit requirements for the career *** technical education pathway may include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) English I;

- (ii) English II;
- (iii) Technical writing;
- (iv) Computer programming;
- (v) Algebra I;
- (vi) Personal Finance;
- (vii) Business/construction mathematics;
- (viii) Computer science;
- (ix) Biology;
- (x) Earth and Space Science;
- (xi) U.S. History;
- (xii) Mississippi Studies/U.S. Government;
- (xiii) Health;
- (xiv) Physical Education;
- (xv) Soft skills, which include, but are not limited to, social graces, communication abilities, language skills, personal habits, cognitive or emotional empathy, time management, teamwork and leadership traits;
- (xvi) Career technical education pathway courses; and
- (xvii) Integrated technology.

Academic courses within the career * * * technical education pathway of the standard diploma shall provide the knowledge and skill necessary for proficiency on the state subject area tests.

(f) The courses provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection may be tailored to the individual needs of the school district as long as the amendments align with the basic course requirements of paragraph (e).

(3) Nothing in this section shall disallow the development of a dual enrollment program with a technical college so long as an individual school district, with approval from the State Department of Education, agrees to implement such a program in connection with a technical college and the agreement is also approved by the proprietary school's commission.

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SECTION 9. Section 37-3-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-3-2. (1) There is established within the State Department of Education the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission to make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

(2) (a) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) qualified members. The membership of the commission shall be composed of the following members to be appointed, three (3) from each of the four (4) congressional districts, as such districts existed on January 1, 2011, in accordance with the population calculations determined by the 2010 federal decennial census, including: four (4) classroom teachers; three (3) school administrators; one (1) representative of schools of education of public institutions of higher learning located within the state to be recommended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; one (1) representative from the schools of education of independent institutions of higher learning to be recommended by the Board of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges; one (1) representative from public community and junior colleges located within the state to be recommended by the Mississippi Community College Board; one (1) local school board member; and four (4) laypersons. Three (3) members of the commission, at the sole discretion of the State Board of Education, shall be appointed from the state at large.

(b) All appointments shall be made by the State Board of Education after consultation with the State Superintendent of Public Education. The first appointments by the State Board of Education shall be made as follows: five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; and five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years.

(3) The State Board of Education when making appointments shall designate a chairman. The commission shall meet at least once every two (2) months or more often if needed.

Members of the commission shall be compensated at a rate of per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(4) (a) An appropriate staff member of the State Department of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education to serve as executive secretary and coordinator for the commission. No less than two (2) other appropriate staff members of the State Department of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education to serve on the staff of the commission.

(b) An Office of Educator Misconduct Evaluations shall be established within the State Department of Education to assist the commission in responding to infractions and violations, and in conducting hearings and enforcing the provisions of subsections (11), (12), (13), (14) and (15) of this section, and violations of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics.

(5) It shall be the duty of the commission to:

(a) Set standards and criteria, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, for all educator preparation programs in the state;

(b) Recommend to the State Board of Education each year approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in the state, subject to a process and schedule determined by the State Board of Education;

(c) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, standards for initial teacher certification and licensure in all fields;

(d) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, standards for the renewal of teacher licenses in all fields;

(e) Review and evaluate objective measures of teacher performance, such as test scores, which may form part of the licensure process, and to make recommendations for their use;

(f) Review all existing requirements for certification and licensure;

(g) Consult with groups whose work may be affected by the commission's decisions;

(h) Prepare reports from time to time on current practices and issues in the general area of teacher education and certification and licensure;

(i) Hold hearings concerning standards for teachers' and administrators' education and certification and licensure with approval of the State Board of Education;

(j) Hire expert consultants with approval of the State Board of Education;

(k) Set up ad hoc committees to advise on specific areas; and

(l) Perform such other functions as may fall within their general charge and which may be delegated to them by the State Board of Education.

(6) (a) Standard License - Approved Program Route. An educator entering the school system of Mississippi for the first time and meeting all requirements as established by the State Board of Education shall be granted a standard five-year license. Persons who possess two (2) years of classroom experience as an assistant teacher or who have taught for one (1) year in an accredited public or private school shall be allowed to fulfill student teaching requirements under the supervision of a qualified participating teacher approved by an accredited college of education. The local school district in which the assistant teacher is employed shall compensate such assistant teachers at the required salary level during the period of time such individual is completing student teaching requirements. Applicants for a standard license shall submit to the department:

(i) An application on a department form;

(ii) An official transcript of completion of a teacher education program approved by the department or a nationally accredited program, subject to the following: Licensure to teach in Mississippi prekindergarten through kindergarten classrooms shall require completion of a teacher education program or a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis from a program accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) or by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Licensure to teach in Mississippi kindergarten, for those applicants who have completed a teacher education program, and in Grade 1 through Grade 4 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary program of studies. Licenses for Grades 4

through 8 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary program of studies with two (2) or more areas of concentration. Licensure to teach in Mississippi Grades 7 through 12 shall require a major in an academic field other than education, or a combination of disciplines other than education. Students preparing to teach a subject shall complete a major in the respective subject discipline. All applicants for standard licensure shall demonstrate that such person's college preparation in those fields was in accordance with the standards set forth by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) or, for those applicants who have a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis, the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). Effective July 1, 2016, for initial elementary education licensure, a teacher candidate must earn a passing score on a rigorous test of scientifically research-based reading instruction and intervention and data-based decision-making principles as approved by the State Board of Education;

(iii) A copy of test scores evidencing satisfactory completion of nationally administered examinations of achievement, such as the Educational Testing Service's teacher testing examinations;

(iv) Any other document required by the State Board of Education; and

(v) From and after July 1, 2020, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi who did not meet the following criteria for entrance into an approved teacher education program:

1. An ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent);

or

2. Achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; or

3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program.

(b) (i) Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route. From and after July 1, 2020, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi under the alternate route who did not meet the following criteria:

* * *1. An ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent); or

* * *2. Achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; or

* * *3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program.

(ii) Beginning July 1, 2020, an individual who has attained a passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators or an ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent) or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program and a passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment in the requested area of endorsement may apply for admission to the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program to teach students in Grades 7 through 12 if the individual meets the requirements of this paragraph (b). The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring that teacher preparation institutions which provide the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program for the preparation of nontraditional teachers shall meet the standards and comply with the provisions of this paragraph.

* * *1. The Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) shall include an intensive eight-week, nine-semester-hour summer program or a curriculum of study in which the student matriculates in the fall or spring semester, which shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in education, effective teaching strategies, classroom management, state curriculum requirements, planning and instruction, instructional methods and pedagogy, using test results to improve instruction, and a one (1) semester three-hour supervised internship to be completed while the teacher is employed as a full-time teacher intern in a local school district. The TMI shall be implemented on a pilot program basis, with courses to be offered at up to four (4) locations in the state, with one (1) TMI site to be located in each of the three (3) Mississippi Supreme Court districts.

* * *2. The school sponsoring the teacher intern shall enter into a written agreement with the institution providing the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program, under terms and conditions as agreed upon by the contracting parties, providing that the school district shall provide teacher interns seeking a nontraditional provisional teaching license with a one-year classroom teaching experience. The teacher intern shall successfully complete the one (1) semester three-hour intensive internship in the school district during the semester immediately following successful completion of the TMI and prior to the end of the one-year classroom teaching experience.

* * *3. Upon completion of the nine-semester-hour TMI or the fall or spring semester option, the individual shall submit his transcript to the commission for provisional licensure of the intern teacher, and the intern teacher shall be issued a provisional teaching license by the commission, which will allow the individual to legally serve as a teacher while the person completes a nontraditional teacher preparation internship program.

* * *4. During the semester of internship in the school district, the teacher preparation institution shall monitor the performance of the intern teacher. The school district that employs the provisional teacher shall supervise the provisional teacher during the teacher's intern year of employment under a nontraditional provisional license, and shall, in consultation with the teacher intern's mentor at the school district of employment, submit to the commission a comprehensive evaluation of the teacher's performance sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the nontraditional provisional license. If the comprehensive evaluation establishes that the provisional teacher intern's performance fails to meet the standards of the approved nontraditional teacher preparation internship program, the individual shall not be approved for a standard license.

* * *5. An individual issued a provisional teaching license under this nontraditional route shall successfully complete, at a minimum, a one-year beginning teacher mentoring and induction program administered by the employing school district with the assistance of the State Department of Education.

* * *6. Upon successful completion of the TMI and the internship provisional license period, applicants for a Standard License - Nontraditional Route shall submit to the commission a transcript of successful completion of the twelve (12) semester hours required in the internship program, and the employing school district shall submit to the commission a recommendation for standard licensure of the intern. If the school district recommends licensure, the applicant shall be issued a Standard License - Nontraditional Route which shall be valid for a five-year period and be renewable.

* * *7. At the discretion of the teacher preparation institution, the individual shall be allowed to credit the twelve (12) semester hours earned in the nontraditional teacher internship program toward the graduate hours required for a Master of Arts in Teacher (MAT) Degree.

* * *8. The local school district in which the nontraditional teacher intern or provisional licensee is employed shall compensate such teacher interns at Step 1 of the required salary level during the period of time such individual is completing teacher internship requirements and shall compensate such Standard License - Nontraditional Route teachers at Step 3 of the required salary level when they complete license requirements.

(iii) Implementation of the TMI program provided for under this paragraph (b) shall be contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated specifically for such purpose by the Legislature. Such implementation of the TMI program may not be deemed to prohibit the State Board of Education from developing and implementing additional alternative route teacher licensure programs, as deemed appropriate by the board. The emergency certification program in effect prior to July 1, 2002, shall remain in effect.

(iv) A Standard License - Approved Program Route shall be issued for a five-year period, and may be renewed. Recognizing teaching as a profession, a hiring preference shall be granted to persons holding a Standard License - Approved Program Route or Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route over persons holding any other license.

(c) Special License - Expert Citizen. In order to allow a school district to offer specialized or technical courses, the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education, may grant a * * * five-year expert citizen-teacher license to local business or other professional personnel to teach in a public school or nonpublic school accredited or approved by the state. Such person shall be required to have a high school diploma, an industry-recognized certification related to the subject area in which they are teaching and a minimum of five (5) years of relevant experience but shall not be required to hold an associate or bachelor's degree, provided that he or she possesses the minimum qualifications required for his or her profession, and may begin teaching upon his employment by the local school board and licensure by the Mississippi Department of Education. If a school board hires a career technical education pathway instructor who does not have an industry certification in his or her area of expertise but does have the required experience, the school board shall spread their decision on the minutes at their next meeting and provide a detailed explanation for why they hired the instructor. Such instructor shall present the minutes of the school board to the State Department of Education when he or she applies for an expert citizen license. The board shall adopt rules and regulations to administer the expert citizen-teacher license. A Special License - Expert Citizen may be renewed in accordance with the established rules and regulations of the State Department of Education.

(d) Special License - Nonrenewable. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations to allow those educators not meeting requirements in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subsection (6) to be licensed for a period of not more than three (3) years, except by special approval of the State Board of Education.

(e) Nonlicensed Teaching Personnel. A nonlicensed person may teach for a maximum of three (3) periods per teaching day in a public school district or a nonpublic school accredited/approved by the state. Such person shall submit to the department a transcript or record of his education and experience which substantiates his preparation for the subject to be taught and shall meet other qualifications specified by the commission and approved by the State Board of Education. In no case shall any local school board hire nonlicensed personnel as authorized under this paragraph in excess of five percent (5%) of the total number of licensed personnel in any single school.

(f) Special License - Transitional Bilingual Education. Beginning July 1, 2003, the commission shall grant special licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who possess such qualifications as are prescribed in this section. Teachers of transitional bilingual education shall be compensated by local school boards at not less than one (1) step on the regular salary schedule applicable to permanent teachers licensed under this section. The commission shall grant special licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who present the commission with satisfactory evidence that they (i) possess a speaking and reading ability in a language, other than English, in which bilingual education is offered and communicative skills in English; (ii) are in good health and sound moral character; (iii) possess a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree in teacher education from an accredited institution of higher education; (iv) meet such requirements as to courses of study, semester hours therein, experience and training as may be required by the commission; and (v) are legally present in the United States and possess legal authorization for employment. A teacher of transitional bilingual education serving under a special license shall be under an exemption from standard licensure if he achieves the requisite qualifications therefor. Two (2) years of service by a teacher of transitional bilingual education under such an exemption shall be credited to the teacher in acquiring a Standard Educator License. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit a local school board from employing a teacher licensed in an appropriate field as approved by the State Department of Education to teach in a program in transitional bilingual education.

(g) In the event any school district meets the highest accreditation standards as defined by the State Board of Education in the accountability system, the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may exempt such school district from any restrictions in paragraph (e) relating to the employment of nonlicensed teaching personnel.

(h) Highly Qualified Teachers. Beginning July 1, 2006, any teacher from any state meeting the federal definition of highly qualified, as described in the No Child Left Behind Act, must be granted a standard five-year license by the State Department of Education.

(7) Administrator License. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations and to administer the licensure process of the school administrators in the State of Mississippi. There will be four (4) categories of administrator licensure with exceptions only through special approval of the State Board of Education.

(a) Administrator License - Nonpracticing. Those educators holding administrative endorsement but having no administrative experience or not serving in an administrative position on January 15, 1997.

(b) Administrator License - Entry Level. Those educators holding administrative endorsement and having met the department's qualifications to be eligible for employment in a Mississippi school district. Administrator License - Entry Level shall be issued for a five-year period and shall be nonrenewable.

(c) Standard Administrator License - Career Level. An administrator who has met all the requirements of the department for standard administrator licensure.

(d) Administrator License - Nontraditional Route. The board may establish a nontraditional route for licensing administrative personnel. Such nontraditional route for administrative licensure shall be available for persons holding, but not limited to, a master of business administration degree, a master of public administration degree, a master of public planning and policy degree or a doctor of jurisprudence degree from an accredited college or university, with five (5) years of administrative or supervisory experience. Successful completion of the requirements of alternate route licensure for administrators shall qualify the person for a standard administrator license.

Individuals seeking school administrator licensure under paragraph (b), (c) or (d) shall successfully complete a training program and an assessment process prescribed by the State Board of Education. All applicants for school administrator licensure shall meet all requirements prescribed by the department under paragraph (b), (c) or (d), and the cost of the assessment process required shall be paid by the applicant.

(8) Reciprocity. (a) The department shall grant a standard license to any individual who possesses a valid standard license from another state and meets minimum Mississippi license requirements or equivalent requirements as determined by the State Board of Education. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

(b) The department shall grant a nonrenewable special license to any individual who possesses a credential which is less than a standard license or certification from another state. Such special license shall be valid for the current school year plus one (1) additional school year to expire on June 30 of the second year, not to exceed a total period of twenty-four (24) months, during which time the applicant shall be required to complete the requirements for a standard license in Mississippi.

(9) Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for the renewal and reinstatement of educator and administrator licenses. Effective May 15, 1997, the valid standard license held by an educator shall be extended five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the license in order to afford the educator adequate time to fulfill new renewal requirements established pursuant to this subsection. An educator completing a master of education, educational specialist or doctor of education degree in May 1997 for the purpose of upgrading the educator's license to a higher class shall be given this extension of five (5) years plus five (5) additional years for completion of a higher degree.

(10) All controversies involving the issuance, revocation, suspension or any change whatsoever in the licensure of an educator required to hold a license shall be initially heard in a hearing de novo, by the commission or by a subcommittee established by the commission and composed of commission members, or by a hearing officer retained and appointed by the commission, for the purpose of holding hearings. Any complaint seeking the denial of issuance, revocation or suspension of a license shall be by sworn affidavit filed with the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. The decision thereon by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, shall be final, unless the aggrieved party shall appeal to the State Board

of Education, within ten (10) days, of the decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal to the State Board of Education shall be perfected upon filing a notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of the costs of the preparation of the record of proceedings by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal shall be on the record previously made before the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations adopted by the board. The decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer shall not be disturbed on appeal if supported by substantial evidence, was not arbitrary or capricious, within the authority of the commission, and did not violate some statutory or constitutional right. The State Board of Education in its authority may reverse, or remand with instructions, the decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. The decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

(11) (a) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, may deny an application for any teacher or administrator license for one or more of the following:

(i) Lack of qualifications which are prescribed by law or regulations adopted by the State Board of Education;

(ii) The applicant has a physical, emotional or mental disability that renders the applicant unfit to perform the duties authorized by the license, as certified by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist;

(iii) The applicant is actively addicted to or actively dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens or other drugs having similar effect, at the time of application for a license;

(iv) Fraud or deceit committed by the applicant in securing or attempting to secure such certification and license;

(v) Failing or refusing to furnish reasonable evidence of identification;

(vi) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this subparagraph (vi) of this paragraph (a), a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(vii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or post-release supervision for a felony or conviction, as defined by federal or state law. However, this disqualification expires upon the end of the probationary or post-release supervision period.

(b) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, shall deny an application for any teacher or administrator license, or immediately revoke the current teacher or administrator license, for one or more of the following:

(i) If the applicant or licensee has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(ii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or post-release supervision for a sex offense conviction, as defined by federal or state law;

(iii) The license holder has fondled a student as described in Section 97-5-23, or had any type of sexual involvement with a student as described in Section 97-3-95; or

(iv) The license holder has failed to report sexual involvement of a school employee with a student as required by Section 97-5-24.

(12) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any teacher or administrator license for specified periods of time or may place on probation, reprimand a licensee, or take other disciplinary action with regard to any license issued under this chapter for one or more of the following:

(a) Breach of contract or abandonment of employment may result in the suspension of the license for one (1) school year as provided in Section 37-9-57;

(b) Obtaining a license by fraudulent means shall result in immediate suspension and continued suspension for one (1) year after correction is made;

(c) Suspension or revocation of a certificate or license by another state shall result in immediate suspension or revocation and shall continue until records in the prior state have been cleared;

(d) The license holder has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this paragraph, a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(e) The license holder knowingly and willfully committing any of the acts affecting validity of mandatory uniform test results as provided in Section 37-16-4(1);

(f) The license holder has engaged in unethical conduct relating to an educator/student relationship as identified by the State Board of Education in its rules;

(g) The license holder served as superintendent or principal in a school district during the time preceding and/or that resulted in the Governor declaring a state of emergency and the State Board of Education appointing a conservator;

(h) The license holder submitted a false certification to the State Department of Education that a statewide test was administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System; or

(i) The license holder has failed to comply with the Procedures for Reporting Infractions as promulgated by the commission and approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (15) of this section.

For purposes of this subsection, probation shall be defined as a length of time determined by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, and based on the severity of the offense in which the license holder shall meet certain requirements as prescribed by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. Failure to complete the requirements in the time specified shall result in immediate suspension of the license for one (1) year.

(13) (a) Dismissal or suspension of a licensed employee by a local school board pursuant to Section 37-9-59 may result in the suspension or revocation of a license for a length of time which shall be determined by the commission and based upon the severity of the offense.

(b) Any offense committed or attempted in any other state shall result in the same penalty as if committed or attempted in this state.

(c) A person may voluntarily surrender a license. The surrender of such license may result in the commission recommending any of the above penalties without the necessity of a hearing. However, any such license which has voluntarily been surrendered by a licensed employee may only be reinstated by a majority vote of all members of the commission present at the meeting called for such purpose.

(14) (a) A person whose license has been suspended or surrendered on any grounds except criminal grounds may petition for reinstatement of the license after one (1) year from the date of suspension or surrender, or after one-half (1/2) of the suspended or surrendered time has lapsed, whichever is greater. A person whose license has been suspended or revoked on any grounds or violations under subsection (12) of this section may be reinstated automatically or approved for a reinstatement hearing, upon submission of a written request to the commission. A license suspended, revoked or surrendered on criminal grounds may be reinstated upon petition to the commission filed after expiration of the sentence and parole or probationary period imposed upon conviction. A revoked, suspended or surrendered license may be reinstated upon satisfactory showing of evidence of rehabilitation. The commission shall require all who petition for reinstatement to furnish evidence satisfactory to the commission of good character, good mental, emotional and physical health and such other evidence as the commission may deem necessary to establish the petitioner's rehabilitation and fitness to perform the duties authorized by the license.

(b) A person whose license expires while under investigation by the Office of Educator Misconduct for an alleged violation may not be reinstated without a hearing before the commission if required based on the results of the investigation.

(15) Reporting procedures and hearing procedures for dealing with infractions under this section shall be promulgated by the commission, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education. The revocation or suspension of a license shall be effected at the time indicated on the notice of suspension or revocation. The commission shall immediately notify the superintendent of the school district or school board where the

teacher or administrator is employed of any disciplinary action and also notify the teacher or administrator of such revocation or suspension and shall maintain records of action taken. The State Board of Education may reverse or remand with instructions any decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer regarding a petition for reinstatement of a license, and any such decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

(16) An appeal from the action of the State Board of Education in denying an application, revoking or suspending a license or otherwise disciplining any person under the provisions of this section shall be filed in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, on the record made, including a verbatim transcript of the testimony at the hearing. The appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days after notification of the action of the board is mailed or served and the proceedings in chancery court shall be conducted as other matters coming before the court. The appeal shall be perfected upon filing notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of all costs, including the cost of preparation of the record of the proceedings by the State Board of Education, and the filing of a bond in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) conditioned that if the action of the board be affirmed by the chancery court, the applicant or license holder shall pay the costs of the appeal and the action of the chancery court.

(17) All such programs, rules, regulations, standards and criteria recommended or authorized by the commission shall become effective upon approval by the State Board of Education as designated by appropriate orders entered upon the minutes thereof.

(18) The granting of a license shall not be deemed a property right nor a guarantee of employment in any public school district. A license is a privilege indicating minimal eligibility for teaching in the public school districts of Mississippi. This section shall in no way alter or abridge the authority of local school districts to require greater qualifications or standards of performance as a prerequisite of initial or continued employment in such districts.

(19) In addition to the reasons specified in subsections (12) and (13) of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

SECTION 10. Section 37-16-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-16-3. (1) The State Department of Education is directed to implement a program of statewide assessment testing which shall provide for the improvement of the operation and management of the public schools. The statewide program shall be timed, as far as possible, so as not to conflict with ongoing district assessment programs. As part of the program, the department shall:

(a) Establish, with the approval of the State Board of Education, minimum performance standards related to the goals for education contained in the state's plan including, but not limited to, basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. The minimum performance standards shall be approved by April 1 in each year they are established.

(b) Conduct a uniform statewide testing program in grades deemed appropriate in the public schools, including charter schools, which shall provide for the administration of the ACT WorkKeys Assessment to any students electing to the assessment. Each individual school district shall determine whether the ACT WorkKeys Assessment is administered in the ninth, tenth or eleventh grade. The program may test skill areas, basic skills and high school course content.

(c) Monitor the results of the assessment program and, at any time the composite student performance of a school or basic program is found to be below the established minimum standards, notify the district superintendent or the governing board of the charter school, as the case may be, the school principal and the school advisory committee or other existing parent group of the situation within thirty (30) days of its determination. The department shall further provide technical assistance to a school district in the identification of the causes of this deficiency and shall recommend courses of action for its correction.

(d) Provide technical assistance to the school districts, when requested, in the development of student performance standards in addition to the established minimum statewide standards.

(e) Issue security procedure regulations providing for the security and integrity of the tests that are administered under the basic skills assessment program.

(f) In case of an allegation of a testing irregularity that prompts a need for an investigation by the Department of Education, the department may, in its discretion, take complete control of the statewide test administration in a school district or any part thereof, including, but not limited to, obtaining control of the test booklets and answer documents. In the case of any verified testing irregularity that jeopardized the security and integrity of the test(s), validity or the accuracy of the test results, the cost of the investigation and any other actual and necessary costs related to the investigation paid by the Department of Education shall be reimbursed by the local school district from funds other than federal funds, Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds, or any other state funds within six (6) months from the date of notice by the department to the school district to make reimbursement to the department.

(2) Uniform basic skills tests shall be completed by each student in the appropriate grade. These tests shall be administered in such a manner as to preserve the integrity and validity of the assessment. In the event of excused or unexcused student absences, make-up tests shall be given. The school superintendent of every school district in the state and the principal of each charter school shall annually certify to the State Department of Education that each student enrolled in the appropriate grade has completed the required basic skills assessment test for his or her grade in a valid test administration.

(3) Within five (5) days of completing the administration of a statewide test, the principal of the school where the test was administered shall certify under oath to the State Department of Education that the statewide test was administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education. The principal's sworn certification shall be set forth on a form developed and approved by the Department of Education. If, following the administration of a statewide test, the principal has reason to believe that the test was not administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education, the principal shall submit a sworn certification to the Department of Education setting forth all information known or believed by the principal about all potential violations of the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education. The submission of false information or false certification to the Department of Education by any licensed educator may result in licensure disciplinary action pursuant to Section 37-3-2 and criminal prosecution pursuant to Section 37-16-4.

SECTION 11. Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-17-6. (1) The State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall establish and implement a permanent performance-based accreditation system, and all noncharter public elementary and secondary schools shall be accredited under this system.

(2) No later than June 30, 1995, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require school districts to provide school classroom space that is air-conditioned as a minimum requirement for accreditation.

(3) (a) Beginning with the 1994-1995 school year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require that school districts employ certified school librarians according to the following formula:

Number of Students	Number of Certified
Per School Library	School Librarians

0 - 499 Students 1/2 Full-time Equivalent

Certified Librarian
500 or More Students 1 Full-time Certified

Librarian

(b) The State Board of Education, however, may increase the number of positions beyond the above requirements.

(c) The assignment of certified school librarians to the particular schools shall be at the discretion of the local school district. No individual shall be employed as a certified school librarian without appropriate training and certification as a school librarian by the State Department of Education.

(d) School librarians in the district shall spend at least fifty percent (50%) of direct work time in a school library and shall devote no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the workday to administrative activities that are library related.

(e) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any school district from employing more certified school librarians than are provided for in this section.

(f) Any additional millage levied to fund school librarians required for accreditation under this subsection shall be included in the tax increase limitation set forth in Sections 37-57-105 and 37-57-107 and shall not be deemed a new program for purposes of the limitation.

(4) On or before December 31, 2002, the State Board of Education shall implement the performance-based accreditation system for school districts and for individual noncharter public schools which shall include the following:

(a) High expectations for students and high standards for all schools, with a focus on the basic curriculum;

(b) Strong accountability for results with appropriate local flexibility for local implementation;

(c) A process to implement accountability at both the school district level and the school level;

(d) Individual schools shall be held accountable for student growth and performance;

(e) Set annual performance standards for each of the schools of the state and measure the performance of each school against itself through the standard that has been set for it;

(f) A determination of which schools exceed their standards and a plan for providing recognition and rewards to those schools;

(g) A determination of which schools are failing to meet their standards and a determination of the appropriate role of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education in providing assistance and initiating possible intervention. A failing district is a district that fails to meet both the absolute student achievement standards and the rate of annual growth expectation standards as set by the State Board of Education for two (2) consecutive years. The State Board of Education shall establish the level of benchmarks by which absolute student achievement and growth expectations shall be assessed. In setting the benchmarks for school districts, the State Board of Education may also take into account such factors as graduation rates, dropout rates, completion rates, the extent to which the school or district employs qualified teachers in every classroom, and any other factors deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, acting through the State Department of Education, shall apply a simple "A," "B," "C," "D" and "F" designation to the current school and school district statewide accountability performance classification labels beginning with the State Accountability Results for the 2011-2012 school year and following, and in the school, district and state report cards required under state and federal law. Under the new designations, a school or school district that has earned a "Star" rating shall be designated an "A" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "High-Performing" rating shall be designated a "B" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "Successful" rating shall be designated a "C" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned an "Academic Watch" rating shall be designated a "D" school or school district; a school or school district that has

earned a "Low-Performing," "At-Risk of Failing" or "Failing" rating shall be designated an "F" school or school district. Effective with the implementation of any new curriculum and assessment standards, the State Board of Education, acting through the State Department of Education, is further authorized and directed to change the school and school district accreditation rating system to a simple "A," "B," "C," "D," and "F" designation based on a combination of student achievement scores and student growth as measured by the statewide testing programs developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to Chapter 16, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972. In any statute or regulation containing the former accreditation designations, the new designations shall be applicable;

(h) Development of a comprehensive student assessment system to implement these requirements; and

(i) The State Board of Education may, based on a written request that contains specific reasons for requesting a waiver from the school districts affected by Hurricane Katrina of 2005, hold harmless school districts from assignment of district and school level accountability ratings for the 2005-2006 school year. The State Board of Education upon finding an extreme hardship in the school district may grant the request. It is the intent of the Legislature that all school districts maintain the highest possible academic standards and instructional programs in all schools as required by law and the State Board of Education.

(5) (a) Effective with the 2013-2014 school year, the State Department of Education, acting through the Mississippi Commission on School Accreditation, shall revise and implement a single "A" through "F" school and school district accountability system complying with applicable federal and state requirements in order to reach the following educational goals:

(i) To mobilize resources and supplies to ensure that all students exit third grade reading on grade level by 2015;

(ii) To reduce the student dropout rate to thirteen percent (13%) by 2015; and

(iii) To have sixty percent (60%) of students scoring proficient and advanced on the assessments of the Common Core State Standards by 2016 with incremental increases of three percent (3%) each year thereafter.

(b) The State Department of Education shall combine the state school and school district accountability system with the federal system in order to have a single system.

(c) The State Department of Education shall establish five (5) performance categories ("A," "B," "C," "D" and "F") for the accountability system based on the following criteria:

(i) Student Achievement: the percent of students proficient and advanced on the current state assessments;

(ii) Individual student growth: the percent of students making one (1) year's progress in one (1) year's time on the state assessment, with an emphasis on the progress of the lowest twenty-five percent (25%) of students in the school or district;

(iii) Four-year graduation rate: the percent of students graduating with a standard high school diploma in four (4) years, as defined by federal regulations;

(iv) Categories shall identify schools as Reward ("A" schools), Focus ("D" schools) and Priority ("F" schools). If at least five percent (5%) of schools in the state are not graded as "F" schools, the lowest five percent (5%) of school grade point designees will be identified as Priority schools. If at least ten percent (10%) of schools in the state are not graded as "D" schools, the lowest ten percent (10%) of school grade point designees will be identified as Focus schools;

(v) The State Department of Education shall discontinue the use of Star School, High-Performing, Successful, Academic Watch, Low-Performing, At-Risk of Failing and Failing school accountability designations;

(vi) The system shall include the federally compliant four-year graduation rate in school and school district accountability system calculations. Graduation rate will apply to high school and school district accountability ratings as a compensatory component. The system shall discontinue the use of the High School Completer Index (HSCI);

(vii) The school and school district accountability system shall incorporate a standards-based growth model, in order to support improvement of individual student learning;

(viii) The State Department of Education shall discontinue the use of the Quality Distribution Index (QDI);

(ix) The State Department of Education shall determine feeder patterns of schools that do not earn a school grade because the grades and subjects taught at the school do not have statewide standardized assessments needed to calculate a school grade. Upon determination of the feeder pattern, the department shall notify schools and school districts prior to the release of the school grades beginning in 2013. Feeder schools will be assigned the accountability designation of the school to which they provide students;

(x) Standards for student, school and school district performance will be increased when student proficiency is at a seventy-five percent (75%) and/or when sixty-five percent (65%) of the schools and/or school districts are earning a grade of "B" or higher, in order to raise the standard on performance after targets are met * * *; and

(xi) The system shall include student performance on the administration of the ACT WorkKeys Assessment, which shall be weighted in the same percentage as the standard ACT Assessment as administered to students in Grade 11, for inclusion in the college and career readiness portion of the accountability rating system. The State Department of Education shall ensure equitable distribution of points under the accountability rating, in comparison to the ACT Assessment, for a Silver Status on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment. A student shall not be required to complete all of the courses within his or her career pathway for his or her performance on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment to be included in the system.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require a nonpublic school that receives no local, state or federal funds for support to become accredited by the State Board of Education.

(7) The State Board of Education shall create an accreditation audit unit under the Commission on School Accreditation to determine whether schools are complying with accreditation standards.

(8) The State Board of Education shall be specifically authorized and empowered to withhold adequate education program fund allocations, whichever is applicable, to any public school district for failure to timely report student, school personnel and fiscal data necessary to meet state and/or federal requirements.

(9) [Deleted]

(10) The State Board of Education shall establish, for those school districts failing to meet accreditation standards, a program of development to be complied with in order to receive state funds, except as otherwise provided in subsection (15) of this section when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in a school district or as otherwise provided in Section 206, Mississippi Constitution of 1890. The state board, in establishing these standards, shall provide for notice to schools and sufficient time and aid to enable schools to attempt to meet these standards, unless procedures under subsection (15) of this section have been invoked.

(11) Beginning July 1, 1998, the State Board of Education shall be charged with the implementation of the program of development in each applicable school district as follows:

(a) Develop an impairment report for each district failing to meet accreditation standards in conjunction with school district officials;

(b) Notify any applicable school district failing to meet accreditation standards that it is on probation until corrective actions are taken or until the deficiencies have been removed. The local school district shall develop a corrective action plan to improve its deficiencies. For district academic deficiencies, the corrective action plan for each such school district shall be based upon a complete analysis of the following: student test data, student grades, student attendance reports, student dropout data, existence and other relevant data. The corrective action plan shall describe the specific measures to be taken by the particular school district and school to improve: (i) instruction; (ii) curriculum; (iii) professional development; (iv) personnel and classroom organization; (v) student incentives for performance; (vi) process deficiencies; and (vii) reporting to the local school

board, parents and the community. The corrective action plan shall describe the specific individuals responsible for implementing each component of the recommendation and how each will be evaluated. All corrective action plans shall be provided to the State Board of Education as may be required. The decision of the State Board of Education establishing the probationary period of time shall be final;

(c) Offer, during the probationary period, technical assistance to the school district in making corrective actions. Beginning July 1, 1998, subject to the availability of funds, the State Department of Education shall provide technical and/or financial assistance to all such school districts in order to implement each measure identified in that district's corrective action plan through professional development and on-site assistance. Each such school district shall apply for and utilize all available federal funding in order to support its corrective action plan in addition to state funds made available under this paragraph;

(d) Assign department personnel or contract, in its discretion, with the institutions of higher learning or other appropriate private entities with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools to assist school districts;

(e) Provide for publication of public notice at least one time during the probationary period, in a newspaper published within the jurisdiction of the school district failing to meet accreditation standards, or if no newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper having a general circulation therein. The publication shall include the following: declaration of school system's status as being on probation; all details relating to the impairment report; and other information as the State Board of Education deems appropriate. Public notices issued under this section shall be subject to Section 13-3-31 and not contrary to other laws regarding newspaper publication.

(12) (a) If the recommendations for corrective action are not taken by the local school district or if the deficiencies are not removed by the end of the probationary period, the Commission on School Accreditation shall conduct a hearing to allow the affected school district to present evidence or other reasons why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. Additionally, if the local school district violates accreditation standards that have been determined by the policies and procedures of the State Board of Education to be a basis for withdrawal of school district's accreditation without a probationary period, the Commission on School Accreditation shall conduct a hearing to allow the affected school district to present evidence or other reasons why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. After its consideration of the results of the hearing, the Commission on School Accreditation shall be authorized, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to withdraw the accreditation of a public school district, and issue a request to the Governor that a state of emergency be declared in that district.

(b) If the State Board of Education and the Commission on School Accreditation determine that an extreme emergency situation exists in a school district that jeopardizes the safety, security or educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in that district and that emergency situation is believed to be related to a serious violation or violations of accreditation standards or state or federal law, or when a school district meets the State Board of Education's definition of a failing school district for two (2) consecutive full school years, or if more than fifty percent (50%) of the schools within the school district are designated as Schools At-Risk in any one (1) year, the State Board of Education may request the Governor to declare a state of emergency in that school district. For purposes of this paragraph, the declarations of a state of emergency shall not be limited to those instances when a school district's impairments are related to a lack of financial resources, but also shall include serious failure to meet minimum academic standards, as evidenced by a continued pattern of poor student performance.

(c) Whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district in response to a request made under paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, the State Board of Education may take one or more of the following actions:

(i) Declare a state of emergency, under which some or all of state funds can be escrowed except as otherwise provided in Section 206, Constitution of 1890, until the board determines corrective actions are being taken or the deficiencies have been removed, or that the needs of students warrant the release of funds. The funds may be released from escrow for any program which the board determines to have been

restored to standard even though the state of emergency may not as yet be terminated for the district as a whole;

(ii) Override any decision of the local school board or superintendent of education, or both, concerning the management and operation of the school district, or initiate and make decisions concerning the management and operation of the school district;

(iii) Assign an interim superintendent, or in its discretion, contract with a private entity with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools and school districts, who will have those powers and duties prescribed in subsection (15) of this section;

(iv) Grant transfers to students who attend this school district so that they may attend other accredited schools or districts in a manner that is not in violation of state or federal law;

(v) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (a) only, if the accreditation deficiencies are related to the fact that the school district is too small, with too few resources, to meet the required standards and if another school district is willing to accept those students, abolish that district and assign that territory to another school district or districts. If the school district has proposed a voluntary consolidation with another school district or districts, then if the State Board of Education finds that it is in the best interest of the pupils of the district for the consolidation to proceed, the voluntary consolidation shall have priority over any such assignment of territory by the State Board of Education;

(vi) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (b) only, reduce local supplements paid to school district employees, including, but not limited to, instructional personnel, assistant teachers and extracurricular activities personnel, if the district's impairment is related to a lack of financial resources, but only to an extent that will result in the salaries being comparable to districts similarly situated, as determined by the State Board of Education;

(vii) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (b) only, the State Board of Education may take any action as prescribed in Section 37-17-13.

(d) At the time that satisfactory corrective action has been taken in a school district in which a state of emergency has been declared, the State Board of Education may request the Governor to declare that the state of emergency no longer exists in the district.

(e) The parent or legal guardian of a school-age child who is enrolled in a school district whose accreditation has been withdrawn by the Commission on School Accreditation and without approval of that school district may file a petition in writing to a school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation for a legal transfer. The school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation may grant the transfer according to the procedures of Section 37-15-31(1)(b). In the event the accreditation of the student's home district is restored after a transfer has been approved, the student may continue to attend the transferee school district. The per-pupil amount of the adequate education program allotment, including the collective "add-on program" costs for the student's home school district shall be transferred monthly to the school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation that has granted the transfer of the school-age child.

(f) Upon the declaration of a state of emergency for any school district in which the Governor has previously declared a state of emergency, the State Board of Education may either:

(i) Place the school district into district transformation, in which the school district shall remain until it has fulfilled all conditions related to district transformation. If the district was assigned an accreditation rating of "D" or "F" when placed into district transformation, the district shall be eligible to return to local control when the school district has attained a "C" rating or higher for five (5) consecutive years, unless the State Board of Education determines that the district is eligible to return to local control in less than the five-year period;

(ii) Abolish the school district and administratively consolidate the school district with one or more existing school districts;

(iii) Reduce the size of the district and administratively consolidate parts of the district, as determined by the State Board of Education. However, no school district which is not in district transformation shall be required to accept additional territory over the objection of the district; or

(iv) Require the school district to develop and implement a district improvement plan with prescriptive guidance and support from the State Department of Education, with the goal of helping the district improve student achievement. Failure of the school board, superintendent and school district staff to implement the plan with fidelity and participate in the activities provided as support by the department shall result in the school district retaining its eligibility for district transformation.

(g) There is established a Mississippi Recovery School District within the State Department of Education under the supervision of a deputy superintendent appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Education, who is subject to the approval by the State Board of Education. The Mississippi Recovery School District shall provide leadership and oversight of all school districts that are subject to district transformation status, as defined in Chapters 17 and 18, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall have all the authority granted under these two (2) chapters. The Mississippi Department of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall develop policies for the operation and management of the Mississippi Recovery School District. The deputy state superintendent is responsible for the Mississippi Recovery School District and shall be authorized to oversee the administration of the Mississippi Recovery School District, oversee the interim superintendent assigned by the State Board of Education to a local school district, hear appeals that would normally be filed by students, parents or employees and heard by a local school board, which hearings on appeal shall be conducted in a prompt and timely manner in the school district from which the appeal originated in order to ensure the ability of appellants, other parties and witnesses to appeal without undue burden of travel costs or loss of time from work, and perform other related duties as assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education. The deputy state superintendent is responsible for the Mississippi Recovery School District and shall determine, based on rigorous professional qualifications set by the State Board of Education, the appropriate individuals to be engaged to be interim superintendents and financial advisors, if applicable, of all school districts subject to district transformation status. After State Board of Education approval, these individuals shall be deemed independent contractors.

(13) Upon the declaration of a state of emergency in a school district under subsection (12) of this section, the Commission on School Accreditation shall be responsible for public notice at least once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published within the jurisdiction of the school district failing to meet accreditation standards, or if no newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper having a general circulation therein. The size of the notice shall be no smaller than one-fourth (1/4) of a standard newspaper page and shall be printed in bold print. If an interim superintendent has been appointed for the school district, the notice shall begin as follows: "By authority of Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, adopted by the Mississippi Legislature during the 1991 Regular Session, this school district (name of school district) is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Education acting through its appointed interim superintendent (name of interim superintendent)."

The notice also shall include, in the discretion of the State Board of Education, any or all details relating to the school district's emergency status, including the declaration of a state of emergency in the school district and a description of the district's impairment deficiencies, conditions of any district transformation status and corrective actions recommended and being taken. Public notices issued under this section shall be subject to Section 13-3-31 and not contrary to other laws regarding newspaper publication.

Upon termination of the state of emergency in a school district, the Commission on School Accreditation shall cause notice to be published in the school district in the same manner provided in this section, to include any or all details relating to the corrective action taken in the school district that resulted in the termination of the state of emergency.

(14) The State Board of Education or the Commission on School Accreditation shall have the authority to require school districts to produce the necessary reports, correspondence,

financial statements, and any other documents and information necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant any individual, corporation, board or interim superintendent the authority to levy taxes except in accordance with presently existing statutory provisions.

(15) (a) Whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district in response to a request made under subsection (12) of this section, the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may assign an interim superintendent to the school district, or in its discretion, may contract with an appropriate private entity with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools and school districts, who will be responsible for the administration, management and operation of the school district, including, but not limited to, the following activities:

(i) Approving or disapproving all financial obligations of the district, including, but not limited to, the employment, termination, nonrenewal and reassignment of all licensed and nonlicensed personnel, contractual agreements and purchase orders, and approving or disapproving all claim dockets and the issuance of checks; in approving or disapproving employment contracts of superintendents, assistant superintendents or principals, the interim superintendent shall not be required to comply with the time limitations prescribed in Sections 37-9-15 and 37-9-105;

(ii) Supervising the day-to-day activities of the district's staff, including reassigning the duties and responsibilities of personnel in a manner which, in the determination of the interim superintendent, will best suit the needs of the district;

(iii) Reviewing the district's total financial obligations and operations and making recommendations to the district for cost savings, including, but not limited to, reassigning the duties and responsibilities of staff;

(iv) Attending all meetings of the district's school board and administrative staff;

(v) Approving or disapproving all athletic, band and other extracurricular activities and any matters related to those activities;

(vi) Maintaining a detailed account of recommendations made to the district and actions taken in response to those recommendations;

(vii) Reporting periodically to the State Board of Education on the progress or lack of progress being made in the district to improve the district's impairments during the state of emergency; and

(viii) Appointing a parent advisory committee, comprised of parents of students in the school district that may make recommendations to the interim superintendent concerning the administration, management and operation of the school district.

The cost of the salary of the interim superintendent and any other actual and necessary costs related to district transformation status paid by the State Department of Education shall be reimbursed by the local school district from funds other than adequate education program funds. The department shall submit an itemized statement to the superintendent of the local school district for reimbursement purposes, and any unpaid balance may be withheld from the district's adequate education program funds.

At the time that the Governor, in accordance with the request of the State Board of Education, declares that the state of emergency no longer exists in a school district, the powers and responsibilities of the interim superintendent assigned to the district shall cease.

(b) In order to provide loans to school districts under a state of emergency or in district transformation status that have impairments related to a lack of financial resources, the School District Emergency Assistance Fund is created as a special fund in the State Treasury into which monies may be transferred or appropriated by the Legislature from any available public education funds. Funds in the School District Emergency Assistance Fund up to a maximum balance of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) annually shall not lapse but shall be available for expenditure in subsequent years subject to approval of the State Board of Education. Any amount in the fund in excess of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund or the Education Enhancement Fund, depending on the source of the fund.

The State Board of Education may loan monies from the School District Emergency Assistance Fund to a school district that is under a state of emergency or in district transformation status, in those amounts, as determined by the board, that are necessary to correct the district's impairments related to a lack of financial resources. The loans shall be evidenced by an agreement between the school district and the State Board of Education and shall be repayable in principal, without necessity of interest, to the School District Emergency Assistance Fund by the school district from any allowable funds that are available. The total amount loaned to the district shall be due and payable within five (5) years after the impairments related to a lack of financial resources are corrected. If a school district fails to make payments on the loan in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the district and the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education, may withhold that district's adequate education program funds in an amount and manner that will effectuate repayment consistent with the terms of the agreement; the funds withheld by the department shall be deposited into the School District Emergency Assistance Fund.

The State Board of Education shall develop a protocol that will outline the performance standards and requisite timeline deemed necessary for extreme emergency measures. If the State Board of Education determines that an extreme emergency exists, simultaneous with the powers exercised in this subsection, it shall take immediate action against all parties responsible for the affected school districts having been determined to be in an extreme emergency. The action shall include, but not be limited to, initiating civil actions to recover funds and criminal actions to account for criminal activity. Any funds recovered by the State Auditor or the State Board of Education from the surety bonds of school officials or from any civil action brought under this subsection shall be applied toward the repayment of any loan made to a school district hereunder.

(16) If a majority of the membership of the school board of any school district resigns from office, the State Board of Education shall be authorized to assign an interim superintendent, who shall be responsible for the administration, management and operation of the school district until the time as new board members are selected or the Governor declares a state of emergency in that school district under subsection (12), whichever occurs first. In that case, the State Board of Education, acting through the interim superintendent, shall have all powers which were held by the previously existing school board, and may take any action as prescribed in Section 37-17-13 and/or one or more of the actions authorized in this section.

(17) (a) If the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district, the State Board of Education may take all such action pertaining to that school district as is authorized under subsection (12) or (15) of this section, including the appointment of an interim superintendent. The State Board of Education shall also have the authority to issue a written request with documentation to the Governor asking that the office of the superintendent of the school district be subject to recall. If the Governor declares that the office of the superintendent of the school district is subject to recall, the local school board or the county election commission, as the case may be, shall take the following action:

(i) If the office of superintendent is an elected office, in those years in which there is no general election, the name shall be submitted by the State Board of Education to the county election commission, and the county election commission shall submit the question at a special election to the voters eligible to vote for the office of superintendent within the county, and the special election shall be held within sixty (60) days from notification by the State Board of Education. The ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"Shall County Superintendent of Education _____ (here the name of the superintendent shall be inserted) of the _____ (here the title of the school district shall be inserted) be retained in office? Yes _____ No _____"

If a majority of those voting on the question votes against retaining the superintendent in office, a vacancy shall exist which shall be filled in the manner provided by law; otherwise, the superintendent shall remain in office for the term of that office, and at the expiration of the term shall be eligible for qualification and election to another term or terms.

(ii) If the office of superintendent is an appointive office, the name of the superintendent shall be submitted by the president of the local school board at the

next regular meeting of the school board for retention in office or dismissal from office. If a majority of the school board voting on the question vote against retaining the superintendent in office, a vacancy shall exist which shall be filled as provided by law, otherwise the superintendent shall remain in office for the duration of his employment contract.

(b) The State Board of Education may issue a written request with documentation to the Governor asking that the membership of the school board of the school district shall be subject to recall. Whenever the Governor declares that the membership of the school board is subject to recall, the county election commission or the local governing authorities, as the case may be, shall take the following action:

(i) If the members of the local school board are elected to office, in those years in which the specific member's office is not up for election, the name of the school board member shall be submitted by the State Board of Education to the county election commission, and the county election commission at a special election shall submit the question to the voters eligible to vote for the particular member's office within the county or school district, as the case may be, and the special election shall be held within sixty (60) days from notification by the State Board of Education. The ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"Members of the _____ (here the title of the school district shall be inserted) School Board who are not up for election this year are subject to recall because of the school district's failure to meet critical accountability standards as defined in the letter of notification to the Governor from the State Board of Education. Shall the member of the school board representing this area, _____ (here the name of the school board member holding the office shall be inserted), be retained in office? Yes _____ No _____"

If a majority of those voting on the question vote against retaining the member of the school board in office, a vacancy in that board member's office shall exist, which shall be filled in the manner provided by law; otherwise, the school board member shall remain in office for the term of that office, and at the expiration of the term of office, the member shall be eligible for qualification and election to another term or terms of office. However, if a majority of the school board members are recalled in the special election, the Governor shall authorize the board of supervisors of the county in which the school district is situated to appoint members to fill the offices of the members recalled. The board of supervisors shall make those appointments in the manner provided by law for filling vacancies on the school board, and the appointed members shall serve until the office is filled at the next regular special election or general election.

(ii) If the local school board is an appointed school board, the name of all school board members shall be submitted as a collective board by the president of the municipal or county governing authority, as the case may be, at the next regular meeting of the governing authority for retention in office or dismissal from office. If a majority of the governing authority voting on the question vote against retaining the board in office, a vacancy shall exist in each school board member's office, which shall be filled as provided by law; otherwise, the members of the appointed school board shall remain in office for the duration of their term of appointment, and those members may be reappointed.

(iii) If the local school board is comprised of both elected and appointed members, the elected members shall be subject to recall in the manner provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), and the appointed members shall be subject to recall in the manner provided in subparagraph (ii).

(18) Beginning with the school district audits conducted for the 1997-1998 fiscal year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require each school district to comply with standards established by the State Department of Audit for the verification of fixed assets and the auditing of fixed assets records as a minimum requirement for accreditation.

(19) Before December 1, 1999, the State Board of Education shall recommend a program to the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate for identifying and rewarding public schools that improve or are high performing. The program shall be described by the board in a written report, which shall include criteria

and a process through which improving schools and high-performing schools will be identified and rewarded.

The State Superintendent of Public Education and the State Board of Education also shall develop a comprehensive accountability plan to ensure that local school boards, superintendents, principals and teachers are held accountable for student achievement. A written report on the accountability plan shall be submitted to the Education Committees of both houses of the Legislature before December 1, 1999, with any necessary legislative recommendations.

(20) Before January 1, 2008, the State Board of Education shall evaluate and submit a recommendation to the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate on inclusion of graduation rate and dropout rate in the school level accountability system.

(21) If a local school district is determined as failing and placed into district transformation status for reasons authorized by the provisions of this section, the interim superintendent appointed to the district shall, within forty-five (45) days after being appointed, present a detailed and structured corrective action plan to move the local school district out of district transformation status to the deputy superintendent. A copy of the interim superintendent's corrective action plan shall also be filed with the State Board of Education.

SECTION 12. Beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development, and in conjunction with the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall require each educator preparation program in the state to include, as part of its curriculum, a Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination and a Praxis II examination course of study, which shall serve as a preparatory review course with emphasis on the concepts and exam skills necessary for success on the exam, and reinforces students' knowledge through thought-provoking examples and Praxis exam questions. Upon completion of the course, students shall have mastered concepts as they are tested so that students can excel within the time constraints of the exam."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 536**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Weathersby. Total-3.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 382. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Calvert, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, McLeod, Smith. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Hale, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 72: Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 72. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Banks, Brown, B, Jackson, Karriem, Stamps, Summers, Walker, Williams-Barnes. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Paden, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 761: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 761. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 995: Memorial highway; designate segment in Marshall County, Mississippi as the "Representative Tommy Woods Memorial Highway."

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 995. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 940: Highway sign; authorize erection of on MS Hwy 25 near Pisgah exit to honor Olympic Gold Medalist Tori Bowie.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 940.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Clark, Scott, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 887: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway."

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 887.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 872: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 61 in Jefferson County as the "Highway Patrol Lieutenant Troy Morris Memorial Highway."

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 872.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 576: Local System Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation Fund; revise allocation formula.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 576.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 424: Memorial highway; designate entire segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway."

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barton:

AMEND after line 12 by inserting the following new section and renumbering any succeeding sections:

"SECTION 3. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 63 located in Jackson County, Mississippi, beginning at a point one-half (1/2) mile south of its intersection with Polktown Road and extending northerly to a point one-half (1/2) mile north of its intersection with Polktown Road is designated and shall be known as the "Deputy U.S. Marshal Josie Lamar Wells Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section."

AMEND TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 424.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Holloway called up:

H. B. No. 1167: State flags; Secretary of State shall procure for display on Capitol grounds and provided to legislators to give to the public.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1167.** On motion of Rep. Holloway the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bailey, Horne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 413: Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 413.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Lamar entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1167: State flags; Secretary of State shall procure for display on Capitol grounds and provided to legislators to give to the public.

At 11:45 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

The House resumed business pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Hines by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1091**: (Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law.) passed.

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 135: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 135. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott, Shanks, Wallace, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 302: Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 302. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bailey, Banks, Brown, B, Horne. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 370: Public purchasing laws; exempt purchase of nonadopted and adopted textbooks by MDE for nonpublic schools.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 370.** On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Banks, Brown, B. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Calvert, Clark, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 487: County and public libraries; repeal certain provisions related to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 487.** On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Beckett, Calvert, Clark, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 504: Commission on School Accreditation; clarify membership composition.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 504. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clark, Scott, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 633: Computer science curriculum; require State Department of Education to implement in K-12 public schools.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 633. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott, Weathersby. Total-3.

Present--Sanford. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 754: Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 754. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Gibbs, D, Holloway, Scott, Weathersby. Total-5.

Present--Hudson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 853: Charter schools; revise deadlines for certain reporting requirements and to allow certain teacher units to those in first year of operation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 853. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Straughter, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--87.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Clarke, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Stamps, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Williams-Barnes. Total--25.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clark, Gibbs, D, Sanford, Scott, Tullos, Weathersby, Young. Total-8.

Present--Crudup, Holloway. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 852: Teachers' and teacher's assistants' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 852. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 925: School buildings; require new construction and certain renovations to include refillable water bottle stations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 925. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Johnson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 1047: Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BENNETT AND MCCARTY:

AMEND after line 170 by inserting the following:

(vi) Any licensed professional receiving an annual salary supplement under subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of this paragraph (a), for having earned national board certification from the respective certifying entity, must be employed by a public school district or any of the four (4) public special purpose schools created by statute and operating under the authority of the State Board of Education during the year in which the salary supplement is received. Such persons submitting documentation to the State Department of Education for salary supplement eligibility must be employed by a public school district or public special purpose school to provide services to students in the area of certification on a full-time basis. The following persons shall not be eligible to receive the annual salary supplement authorized under this subsection:

1. Anyone serving as an administrator of a public school district or public special purpose school;

2. Anyone who is employed by any state agency responsible for administering national board certification salary supplement programs; and

3. Anyone who is employed by a state agency under the authority of the State Personnel Board.

AMEND further on lines 98, 110, 123 and 161, by inserting after the word "administrator", the following:

"as further specified in subparagraph (vi) of this subsection (2)(a)".

AMEND further on lines 145 and 146 by striking "or is employed by a state agency under the State Personnel Board", and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

"as further specified in subparagraph (vi) of this subsection (2)(a)".

AMEND further the title on line 8, by inserting the following after the semicolon:

"TO PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON THE ELIGIBILITY OF LICENSED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL SALARY SUPPLEMENT WHILE EMPLOYED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOL;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1047**. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 1123: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; revise funding and specify teaching standards.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1123. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Taylor, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 1179: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1179. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Holloway called up:

H. B. No. 1018: State buildings; name DPS Gulf Coast Regional Forensics Laboratory as the "Gary T. Hargrove Memorial Forensic Laboratory."

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1018. On motion of Rep. Holloway the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Holloway called up:

H. B. No. 1156: Public property; authorize certain state property conveyed to Jackson to be used for park and recreational purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1156. On motion of Rep. Holloway the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Kinkade, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 377: Pawnbroker transactions; define transactional information for purposes of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

Rep. Bomgar moved to table, which motion lost.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Turner:

AMEND on line 108 by inserting before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 377**. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J. Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Mangold, Massengill, McLean, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Scott, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Wright, Yancey, Young. Total--67.

Nays--Anderson, B. Anthony, Barnett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, C. Crawford, Criswell, Eubanks, Eure, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Hudson, Karriem, Ladner, Lancaster, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Read, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Taylor, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yates. Total--49.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ford, K. Horne, Paden, Weathersby, Zuber. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Brown (20th) called up:

H. B. No. 949: Solid waste landfills; prohibit new landfill in county where 2 or more exist, unless referendum held.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barton:

AMEND by deleting lines 190 through 198 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

"(13) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, no solid waste management plan shall include any proposed new nonhazardous solid waste sanitary landfill if such new landfill is located within a county having two (2) or more existing permitted nonhazardous solid waste sanitary landfills that are actively receiving household waste unless a referendum election has been conducted and approved pursuant to Section 17-17-237. This subsection (13) shall not apply to the proposed expansion or replacement of any permitted landfill by the permit holder, and shall not apply to any rubbish disposal facilities, transfer stations, land application sites, composting facilities, solid waste processing facilities, chipping/mulching facilities, industrial/institutional/special waste landfills, industrial/institutional/special waste rubbish sites, waste tire processing facilities,

commercial waste tire collection sites, local government waste tire collection sites or generator waste tire collection sites, and none of those facilities, stations, landfills or sites shall be counted as a landfill within a county for the purpose of determining whether a referendum election is required to be conducted in the county as provided in this section.

(b) The Legislature finds that the residents of counties that already have at least two (2) existing permitted nonhazardous solid waste sanitary landfills that are actively receiving household waste have a greater interest in determining whether another such landfill will be located in their county than those in counties with fewer such landfills and therefore should have the right to have direct input on that determination through a referendum election as provided in this section."

AMEND FURTHER by deleting lines 229 through 237 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

"(3) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, no solid waste management plan shall include any proposed new nonhazardous solid waste sanitary landfill if such new landfill is located within a county having two (2) or more existing permitted nonhazardous solid waste sanitary landfills that are actively receiving household waste unless a referendum election has been conducted and approved pursuant to Section 17-17-237. This subsection (3) shall not apply to the proposed expansion or replacement of any permitted landfill by the permit holder, and shall not apply to any rubbish disposal facilities, transfer stations, land application sites, composting facilities, solid waste processing facilities, chipping/mulching facilities, industrial/institutional/special waste landfills, industrial/institutional/special waste rubbish sites, waste tire processing facilities, commercial waste tire collection sites, local government waste tire collection sites or generator waste tire collection sites, and none of those facilities, stations, landfills or sites shall be counted as a landfill within a county for the purpose of determining whether a referendum election is required to be conducted in the county as provided in this section.

(b) The Legislature finds that the residents of counties that already have at least two (2) existing permitted nonhazardous solid waste sanitary landfills that are actively receiving household waste have a greater interest in determining whether another such landfill will be located in their county than those in counties with fewer such landfills and therefore should have the right to have direct input on that determination through a referendum election as provided in this section."

AMEND FURTHER on lines 248 and 263 by inserting the following language after the word "landfills": "that are actively receiving household waste"

AMEND FURTHER on line 248 by changing the words "shall be" to "has been"

AMEND FURTHER on line 303 by changing the word "chapter" to "section"

AMEND FURTHER the title on lines 5 and 11 by inserting the following language after the word "LANDFILLS": "THAT ARE ACTIVELY RECEIVING HOUSEHOLD WASTE"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 949**. On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Goodin, Hale, Horne, Kinkade, Tubb. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Haney, Owen, Patterson, Powell, Sanford, Tullos, Weathersby. Total-7.

Present--Darnell, Hudson, Rosebud. Total--3.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Huddleston called up:

H. B. No. 1160: Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1160.** On motion of Rep. Huddleston the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Ford, K. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 331: Professional employer organizations; provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 331.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Beckett, Creekmore, Weathersby, Young.
Total-5.

Present--Busby. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 1048: Qualification deadline; change to February 1 for certain statewide, state district, county and county district offices.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1048. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby, Young. Total-2.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1323: Open meeting; authorize executive session for discussion of plans to combat human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1323. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1328: The MS Warrants Task Force; create to study the issuance and execution of warrants in the state.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1328.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 874: Tobacco and alternative nicotine products; increase age to 21 and require government-issued photographic identification.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 874.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Blackmon, Boyd, Clarke, Rosebud, Straughter, Weathersby, Young. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 974: DPS; revise law regarding.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 1412 after "2021" and before the period by inserting the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND after line 1410 by adding the following new section,
and re-numbering the succeeding section:

"SECTION 24. Constables shall be considered full-time law

enforcement officers for all purposes under the law."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on line 1398 after the word "Administration" by inserting the following:

"This act shall not pertain to unmanned aircraft operating under FAA certificates of waiver
or authorization."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 974.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Damell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Crudup, Summers. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Hood, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 796: Habitual offender; revise penalties for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 796.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Arnold, Haney, Patterson, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Beckett, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 1231: Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES KINKADE AND LAMAR:

AMEND by deleting Lines 210-229 and further amend by inserting the following language after line 209:

"SECTION 3. (1) (a) There is established the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund, which shall consist of twelve (12) members as follows:

- (i) The State Forester, who is an ex-officio nonvoting member;
- (ii) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission, who is an ex-officio nonvoting member;
- (iii) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources, who is an ex-officio nonvoting member;
- (iv) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, who is an ex-officio nonvoting member;
- (v) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, who is an ex-officio nonvoting member
- (vi) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor; and
- (vii) Four (4) members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

Two (2) of the members to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall be appointed only after consideration of recommendations for those appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Lieutenant Governor.

This board shall not approve any funding to a county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity whereby a voting member of this board is an executive, other employee or is a voting member of a governing board with such county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity."

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1231**. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, McLeod. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 933: Child support payment; suspend obligation to pay when the person to pay is incarcerated.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND on Line 160 by adding the following new section: If a child support recipient has had their identity stolen and has proof of the crime, all funds shall be refunded by the card company upon request of the Department of Human Services.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 933**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Horne. Total--1.
Absent or those not voting--Weathersby, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 359: Municipalities with a certain population; allow to establish overdue water/sewer bill programs.

On motion of Rep. Rushing the foregoing bill was read for the third time.

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 1157: Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; allow municipalities to authorize operation on certain municipal streets.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1157. On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Morgan, Oliver. Total--2.
Absent or those not voting--Goodin, Lamar, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 493: Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare eligible employee benefits when employees secures Medicare under certain circumstances.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 493. On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott,

Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 1019: Gubernatorial inaugurations funds; require contributions and expenditures to be reported to Secretary of State.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1019. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, McLeod, Rushing, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 586: Statewide Elections Management System; compare to certain identification databases to ensure non-U.S. citizens are not registered to vote.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 586. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D. Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M. Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Nays--Anderson, J. Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C. Blackmon, Brown, B. Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B. Faulkner, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Harness,

Hines, Holloway, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, Horne, McGee, Weathersby, Yates, Young. Total-6.

Present--Foster. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 1237: PEER committee; require to review the operations of Child Protection Services.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1237.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 1246: Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize demolition of slum and blighted properties located within.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1246.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Johnson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

Rep. Boyd moved to table the committee substitute, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1312. On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Banks, Brown, B, Crudup, Hines, Horne, Summers, Weathersby, Young. Total-9.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Boyd called up:

H. B. No. 1313: State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1313. On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Burnett, Horne, Oliver, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Present--Banks, Williams-Barnes. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 1062: Daylight saving time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1062.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Barnett. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Horne, Summers, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 581: The Sexual Assault Response For College Students Act; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 581.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 356.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 354: Municipal judges; authorize to order a defendant to remedy real property ordinance violations within a reasonable time period.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 354.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Karriem, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 951: Department of Human Services; authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to child support to financial institutions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on lines 128 through 132 by deleting all of the
underlined language.

AMEND further by deleting the delete on line 130 and
inserting the word "demand".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 951.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Ladner, Rushing, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Brown (20th) called up:

H. B. No. 1154: Mississippi Outdoors and Natural Resources Fund; create to provide source of private funds to promote outdoors and natural resources.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1154.** On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Owen, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 91: Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 91. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Arnold, Gibbs, D, Summers, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 108: Wireless Communication Commission; remove ITS control over.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 108. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Crawford. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Huddleston called up:

H. B. No. 111: Community and junior colleges; authorize boards of trustees to approve policies permitting waiver of out-of-state tuition.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bounds:

AMEND by deleting all of the language beginning with the word "However" on line 58 through the period on line 64.

AMEND FURTHER the title by deleting the language beginning after the word "TUITION" on line 4 through the word "ATTEND" on line 7.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 111**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Oliver, Weathersby. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Huddleston called up:

H. B. No. 1029: Income share agreements; authorize IHLs to enter into with eligible students.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1029**. On motion of Rep. Huddleston the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson,

Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, White, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--60.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horne, Hudson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yates. Total--56.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Ladner, Summers, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Present--Foster. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Bell (65th) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 148: Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise state parks.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 148.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Brown, C, Horne, Summers, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1013: Medicaid; create Medicaid Commission to administer program and abolish Division of Medicaid.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting the two sentences on lines 24 through 31 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "No member of the commission shall be a provider or representative of any provider of Medicaid services or have any financial or other interest in any provider of

Medicaid services, and no member of the commission shall be an elected official of the State of Mississippi or a political subdivision of the state."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hood:

AMEND by inserting the following new paragraph (i) after line 79:

"(i) Each member of the commission, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of the office, shall take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed by the Mississippi Constitution and shall file the oath in the Office of the Secretary of State, and shall execute a bond in some surety company authorized to do business in the state in the penal sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), conditioned for the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of the office. The bonds shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, and the premium on the bonds shall be paid as provided by law out of funds appropriated to the commission."

AMEND FURTHER on line 110 by inserting the words "with the approval of the commission and" before the word "subject"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 176, 283, 287 and 288, 758, 786, 788, 793, 794, 804 and 805, 864 and 865, 1048, 1068, 2179, 2197 by deleting the words "executive director" and inserting the word "commission"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 254 through 256 by deleting the words "the executive director, or his or her designee, shall present the commission's recommendation" and inserting the words "the commission shall present its recommendation"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 275 and 276 by deleting the words "executive director, or his or her designee" and inserting the word "commission"

AMEND FURTHER on line 289 by deleting the words "executive director's" and inserting the word "commission's"

AMEND FURTHER on line 725 and 726 by deleting the words "either by the executive director or his or her designee" and inserting the words "by the commission"

AMEND FURTHER on line 837 by inserting the following language after the word "director": ", with the approval of the commission and subject to the rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board,"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 1128 and 1129 by deleting the following language: ", assisted by the commission,"

AMEND FURTHER on line 1378 by deleting the words "the executive director of"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 1465 and 1471 by deleting the word "subcommission" and inserting the word "subdivision"

AMEND FURTHER on line 1746 and 1747 by deleting the following language: ", after consultation with the executive director,"

AMEND FURTHER on line 2166 by deleting the words "other designated person or persons" and inserting the words "other person or persons designated by the commission"

AMEND FURTHER on line 2173 by deleting the words "executive director or other designated person" and inserting the word "commission"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1013**. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan,

Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Hudson, Karriem, McLeod, Osborne, Scott, Taylor, Williamson. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Gibbs, D, Summers, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1008: Medicaid; make technical amendments to services, manage care and assessment provisions.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND by inserting the following new Section 15 after line 2633 and renumbering the succeeding section:

"SECTION 15. The Division of Medicaid shall conduct an assessment and evaluation of the need for new or expanded health care services and health care facilities throughout the state and the issuance of certificates of need as necessary to provide those services and facilities, and shall prepare and submit a report to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Public Health Committees and Medicaid Committees with its findings regarding those needs and its recommendations regarding how those needs should be addressed by the Legislature."

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND by adding following new paragraph (2) after line 1612 and renumbering the succeeding paragraphs and any references thereto:

"(2) Each health maintenance organization, coordinated care organization, provider-sponsored health plan, or other organization paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this subsection (H) shall use a clear set of level of care guidelines in the determination of medical necessity and in all utilization management practices, including the prior authorization process, concurrent reviews, retrospective reviews and payments, that are consistent with widely accepted professional standards of care (including the Level of Care Utilization System [LOCUS], Child and Adolescent Level of Care Utilization System [CALOCUS] and the American Society of Addiction Medicine [ASAM], Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument [CASSI]). Organizations participating in a managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division may not use any additional criteria that would result in denial of care that would be determined appropriate and, therefore, medically necessary by the following guidelines and principles. The standards of care must incorporate the following eight (8) principles:

(a) Effective treatment requires treatment of the individual's underlying condition and is not limited to alleviation of the individual's current symptoms;

(b) Effective treatment requires treatment of co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and/or medical conditions in a coordinated manner

that considers the interactions of the disorders when determining the appropriate level of care;

(c) Patients should receive treatment for mental health and substance use disorders at the least intensive and restrictive level of care that is safe and effective;

(d) When there is ambiguity as to the appropriate level of care, the practitioner and insurer should err on the side of caution by placing the patient in a higher level of care that is currently available;

(e) Effective treatment of mental health and substance use disorders includes services needed to maintain functioning or prevent deterioration;

(f) The appropriate duration of treatment for mental health and substance use disorders is based on the individual needs of the patient; there is no specific limit on the duration of such treatment;

(g) The unique needs of children and adolescents must be taken into account when making decisions regarding the level of care involving their treatment for mental health or substance use disorders; and

(h) The determination of the appropriate level of care for patients with mental health or substance use disorders should be made on the basis of a multidimensional assessment that takes into account a wide variety of information about the patient."

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1008**. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Banks, Brown, B. Hale, Hudson, Karriem. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J. Blackmon, Gibbs, D. Mims, Osborne, Weathersby, Young. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Owen entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 377: Pawnbroker transactions; define transactional information for purposes of.

Representative Cockerham entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 933: Child support payment; suspend obligation to pay when the person to pay is incarcerated.

Rep. Cockerham called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 429: Contracts; authorize persons eighteen years of age or older to enter into for the purpose of investing in mutual funds.

Representative Bell (21st) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bills passed.

H. B. No. 1253: Construction management at risk method of project delivery; revise certain provisions related to.

H. B. No. 536: Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of.

Rep. Ford (54th) called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 327: Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 330: Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such.

H. B. No. 1205: Telemedicine; revise definition for provisions of law regarding coverage for telemedicine services.

Rep. Boyd called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 100: MS Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on requirement that fees be deposited into State General Fund.

H. B. No. 814: Public Procurement Review Board; exempt certain contracts entered into by Attorney General's office from oversight of.

Representative Young entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 72: Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services.

Rep. Huddleston called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1030: "Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act"; enact.

Representative Johnson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 586: Statewide Elections Management System; compare to certain identification databases to ensure non-U.S. citizens are not registered to vote.

Rep. Rushing called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 842: Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities.

Rep. Beckett called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 195: Municipalities; authorize those of certain size to conduct special elections at one polling place.

Rep. Roberson called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1326: Compact for a Balanced Budget; revise delegate membership and extend sunset provision.

Rep. Guice called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 992: County port and harbor commission; provide that members hold appointment until successor appointed and installed.

Representative Morgan entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1142: Construction; revise contractor's tax regarding certain, require permits in counties/municipalities with construction codes.

Representative Brown (20th) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1013: Medicaid; create Medicaid Commission to administer program and abolish Division of Medicaid.

Representative Hood entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1077: Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Judith M. Cuevas, Doye Evelyn Patton Parker, Betty Mae Ladner, Margie Valley Peterson

Ladner, Pamela Jean Torries Short, Ann E. Ulrich, and Elmer Cuevas, which motion prevailed.

At 5:46 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 11, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

(THIRTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Tracey Rosebud.

Rep. Rosebud led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1361: (Representative Kinkade) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with infrastructure improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1362: (Representatives Johnson, Mims) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Adams County with completion of the Belwood Levee. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1363: (Representatives Stamps, Clark, Arnold, Crawford, Denton, McCray, Miles, Rosebud, Thompson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Hopkins) Income tax; exempt all compensation of persons retired from military. Ways and Means.

H. R. No. 23: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Anderson (110th), Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown (70th), Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs (36th), Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young, Boyd) Ruth Antoninette Batton Campbell; commend her life upon her passing. Rules.

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 634:** (Firearms restriction; limit those by cities, counties and state agencies.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 72:** (Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Huddleston called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1029:** (Income share agreements; authorize IHLs to enter into with eligible students.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 424:** (Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway.") passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of amendments, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Anderson (122nd):

AMEND after line 12 by inserting the following new section and renumbering any succeeding sections:

"SECTION 2. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 603 located in Hancock County, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 43 and extending northerly to its intersection with Rocky-Hill Dedeaux Road is designated and shall be known as the "Lieutenant Deputy Michael Anthony Boutte, Sr., Memorial Highway."
(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section."

AMEND TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Goodin:

AMEND after line 12 by inserting the following new section and renumbering any succeeding sections:

"SECTION 4. Section 65-3-71.320, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
65-3-71.320. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 42 in Greene County, Mississippi, beginning at its southern intersection with Mississippi Highway 63 and extending one (1) mile west, is designated as the " * * * Deputy U.S. Marshal Jake Green and Greene County Deputy Lawrence Dunnam Memorial Highway, EOW April 1, 1921."
(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section."

AMEND TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 424**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Beckett called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 586**: (Statewide Elections Management System; compare to certain identification databases to ensure non-U.S. citizens are not registered to vote.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Turner called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1077**: (Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bell (21st) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1301**: (Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purpose of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st): This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1301**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster,

Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Weathersby, Young.
Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Bell (21st) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1253**: (Construction management at risk method of project delivery; revise certain provisions related to.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purpose of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st):

AMEND by striking Section 4 through Section 9 in their entirety and renumbering the succeeding sections.

" SECTION 4. Section 37-15-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-15-38. (1) The following phrases have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) A dual enrolled student is a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school.

(b) A dual credit student is a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school and who is receiving high school and college credit for postsecondary coursework.

(2) A local school board, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board shall establish a dual enrollment system under which students in the school district who meet the prescribed criteria of this section may be enrolled in a postsecondary institution in Mississippi while they are still in school.

(3) Dual credit eligibility. Before credits earned by a qualified high school student from a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning may be transferred to the student's home school district, the student must be properly enrolled in a dual enrollment program.

(4) Admission criteria for dual enrollment in community and junior college or university programs. The Mississippi Community College Board and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning may recommend to the State Board of Education admission criteria for dual enrollment programs under which high school students may enroll at a community or junior college or university while they are still attending high school and enrolled in high school courses. Students may be admitted to enroll in community or junior college courses under the dual enrollment programs if they meet that individual institution's stated dual enrollment admission requirements.

(5) Tuition and cost responsibility. Tuition and costs for university-level courses and community and junior college courses offered under a dual enrollment program may be paid for by the postsecondary institution, the local school district, the parents or legal guardians of the student, or by grants, foundations or other private or public sources. Payment for tuition and any other costs must be made directly to the credit-granting institution.

(6) Transportation responsibility. Any transportation required by a student to participate in the dual enrollment program is the responsibility of the parent, custodian or legal guardian of the student. Transportation costs may be paid from any available public or private sources, including the local school district.

(7) School district average daily attendance credit. When dually enrolled, the student may be counted, for adequate education program funding purposes, in the average daily attendance of the public school district in which the student attends high school.

(8) High school student transcript transfer requirements. Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted to a dual credit program must be recorded on the high school student record and on the college transcript at the university or community or junior college where the student attends classes. The transcript of the university or community or junior college coursework may be released to another institution or applied toward college graduation requirements.

(9) Determining factor of prerequisites for dual enrollment courses. Each university and community or junior college participating in a dual enrollment program shall determine course prerequisites. Course prerequisites shall be the same for dual enrolled students as for regularly enrolled students at that university or community or junior college.

(10) Process for determining articulation of curriculum between high school, university, and community and junior college courses. All dual credit courses must meet the standards established at the postsecondary level. Postsecondary level developmental courses may not be considered as meeting the requirements of the dual credit program. Dual credit memorandum of understandings must be established between each postsecondary institution and the school district implementing a dual credit program.

(11) [Deleted]

(12) Eligible courses for dual credit programs. Courses eligible for dual credit include, but are not necessarily limited to, foreign languages, advanced math courses, advanced science courses, performing arts, advanced business and technology, and career and technical courses. Distance Learning Collaborative Program courses approved under Section 37-67-1 shall be fully eligible for dual credit. All courses being considered for dual credit must receive unconditional approval from the superintendent of the local school district and the chief instructional officer at the participating community or junior college or university in order for college credit to be awarded. A university or community or junior college shall make the final decision on what courses are eligible for semester hour credits.

(13) High school Carnegie unit equivalency. One (1) three-hour university or community or junior college course is equal to one (1) high school Carnegie unit.

(14) Course alignment. The universities, community and junior colleges and the State Department of Education shall periodically review their respective policies and assess the place of dual credit courses within the context of their traditional offerings.

(15) Maximum dual credits allowed. It is the intent of the dual enrollment program to make it possible for every eligible student who desires to earn a semester's worth of college credit in high school to do so. A qualified dually enrolled high school student must be allowed to earn an unlimited number of college or university credits for dual credit.

(16) Dual credit program allowances. A student may be granted credit delivered through the following means:

(a) Examination preparation taught at a high school by a qualified teacher. A student may receive credit at the secondary level after completion of an approved course and passing the standard examination, such as an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course through which a high school student is allowed CLEP credit by making a three (3) or higher on the end-of-course examination.

(b) College or university courses taught at a high school or designated postsecondary site by a qualified teacher who is an employee of the school district and approved as an instructor by the collaborating college or university.

(c) College or university courses taught at a college, university or high school by an instructor employed by the college or university and approved by the collaborating school district.

(d) Online courses of any public university, community or junior college in Mississippi.

(17) Qualifications of dual credit instructors. A dual credit academic instructor must meet the requirements set forth by the regional accrediting association (Southern Association of College and Schools). University and community and junior college personnel have the sole authority in the selection of dual credit instructors.

A dual credit career and technical education instructor must meet the requirements set forth by the Mississippi Community College Board in the qualifications manual for postsecondary career and technical personnel.

(18) Guidance on local agreements. The Chief Academic Officer of the State Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Chief Instructional Officers of the Mississippi Community College Board and the State Department of Education, working collaboratively, shall develop a template to be used by the individual community and junior colleges and institutions of higher learning for consistent implementation of the dual enrollment program throughout the State of Mississippi.

(19) Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option. A local school board and the local community colleges board shall establish a Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option Program under which potential or recent student dropouts may dually enroll in their home school and a local community college in a dual credit program consisting of high school completion coursework and a community college credential, certificate or degree program. Students completing the dual enrollment-credit option may obtain their high school diploma while obtaining a community college credential, certificate or degree. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall assist students who have successfully completed the Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option in securing a job upon the application of the student or the participating school or community college. The Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option Program will be implemented statewide in the 2012-2013 school year and thereafter. The State Board of Education, local school board and the local community college board shall establish criteria for the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program. Students enrolled in the program will not be eligible to participate in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities at the home school district. Tuition and costs for community college courses offered under the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program shall not be charged to the student, parents or legal guardians. When dually enrolled, the student shall be counted for adequate education program funding purposes, in the average daily attendance of the public school district in which the student attends high school, as provided in Section 37-151-7(1)(a). Any transportation required by the student to participate in the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian of the student, and transportation costs may be paid from any available public or private sources, including the local school district. Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted to this Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program shall be recorded on the high school student record and on the college transcript at the community college and high school where the student attends classes. The transcript of the community college coursework may be released to another institution or applied toward college graduation requirements. Any course that is required for subject area testing as a requirement for graduation from a public school in Mississippi is eligible for dual credit, and courses eligible for dual credit shall also include career, technical and degree program courses. All courses eligible for dual credit shall be approved by the superintendent of the local school district and the chief instructional officer at the participating community college in order for college credit to be awarded. A community college shall make the final decision on what courses are eligible for semester hour credits and the local school superintendent, subject to approval by the Mississippi Department of Education, shall make the final decision on the transfer of college courses credited to the student's high school transcript.

SECTION 5. Section 37-16-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-16-17. (1) Purpose. (a) The purpose of this section is to create a quality option in Mississippi's high schools for students not wishing to pursue a baccalaureate degree, which shall consist of challenging academic courses and modern career-technical studies. The goal for students pursuing the career * * * technical education pathways is to graduate from high school with a standard diploma and credit toward a community college certification in a career-technical field. These students also shall be encouraged to take the national assessment in the career-technical field in which they become certified.

(b) The State Board of Education shall develop and adopt course and curriculum requirements for career * * * technical education pathways offered by local public school boards in accordance with this section. The Mississippi Community College Board and the State Board of Education jointly shall determine course and curriculum requirements for the career * * * technical education pathways. The State Board of Education shall require school districts to provide notice to all incoming middle school students and junior high students of the career technical education pathways offered by local school boards. Such notice shall include the career technical education pathways

available, the course requirements of each pathways, how to enroll in the pathway and any other necessary information as determined by the State Board of Education.

(2) * * * Career technical education pathway; description; curriculum. (a) A career * * * technical education pathway shall provide a student with greater technical skill and a strong academic core and shall be offered to each high school student enrolled in a public school district. The career * * * technical education pathway shall be linked to postsecondary options and shall prepare students to pursue either a degree or certification from a postsecondary institution, an industry-based training or certification, an apprenticeship, the military, or immediate entrance into a career field. The career * * * technical education pathway shall be designed primarily for those students who are not college bound and shall provide them with alternatives to entrance into a four-year university or college after high school graduation.

(b) Students pursuing a career * * * technical education pathway shall be afforded the opportunity to dually enroll in a community or technical college or to participate in a business internship or work-study program, when such opportunities are available and appropriate.

(c) Each public school district shall offer a career * * * technical education pathway approved by the State Board of Education.

(d) Students in a career * * * technical education pathway shall complete an academic core of courses and a career and technical sequence of courses.

(e) Students pursuing a career technical education pathway must complete the * * * twenty-four (24) course unit requirements for * * * a regular high school diploma, which may include, but not be limited to * * * the following course content:

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- (i) English I;
- (ii) English II;
- (iii) Technical writing;
- (iv) Computer programming;
- (v) Algebra I;
- (vi) Personal Finance;
- (vii) Advanced technical mathematics;
- (viii) Computer science;
- (ix) Biology;
- (x) Earth and Space Science;
- (xi) U.S. History;
- (xii) Mississippi Studies/U.S. Government;
- (xiii) Health;
- (xiv) Physical Education;
- (xv) Soft skills, which include, but are not limited to, social graces, communication abilities, language skills, personal habits, cognitive or emotional empathy, time management, teamwork and leadership traits;
- (xvi) Career technical education pathway courses; and
- (xvii) Integrated technology.

Academic courses within the career * * * technical education pathway of the standard diploma shall provide the knowledge and skill necessary for proficiency on the state subject area tests.

(f) The courses provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection may be tailored to the individual needs of the school district as long as the amendments align with the basic course requirements of paragraph (e).

(3) Nothing in this section shall disallow the development of a dual enrollment program with a technical college so long as an individual school district, with approval from the State Department of Education, agrees to implement such a program in connection with a technical college and the agreement is also approved by the proprietary school's commission.

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SECTION 6. Section 37-3-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-3-2. (1) There is established within the State Department of Education the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission to make

recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

(2) (a) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) qualified members. The membership of the commission shall be composed of the following members to be appointed, three (3) from each of the four (4) congressional districts, as such districts existed on January 1, 2011, in accordance with the population calculations determined by the 2010 federal decennial census, including: four (4) classroom teachers; three (3) school administrators; one (1) representative of schools of education of public institutions of higher learning located within the state to be recommended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; one (1) representative from the schools of education of independent institutions of higher learning to be recommended by the Board of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges; one (1) representative from public community and junior colleges located within the state to be recommended by the Mississippi Community College Board; one (1) local school board member; and four (4) laypersons. Three (3) members of the commission, at the sole discretion of the State Board of Education, shall be appointed from the state at large.

(b) All appointments shall be made by the State Board of Education after consultation with the State Superintendent of Public Education. The first appointments by the State Board of Education shall be made as follows: five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; and five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years.

(3) The State Board of Education when making appointments shall designate a chairman. The commission shall meet at least once every two (2) months or more often if needed. Members of the commission shall be compensated at a rate of per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(4) (a) An appropriate staff member of the State Department of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education to serve as executive secretary and coordinator for the commission. No less than two (2) other appropriate staff members of the State Department of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education to serve on the staff of the commission.

(b) An Office of Educator Misconduct Evaluations shall be established within the State Department of Education to assist the commission in responding to infractions and violations, and in conducting hearings and enforcing the provisions of subsections (11), (12), (13), (14) and (15) of this section, and violations of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics.

(5) It shall be the duty of the commission to:

(a) Set standards and criteria, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, for all educator preparation programs in the state;

(b) Recommend to the State Board of Education each year approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in the state, subject to a process and schedule determined by the State Board of Education;

(c) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, standards for initial teacher certification and licensure in all fields;

(d) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, standards for the renewal of teacher licenses in all fields;

(e) Review and evaluate objective measures of teacher performance, such as test scores, which may form part of the licensure process, and to make recommendations for their use;

(f) Review all existing requirements for certification and licensure;

(g) Consult with groups whose work may be affected by the commission's decisions;

(h) Prepare reports from time to time on current practices and issues in the general area of teacher education and certification and licensure;

(i) Hold hearings concerning standards for teachers' and administrators' education and certification and licensure with approval of the State Board of Education;

- (j) Hire expert consultants with approval of the State Board of Education;
- (k) Set up ad hoc committees to advise on specific areas; and
- (l) Perform such other functions as may fall within their general charge and

which may be delegated to them by the State Board of Education.

(6) (a) Standard License - Approved Program Route. An educator entering the school system of Mississippi for the first time and meeting all requirements as established by the State Board of Education shall be granted a standard five-year license. Persons who possess two (2) years of classroom experience as an assistant teacher or who have taught for one (1) year in an accredited public or private school shall be allowed to fulfill student teaching requirements under the supervision of a qualified participating teacher approved by an accredited college of education. The local school district in which the assistant teacher is employed shall compensate such assistant teachers at the required salary level during the period of time such individual is completing student teaching requirements. Applicants for a standard license shall submit to the department:

- (i) An application on a department form;

(ii) An official transcript of completion of a teacher education program approved by the department or a nationally accredited program, subject to the following: Licensure to teach in Mississippi prekindergarten through kindergarten classrooms shall require completion of a teacher education program or a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis from a program accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) or by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Licensure to teach in Mississippi kindergarten, for those applicants who have completed a teacher education program, and in Grade 1 through Grade 4 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary program of studies. Licenses for Grades 4 through 8 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary program of studies with two (2) or more areas of concentration. Licensure to teach in Mississippi Grades 7 through 12 shall require a major in an academic field other than education, or a combination of disciplines other than education. Students preparing to teach a subject shall complete a major in the respective subject discipline. All applicants for standard licensure shall demonstrate that such person's college preparation in those fields was in accordance with the standards set forth by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) or, for those applicants who have a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis, the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). Effective July 1, 2016, for initial elementary education licensure, a teacher candidate must earn a passing score on a rigorous test of scientifically research-based reading instruction and intervention and data-based decision-making principles as approved by the State Board of Education;

(iii) A copy of test scores evidencing satisfactory completion of nationally administered examinations of achievement, such as the Educational Testing Service's teacher testing examinations;

- (iv) Any other document required by the State Board of Education;

and

(v) From and after July 1, 2020, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi who did not meet the following criteria for entrance into an approved teacher education program:

1. An ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent);

or

2. Achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; or

3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program.

(b) (i) Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route. From and after July 1, 2020, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi under the alternate route who did not meet the following criteria:

- * * *1. An ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT

equivalent); or

* * *2. Achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; or

* * *3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program.

(ii) Beginning July 1, 2020, an individual who has attained a passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators or an ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent) or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program and a passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment in the requested area of endorsement may apply for admission to the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program to teach students in Grades 7 through 12 if the individual meets the requirements of this paragraph (b). The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring that teacher preparation institutions which provide the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program for the preparation of nontraditional teachers shall meet the standards and comply with the provisions of this paragraph.

* * *1. The Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) shall include an intensive eight-week, nine-semester-hour summer program or a curriculum of study in which the student matriculates in the fall or spring semester, which shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in education, effective teaching strategies, classroom management, state curriculum requirements, planning and instruction, instructional methods and pedagogy, using test results to improve instruction, and a one (1) semester three-hour supervised internship to be completed while the teacher is employed as a full-time teacher intern in a local school district. The TMI shall be implemented on a pilot program basis, with courses to be offered at up to four (4) locations in the state, with one (1) TMI site to be located in each of the three (3) Mississippi Supreme Court districts.

* * *2. The school sponsoring the teacher intern shall enter into a written agreement with the institution providing the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program, under terms and conditions as agreed upon by the contracting parties, providing that the school district shall provide teacher interns seeking a nontraditional provisional teaching license with a one-year classroom teaching experience. The teacher intern shall successfully complete the one (1) semester three-hour intensive internship in the school district during the semester immediately following successful completion of the TMI and prior to the end of the one-year classroom teaching experience.

* * *3. Upon completion of the nine-semester-hour TMI or the fall or spring semester option, the individual shall submit his transcript to the commission for provisional licensure of the intern teacher, and the intern teacher shall be issued a provisional teaching license by the commission, which will allow the individual to legally serve as a teacher while the person completes a nontraditional teacher preparation internship program.

* * *4. During the semester of internship in the school district, the teacher preparation institution shall monitor the performance of the intern teacher. The school district that employs the provisional teacher shall supervise the provisional teacher during the teacher's intern year of employment under a nontraditional provisional license, and shall, in consultation with the teacher intern's mentor at the school district of employment, submit to the commission a comprehensive evaluation of the teacher's performance sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the nontraditional provisional license. If the comprehensive evaluation establishes that the provisional teacher intern's performance fails to meet the standards of the approved nontraditional teacher preparation internship program, the individual shall not be approved for a standard license.

* * *5. An individual issued a provisional teaching license under this nontraditional route shall successfully complete, at a minimum, a one-year beginning teacher mentoring and induction program administered by the employing school district with the assistance of the State Department of Education.

* * *6. Upon successful completion of the TMI and the internship provisional license period, applicants for a Standard License - Nontraditional Route shall submit to the commission a transcript of successful completion of the twelve (12) semester hours required in the internship program, and the employing school district shall submit to the commission a recommendation for standard licensure of the intern. If

the school district recommends licensure, the applicant shall be issued a Standard License - Nontraditional Route which shall be valid for a five-year period and be renewable.

***7. At the discretion of the teacher preparation institution, the individual shall be allowed to credit the twelve (12) semester hours earned in the nontraditional teacher internship program toward the graduate hours required for a Master of Arts in Teacher (MAT) Degree.

***8. The local school district in which the nontraditional teacher intern or provisional licensee is employed shall compensate such teacher interns at Step 1 of the required salary level during the period of time such individual is completing teacher internship requirements and shall compensate such Standard License - Nontraditional Route teachers at Step 3 of the required salary level when they complete license requirements.

(iii) Implementation of the TMI program provided for under this paragraph (b) shall be contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated specifically for such purpose by the Legislature. Such implementation of the TMI program may not be deemed to prohibit the State Board of Education from developing and implementing additional alternative route teacher licensure programs, as deemed appropriate by the board. The emergency certification program in effect prior to July 1, 2002, shall remain in effect.

(iv) A Standard License - Approved Program Route shall be issued for a five-year period, and may be renewed. Recognizing teaching as a profession, a hiring preference shall be granted to persons holding a Standard License - Approved Program Route or Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route over persons holding any other license.

(c) Special License - Expert Citizen. In order to allow a school district to offer specialized or technical courses, the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education, may grant a *** five-year expert citizen-teacher license to local business or other professional personnel to teach in a public school or nonpublic school accredited or approved by the state. Such person shall be required to have a high school diploma, an industry-recognized certification related to the subject area in which they are teaching and a minimum of five (5) years of relevant experience but shall not be required to hold an associate or bachelor's degree, provided that he or she possesses the minimum qualifications required for his or her profession, and may begin teaching upon his employment by the local school board and licensure by the Mississippi Department of Education. If a school board hires a career technical education pathway instructor who does not have an industry certification in his or her area of expertise but does have the required experience, the school board shall spread their decision on the minutes at their next meeting and provide a detailed explanation for why they hired the instructor. Such instructor shall present the minutes of the school board to the State Department of Education when he or she applies for an expert citizen license. The board shall adopt rules and regulations to administer the expert citizen-teacher license. A Special License - Expert Citizen may be renewed in accordance with the established rules and regulations of the State Department of Education.

(d) Special License - Nonrenewable. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations to allow those educators not meeting requirements in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subsection (6) to be licensed for a period of not more than three (3) years, except by special approval of the State Board of Education.

(e) Nonlicensed Teaching Personnel. A nonlicensed person may teach for a maximum of three (3) periods per teaching day in a public school district or a nonpublic school accredited/approved by the state. Such person shall submit to the department a transcript or record of his education and experience which substantiates his preparation for the subject to be taught and shall meet other qualifications specified by the commission and approved by the State Board of Education. In no case shall any local school board hire nonlicensed personnel as authorized under this paragraph in excess of five percent (5%) of the total number of licensed personnel in any single school.

(f) Special License - Transitional Bilingual Education. Beginning July 1, 2003, the commission shall grant special licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who possess such qualifications as are prescribed in this section. Teachers of transitional bilingual education shall be compensated by local school boards at not less than one (1) step on the regular salary schedule applicable to permanent teachers licensed under this section. The commission shall grant special licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who present the commission with satisfactory evidence that they (i) possess a speaking and reading ability in a language, other than English, in which bilingual education is offered and communicative skills in English; (ii) are in good health and sound moral character; (iii) possess a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree in teacher education from an accredited institution of higher education; (iv) meet such requirements as to courses of study, semester hours therein, experience and training as may be required by the commission; and (v) are legally present in the United States and possess legal authorization for employment. A teacher of transitional bilingual education serving under a special license shall be under an exemption from standard licensure if he achieves the requisite qualifications therefor. Two (2) years of service by a teacher of transitional bilingual education under such an exemption shall be credited to the teacher in acquiring a Standard Educator License. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit a local school board from employing a teacher licensed in an appropriate field as approved by the State Department of Education to teach in a program in transitional bilingual education.

(g) In the event any school district meets the highest accreditation standards as defined by the State Board of Education in the accountability system, the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may exempt such school district from any restrictions in paragraph (e) relating to the employment of nonlicensed teaching personnel.

(h) Highly Qualified Teachers. Beginning July 1, 2006, any teacher from any state meeting the federal definition of highly qualified, as described in the No Child Left Behind Act, must be granted a standard five-year license by the State Department of Education.

(7) Administrator License. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations and to administer the licensure process of the school administrators in the State of Mississippi. There will be four (4) categories of administrator licensure with exceptions only through special approval of the State Board of Education.

(a) Administrator License - Nonpracticing. Those educators holding administrative endorsement but having no administrative experience or not serving in an administrative position on January 15, 1997.

(b) Administrator License - Entry Level. Those educators holding administrative endorsement and having met the department's qualifications to be eligible for employment in a Mississippi school district. Administrator License - Entry Level shall be issued for a five-year period and shall be nonrenewable.

(c) Standard Administrator License - Career Level. An administrator who has met all the requirements of the department for standard administrator licensure.

(d) Administrator License - Nontraditional Route. The board may establish a nontraditional route for licensing administrative personnel. Such nontraditional route for administrative licensure shall be available for persons holding, but not limited to, a master of business administration degree, a master of public administration degree, a master of public planning and policy degree or a doctor of jurisprudence degree from an accredited college or university, with five (5) years of administrative or supervisory experience. Successful completion of the requirements of alternate route licensure for administrators shall qualify the person for a standard administrator license.

Individuals seeking school administrator licensure under paragraph (b), (c) or (d) shall successfully complete a training program and an assessment process prescribed by the State Board of Education. All applicants for school administrator licensure shall meet all requirements prescribed by the department under paragraph (b), (c) or (d), and the cost of the assessment process required shall be paid by the applicant.

(8) Reciprocity. (a) The department shall grant a standard license to any individual who possesses a valid standard license from another state and meets minimum Mississippi license requirements or equivalent requirements as determined by the State Board of

Education. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

(b) The department shall grant a nonrenewable special license to any individual who possesses a credential which is less than a standard license or certification from another state. Such special license shall be valid for the current school year plus one (1) additional school year to expire on June 30 of the second year, not to exceed a total period of twenty-four (24) months, during which time the applicant shall be required to complete the requirements for a standard license in Mississippi.

(9) Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for the renewal and reinstatement of educator and administrator licenses. Effective May 15, 1997, the valid standard license held by an educator shall be extended five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the license in order to afford the educator adequate time to fulfill new renewal requirements established pursuant to this subsection. An educator completing a master of education, educational specialist or doctor of education degree in May 1997 for the purpose of upgrading the educator's license to a higher class shall be given this extension of five (5) years plus five (5) additional years for completion of a higher degree.

(10) All controversies involving the issuance, revocation, suspension or any change whatsoever in the licensure of an educator required to hold a license shall be initially heard in a hearing de novo, by the commission or by a subcommittee established by the commission and composed of commission members, or by a hearing officer retained and appointed by the commission, for the purpose of holding hearings. Any complaint seeking the denial of issuance, revocation or suspension of a license shall be by sworn affidavit filed with the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. The decision thereon by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, shall be final, unless the aggrieved party shall appeal to the State Board of Education, within ten (10) days, of the decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal to the State Board of Education shall be perfected upon filing a notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of the costs of the preparation of the record of proceedings by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal shall be on the record previously made before the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations adopted by the board. The decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer shall not be disturbed on appeal if supported by substantial evidence, was not arbitrary or capricious, within the authority of the commission, and did not violate some statutory or constitutional right. The State Board of Education in its authority may reverse, or remand with instructions, the decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. The decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

(11) (a) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, may deny an application for any teacher or administrator license for one or more of the following:

(i) Lack of qualifications which are prescribed by law or regulations adopted by the State Board of Education;

(ii) The applicant has a physical, emotional or mental disability that renders the applicant unfit to perform the duties authorized by the license, as certified by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist;

(iii) The applicant is actively addicted to or actively dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens or other drugs having similar effect, at the time of application for a license;

(iv) Fraud or deceit committed by the applicant in securing or attempting to secure such certification and license;

(v) Failing or refusing to furnish reasonable evidence of identification;

(vi) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this subparagraph (vi) of this paragraph (a), a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(vii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or post-release supervision for a felony or conviction, as defined by federal or state law. However, this

disqualification expires upon the end of the probationary or post-release supervision period.

(b) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, shall deny an application for any teacher or administrator license, or immediately revoke the current teacher or administrator license, for one or more of the following:

(i) If the applicant or licensee has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(ii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or post-release supervision for a sex offense conviction, as defined by federal or state law;

(iii) The license holder has fondled a student as described in Section 97-5-23, or had any type of sexual involvement with a student as described in Section 97-3-95; or

(iv) The license holder has failed to report sexual involvement of a school employee with a student as required by Section 97-5-24.

(12) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any teacher or administrator license for specified periods of time or may place on probation, reprimand a licensee, or take other disciplinary action with regard to any license issued under this chapter for one or more of the following:

(a) Breach of contract or abandonment of employment may result in the suspension of the license for one (1) school year as provided in Section 37-9-57;

(b) Obtaining a license by fraudulent means shall result in immediate suspension and continued suspension for one (1) year after correction is made;

(c) Suspension or revocation of a certificate or license by another state shall result in immediate suspension or revocation and shall continue until records in the prior state have been cleared;

(d) The license holder has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this paragraph, a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(e) The license holder knowingly and willfully committing any of the acts affecting validity of mandatory uniform test results as provided in Section 37-16-4(1);

(f) The license holder has engaged in unethical conduct relating to an educator/student relationship as identified by the State Board of Education in its rules;

(g) The license holder served as superintendent or principal in a school district during the time preceding and/or that resulted in the Governor declaring a state of emergency and the State Board of Education appointing a conservator;

(h) The license holder submitted a false certification to the State Department of Education that a statewide test was administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System; or

(i) The license holder has failed to comply with the Procedures for Reporting Infractions as promulgated by the commission and approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (15) of this section.

For purposes of this subsection, probation shall be defined as a length of time determined by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, and based on the severity of the offense in which the license holder shall meet certain requirements as prescribed by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. Failure to complete the requirements in the time specified shall result in immediate suspension of the license for one (1) year.

(13) (a) Dismissal or suspension of a licensed employee by a local school board pursuant to Section 37-9-59 may result in the suspension or revocation of a license for a length of time which shall be determined by the commission and based upon the severity of the offense.

(b) Any offense committed or attempted in any other state shall result in the same penalty as if committed or attempted in this state.

(c) A person may voluntarily surrender a license. The surrender of such license may result in the commission recommending any of the above penalties without the

necessity of a hearing. However, any such license which has voluntarily been surrendered by a licensed employee may only be reinstated by a majority vote of all members of the commission present at the meeting called for such purpose.

(14) (a) A person whose license has been suspended or surrendered on any grounds except criminal grounds may petition for reinstatement of the license after one (1) year from the date of suspension or surrender, or after one-half (1/2) of the suspended or surrendered time has lapsed, whichever is greater. A person whose license has been suspended or revoked on any grounds or violations under subsection (12) of this section may be reinstated automatically or approved for a reinstatement hearing, upon submission of a written request to the commission. A license suspended, revoked or surrendered on criminal grounds may be reinstated upon petition to the commission filed after expiration of the sentence and parole or probationary period imposed upon conviction. A revoked, suspended or surrendered license may be reinstated upon satisfactory showing of evidence of rehabilitation. The commission shall require all who petition for reinstatement to furnish evidence satisfactory to the commission of good character, good mental, emotional and physical health and such other evidence as the commission may deem necessary to establish the petitioner's rehabilitation and fitness to perform the duties authorized by the license.

(b) A person whose license expires while under investigation by the Office of Educator Misconduct for an alleged violation may not be reinstated without a hearing before the commission if required based on the results of the investigation.

(15) Reporting procedures and hearing procedures for dealing with infractions under this section shall be promulgated by the commission, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education. The revocation or suspension of a license shall be effected at the time indicated on the notice of suspension or revocation. The commission shall immediately notify the superintendent of the school district or school board where the teacher or administrator is employed of any disciplinary action and also notify the teacher or administrator of such revocation or suspension and shall maintain records of action taken. The State Board of Education may reverse or remand with instructions any decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer regarding a petition for reinstatement of a license, and any such decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

(16) An appeal from the action of the State Board of Education in denying an application, revoking or suspending a license or otherwise disciplining any person under the provisions of this section shall be filed in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, on the record made, including a verbatim transcript of the testimony at the hearing. The appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days after notification of the action of the board is mailed or served and the proceedings in chancery court shall be conducted as other matters coming before the court. The appeal shall be perfected upon filing notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of all costs, including the cost of preparation of the record of the proceedings by the State Board of Education, and the filing of a bond in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) conditioned that if the action of the board be affirmed by the chancery court, the applicant or license holder shall pay the costs of the appeal and the action of the chancery court.

(17) All such programs, rules, regulations, standards and criteria recommended or authorized by the commission shall become effective upon approval by the State Board of Education as designated by appropriate orders entered upon the minutes thereof.

(18) The granting of a license shall not be deemed a property right nor a guarantee of employment in any public school district. A license is a privilege indicating minimal eligibility for teaching in the public school districts of Mississippi. This section shall in no way alter or abridge the authority of local school districts to require greater qualifications or standards of performance as a prerequisite of initial or continued employment in such districts.

(19) In addition to the reasons specified in subsections (12) and (13) of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended

for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

SECTION 7. Section 37-16-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-16-3. (1) The State Department of Education is directed to implement a program of statewide assessment testing which shall provide for the improvement of the operation and management of the public schools. The statewide program shall be timed, as far as possible, so as not to conflict with ongoing district assessment programs. As part of the program, the department shall:

(a) Establish, with the approval of the State Board of Education, minimum performance standards related to the goals for education contained in the state's plan including, but not limited to, basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. The minimum performance standards shall be approved by April 1 in each year they are established.

(b) Conduct a uniform statewide testing program in grades deemed appropriate in the public schools, including charter schools, which shall provide for the administration of the ACT WorkKeys Assessment to any students electing to take the assessment. Each individual school district shall determine whether the ACT WorkKeys Assessment is administered in the ninth, tenth or eleventh grade. The program may test skill areas, basic skills and high school course content.

(c) Monitor the results of the assessment program and, at any time the composite student performance of a school or basic program is found to be below the established minimum standards, notify the district superintendent or the governing board of the charter school, as the case may be, the school principal and the school advisory committee or other existing parent group of the situation within thirty (30) days of its determination. The department shall further provide technical assistance to a school district in the identification of the causes of this deficiency and shall recommend courses of action for its correction.

(d) Provide technical assistance to the school districts, when requested, in the development of student performance standards in addition to the established minimum statewide standards.

(e) Issue security procedure regulations providing for the security and integrity of the tests that are administered under the basic skills assessment program.

(f) In case of an allegation of a testing irregularity that prompts a need for an investigation by the Department of Education, the department may, in its discretion, take complete control of the statewide test administration in a school district or any part thereof, including, but not limited to, obtaining control of the test booklets and answer documents. In the case of any verified testing irregularity that jeopardized the security and integrity of the test(s), validity or the accuracy of the test results, the cost of the investigation and any other actual and necessary costs related to the investigation paid by the Department of Education shall be reimbursed by the local school district from funds other than federal funds, Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds, or any other state funds within six (6) months from the date of notice by the department to the school district to make reimbursement to the department.

(2) Uniform basic skills tests shall be completed by each student in the appropriate grade. These tests shall be administered in such a manner as to preserve the integrity and validity of the assessment. In the event of excused or unexcused student absences, make-up tests shall be given. The school superintendent of every school district in the state and the principal of each charter school shall annually certify to the State Department of Education that each student enrolled in the appropriate grade has completed the required basic skills assessment test for his or her grade in a valid test administration.

(3) Within five (5) days of completing the administration of a statewide test, the principal of the school where the test was administered shall certify under oath to the State Department of Education that the statewide test was administered in strict accordance

with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education. The principal's sworn certification shall be set forth on a form developed and approved by the Department of Education. If, following the administration of a statewide test, the principal has reason to believe that the test was not administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education, the principal shall submit a sworn certification to the Department of Education setting forth all information known or believed by the principal about all potential violations of the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education. The submission of false information or false certification to the Department of Education by any licensed educator may result in licensure disciplinary action pursuant to Section 37-3-2 and criminal prosecution pursuant to Section 37-16-4.

SECTION 8. Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-17-6. (1) The State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall establish and implement a permanent performance-based accreditation system, and all noncharter public elementary and secondary schools shall be accredited under this system.

(2) No later than June 30, 1995, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require school districts to provide school classroom space that is air-conditioned as a minimum requirement for accreditation.

(3) (a) Beginning with the 1994-1995 school year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require that school districts employ certified school librarians according to the following formula:

Number of Students	Number of Certified
Per School Library	School Librarians
0 - 499 Students	1/2 Full-time Equivalent

Certified Librarian
500 or More Students

1 Full-time Certified

Librarian

(b) The State Board of Education, however, may increase the number of positions beyond the above requirements.

(c) The assignment of certified school librarians to the particular schools shall be at the discretion of the local school district. No individual shall be employed as a certified school librarian without appropriate training and certification as a school librarian by the State Department of Education.

(d) School librarians in the district shall spend at least fifty percent (50%) of direct work time in a school library and shall devote no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the workday to administrative activities that are library related.

(e) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any school district from employing more certified school librarians than are provided for in this section.

(f) Any additional millage levied to fund school librarians required for accreditation under this subsection shall be included in the tax increase limitation set forth in Sections 37-57-105 and 37-57-107 and shall not be deemed a new program for purposes of the limitation.

(4) On or before December 31, 2002, the State Board of Education shall implement the performance-based accreditation system for school districts and for individual noncharter public schools which shall include the following:

(a) High expectations for students and high standards for all schools, with a focus on the basic curriculum;

(b) Strong accountability for results with appropriate local flexibility for local implementation;

(c) A process to implement accountability at both the school district level and the school level;

(d) Individual schools shall be held accountable for student growth and performance;

(e) Set annual performance standards for each of the schools of the state and measure the performance of each school against itself through the standard that has been set for it;

(f) A determination of which schools exceed their standards and a plan for providing recognition and rewards to those schools;

(g) A determination of which schools are failing to meet their standards and a determination of the appropriate role of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education in providing assistance and initiating possible intervention. A failing district is a district that fails to meet both the absolute student achievement standards and the rate of annual growth expectation standards as set by the State Board of Education for two (2) consecutive years. The State Board of Education shall establish the level of benchmarks by which absolute student achievement and growth expectations shall be assessed. In setting the benchmarks for school districts, the State Board of Education may also take into account such factors as graduation rates, dropout rates, completion rates, the extent to which the school or district employs qualified teachers in every classroom, and any other factors deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, acting through the State Department of Education, shall apply a simple "A," "B," "C," "D" and "F" designation to the current school and school district statewide accountability performance classification labels beginning with the State Accountability Results for the 2011-2012 school year and following, and in the school, district and state report cards required under state and federal law. Under the new designations, a school or school district that has earned a "Star" rating shall be designated an "A" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "High-Performing" rating shall be designated a "B" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "Successful" rating shall be designated a "C" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned an "Academic Watch" rating shall be designated a "D" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "Low-Performing," "At-Risk of Failing" or "Failing" rating shall be designated an "F" school or school district. Effective with the implementation of any new curriculum and assessment standards, the State Board of Education, acting through the State Department of Education, is further authorized and directed to change the school and school district accreditation rating system to a simple "A," "B," "C," "D," and "F" designation based on a combination of student achievement scores and student growth as measured by the statewide testing programs developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to Chapter 16, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972. In any statute or regulation containing the former accreditation designations, the new designations shall be applicable;

(h) Development of a comprehensive student assessment system to implement these requirements; and

(i) The State Board of Education may, based on a written request that contains specific reasons for requesting a waiver from the school districts affected by Hurricane Katrina of 2005, hold harmless school districts from assignment of district and school level accountability ratings for the 2005-2006 school year. The State Board of Education upon finding an extreme hardship in the school district may grant the request. It is the intent of the Legislature that all school districts maintain the highest possible academic standards and instructional programs in all schools as required by law and the State Board of Education.

(5) (a) Effective with the 2013-2014 school year, the State Department of Education, acting through the Mississippi Commission on School Accreditation, shall revise and implement a single "A" through "F" school and school district accountability system complying with applicable federal and state requirements in order to reach the following educational goals:

(i) To mobilize resources and supplies to ensure that all students exit third grade reading on grade level by 2015;

(ii) To reduce the student dropout rate to thirteen percent (13%) by 2015; and

(iii) To have sixty percent (60%) of students scoring proficient and advanced on the assessments of the Common Core State Standards by 2016 with incremental increases of three percent (3%) each year thereafter.

(b) The State Department of Education shall combine the state school and school district accountability system with the federal system in order to have a single system.

(c) The State Department of Education shall establish five (5) performance categories ("A," "B," "C," "D" and "F") for the accountability system based on the following criteria:

(i) Student Achievement: the percent of students proficient and advanced on the current state assessments;

(ii) Individual student growth: the percent of students making one (1) year's progress in one (1) year's time on the state assessment, with an emphasis on the progress of the lowest twenty-five percent (25%) of students in the school or district;

(iii) Four-year graduation rate: the percent of students graduating with a standard high school diploma in four (4) years, as defined by federal regulations;

(iv) Categories shall identify schools as Reward ("A" schools), Focus ("D" schools) and Priority ("F" schools). If at least five percent (5%) of schools in the state are not graded as "F" schools, the lowest five percent (5%) of school grade point designees will be identified as Priority schools. If at least ten percent (10%) of schools in the state are not graded as "D" schools, the lowest ten percent (10%) of school grade point designees will be identified as Focus schools;

(v) The State Department of Education shall discontinue the use of Star School, High-Performing, Successful, Academic Watch, Low-Performing, At-Risk of Failing and Failing school accountability designations;

(vi) The system shall include the federally compliant four-year graduation rate in school and school district accountability system calculations. Graduation rate will apply to high school and school district accountability ratings as a compensatory component. The system shall discontinue the use of the High School Completer Index (HSCI);

(vii) The school and school district accountability system shall incorporate a standards-based growth model, in order to support improvement of individual student learning;

(viii) The State Department of Education shall discontinue the use of the Quality Distribution Index (QDI);

(ix) The State Department of Education shall determine feeder patterns of schools that do not earn a school grade because the grades and subjects taught at the school do not have statewide standardized assessments needed to calculate a school grade. Upon determination of the feeder pattern, the department shall notify schools and school districts prior to the release of the school grades beginning in 2013. Feeder schools will be assigned the accountability designation of the school to which they provide students;

(x) Standards for student, school and school district performance will be increased when student proficiency is at a seventy-five percent (75%) and/or when sixty-five percent (65%) of the schools and/or school districts are earning a grade of "B" or higher, in order to raise the standard on performance after targets are met * * *; and

(xi) The system shall include student performance on the administration of the ACT WorkKeys Assessment, which shall be weighted in the same percentage as the standard ACT Assessment as administered to students in Grade 11, for inclusion in the college and career readiness portion of the accountability rating system. The State Department of Education shall ensure equitable distribution of points under the accountability rating, in comparison to the ACT Assessment, for a Silver Status on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment. A student shall not be required to complete all of the courses within his or her career pathway for his or her performance on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment to be included in the system.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require a nonpublic school that receives no local, state or federal funds for support to become accredited by the State Board of Education.

(7) The State Board of Education shall create an accreditation audit unit under the Commission on School Accreditation to determine whether schools are complying with accreditation standards.

(8) The State Board of Education shall be specifically authorized and empowered to withhold adequate education program fund allocations, whichever is applicable, to any public school district for failure to timely report student, school personnel and fiscal data necessary to meet state and/or federal requirements.

(9) [Deleted]

(10) The State Board of Education shall establish, for those school districts failing to meet accreditation standards, a program of development to be complied with in order to receive state funds, except as otherwise provided in subsection (15) of this section when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in a school district or as otherwise provided in Section 206, Mississippi Constitution of 1890. The state board, in establishing these standards, shall provide for notice to schools and sufficient time and aid to enable schools to attempt to meet these standards, unless procedures under subsection (15) of this section have been invoked.

(11) Beginning July 1, 1998, the State Board of Education shall be charged with the implementation of the program of development in each applicable school district as follows:

(a) Develop an impairment report for each district failing to meet accreditation standards in conjunction with school district officials;

(b) Notify any applicable school district failing to meet accreditation standards that it is on probation until corrective actions are taken or until the deficiencies have been removed. The local school district shall develop a corrective action plan to improve its deficiencies. For district academic deficiencies, the corrective action plan for each such school district shall be based upon a complete analysis of the following: student test data, student grades, student attendance reports, student dropout data, existence and other relevant data. The corrective action plan shall describe the specific measures to be taken by the particular school district and school to improve: (i) instruction; (ii) curriculum; (iii) professional development; (iv) personnel and classroom organization; (v) student incentives for performance; (vi) process deficiencies; and (vii) reporting to the local school board, parents and the community. The corrective action plan shall describe the specific individuals responsible for implementing each component of the recommendation and how each will be evaluated. All corrective action plans shall be provided to the State Board of Education as may be required. The decision of the State Board of Education establishing the probationary period of time shall be final;

(c) Offer, during the probationary period, technical assistance to the school district in making corrective actions. Beginning July 1, 1998, subject to the availability of funds, the State Department of Education shall provide technical and/or financial assistance to all such school districts in order to implement each measure identified in that district's corrective action plan through professional development and on-site assistance. Each such school district shall apply for and utilize all available federal funding in order to support its corrective action plan in addition to state funds made available under this paragraph;

(d) Assign department personnel or contract, in its discretion, with the institutions of higher learning or other appropriate private entities with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools to assist school districts;

(e) Provide for publication of public notice at least one time during the probationary period, in a newspaper published within the jurisdiction of the school district failing to meet accreditation standards, or if no newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper having a general circulation therein. The publication shall include the following: declaration of school system's status as being on probation; all details relating to the impairment report; and other information as the State Board of Education deems appropriate. Public notices issued under this section shall be subject to Section 13-3-31 and not contrary to other laws regarding newspaper publication.

(12) (a) If the recommendations for corrective action are not taken by the local school district or if the deficiencies are not removed by the end of the probationary period, the Commission on School Accreditation shall conduct a hearing to allow the affected school district to present evidence or other reasons why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. Additionally, if the local school district violates accreditation standards that have been determined by the policies and procedures of the State Board of Education to be a basis for withdrawal of school district's accreditation without a probationary period,

the Commission on School Accreditation shall conduct a hearing to allow the affected school district to present evidence or other reasons why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. After its consideration of the results of the hearing, the Commission on School Accreditation shall be authorized, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to withdraw the accreditation of a public school district, and issue a request to the Governor that a state of emergency be declared in that district.

(b) If the State Board of Education and the Commission on School Accreditation determine that an extreme emergency situation exists in a school district that jeopardizes the safety, security or educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in that district and that emergency situation is believed to be related to a serious violation or violations of accreditation standards or state or federal law, or when a school district meets the State Board of Education's definition of a failing school district for two (2) consecutive full school years, or if more than fifty percent (50%) of the schools within the school district are designated as Schools At-Risk in any one (1) year, the State Board of Education may request the Governor to declare a state of emergency in that school district. For purposes of this paragraph, the declarations of a state of emergency shall not be limited to those instances when a school district's impairments are related to a lack of financial resources, but also shall include serious failure to meet minimum academic standards, as evidenced by a continued pattern of poor student performance.

(c) Whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district in response to a request made under paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, the State Board of Education may take one or more of the following actions:

(i) Declare a state of emergency, under which some or all of state funds can be escrowed except as otherwise provided in Section 206, Constitution of 1890, until the board determines corrective actions are being taken or the deficiencies have been removed, or that the needs of students warrant the release of funds. The funds may be released from escrow for any program which the board determines to have been restored to standard even though the state of emergency may not as yet be terminated for the district as a whole;

(ii) Override any decision of the local school board or superintendent of education, or both, concerning the management and operation of the school district, or initiate and make decisions concerning the management and operation of the school district;

(iii) Assign an interim superintendent, or in its discretion, contract with a private entity with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools and school districts, who will have those powers and duties prescribed in subsection (15) of this section;

(iv) Grant transfers to students who attend this school district so that they may attend other accredited schools or districts in a manner that is not in violation of state or federal law;

(v) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (a) only, if the accreditation deficiencies are related to the fact that the school district is too small, with too few resources, to meet the required standards and if another school district is willing to accept those students, abolish that district and assign that territory to another school district or districts. If the school district has proposed a voluntary consolidation with another school district or districts, then if the State Board of Education finds that it is in the best interest of the pupils of the district for the consolidation to proceed, the voluntary consolidation shall have priority over any such assignment of territory by the State Board of Education;

(vi) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (b) only, reduce local supplements paid to school district employees, including, but not limited to, instructional personnel, assistant teachers and extracurricular activities personnel, if the district's impairment is related to a lack of financial resources, but only to an extent that will result in the salaries being comparable to districts similarly situated, as determined by the State Board of Education;

(vii) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (b) only, the State Board of Education may take any action as prescribed in Section 37-17-13.

(d) At the time that satisfactory corrective action has been taken in a school district in which a state of emergency has been declared, the State Board of Education

may request the Governor to declare that the state of emergency no longer exists in the district.

(e) The parent or legal guardian of a school-age child who is enrolled in a school district whose accreditation has been withdrawn by the Commission on School Accreditation and without approval of that school district may file a petition in writing to a school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation for a legal transfer. The school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation may grant the transfer according to the procedures of Section 37-15-31(1)(b). In the event the accreditation of the student's home district is restored after a transfer has been approved, the student may continue to attend the transferee school district. The per-pupil amount of the adequate education program allotment, including the collective "add-on program" costs for the student's home school district shall be transferred monthly to the school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation that has granted the transfer of the school-age child.

(f) Upon the declaration of a state of emergency for any school district in which the Governor has previously declared a state of emergency, the State Board of Education may either:

(i) Place the school district into district transformation, in which the school district shall remain until it has fulfilled all conditions related to district transformation. If the district was assigned an accreditation rating of "D" or "F" when placed into district transformation, the district shall be eligible to return to local control when the school district has attained a "C" rating or higher for five (5) consecutive years, unless the State Board of Education determines that the district is eligible to return to local control in less than the five-year period;

(ii) Abolish the school district and administratively consolidate the school district with one or more existing school districts;

(iii) Reduce the size of the district and administratively consolidate parts of the district, as determined by the State Board of Education. However, no school district which is not in district transformation shall be required to accept additional territory over the objection of the district; or

(iv) Require the school district to develop and implement a district improvement plan with prescriptive guidance and support from the State Department of Education, with the goal of helping the district improve student achievement. Failure of the school board, superintendent and school district staff to implement the plan with fidelity and participate in the activities provided as support by the department shall result in the school district retaining its eligibility for district transformation.

(g) There is established a Mississippi Recovery School District within the State Department of Education under the supervision of a deputy superintendent appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Education, who is subject to the approval by the State Board of Education. The Mississippi Recovery School District shall provide leadership and oversight of all school districts that are subject to district transformation status, as defined in Chapters 17 and 18, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall have all the authority granted under these two (2) chapters. The Mississippi Department of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall develop policies for the operation and management of the Mississippi Recovery School District. The deputy state superintendent is responsible for the Mississippi Recovery School District and shall be authorized to oversee the administration of the Mississippi Recovery School District, oversee the interim superintendent assigned by the State Board of Education to a local school district, hear appeals that would normally be filed by students, parents or employees and heard by a local school board, which hearings on appeal shall be conducted in a prompt and timely manner in the school district from which the appeal originated in order to ensure the ability of appellants, other parties and witnesses to appeal without undue burden of travel costs or loss of time from work, and perform other related duties as assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education. The deputy state superintendent is responsible for the Mississippi Recovery School District and shall determine, based on rigorous professional qualifications set by the State Board of Education, the appropriate individuals to be engaged to be interim superintendents and financial advisors, if applicable, of all school districts subject to district transformation

status. After State Board of Education approval, these individuals shall be deemed independent contractors.

(13) Upon the declaration of a state of emergency in a school district under subsection (12) of this section, the Commission on School Accreditation shall be responsible for public notice at least once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published within the jurisdiction of the school district failing to meet accreditation standards, or if no newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper having a general circulation therein. The size of the notice shall be no smaller than one-fourth (1/4) of a standard newspaper page and shall be printed in bold print. If an interim superintendent has been appointed for the school district, the notice shall begin as follows: "By authority of Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, adopted by the Mississippi Legislature during the 1991 Regular Session, this school district (name of school district) is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Education acting through its appointed interim superintendent (name of interim superintendent)."

The notice also shall include, in the discretion of the State Board of Education, any or all details relating to the school district's emergency status, including the declaration of a state of emergency in the school district and a description of the district's impairment deficiencies, conditions of any district transformation status and corrective actions recommended and being taken. Public notices issued under this section shall be subject to Section 13-3-31 and not contrary to other laws regarding newspaper publication.

Upon termination of the state of emergency in a school district, the Commission on School Accreditation shall cause notice to be published in the school district in the same manner provided in this section, to include any or all details relating to the corrective action taken in the school district that resulted in the termination of the state of emergency.

(14) The State Board of Education or the Commission on School Accreditation shall have the authority to require school districts to produce the necessary reports, correspondence, financial statements, and any other documents and information necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant any individual, corporation, board or interim superintendent the authority to levy taxes except in accordance with presently existing statutory provisions.

(15) (a) Whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district in response to a request made under subsection (12) of this section, the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may assign an interim superintendent to the school district, or in its discretion, may contract with an appropriate private entity with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools and school districts, who will be responsible for the administration, management and operation of the school district, including, but not limited to, the following activities:

(i) Approving or disapproving all financial obligations of the district, including, but not limited to, the employment, termination, nonrenewal and reassignment of all licensed and nonlicensed personnel, contractual agreements and purchase orders, and approving or disapproving all claim dockets and the issuance of checks; in approving or disapproving employment contracts of superintendents, assistant superintendents or principals, the interim superintendent shall not be required to comply with the time limitations prescribed in Sections 37-9-15 and 37-9-105;

(ii) Supervising the day-to-day activities of the district's staff, including reassigning the duties and responsibilities of personnel in a manner which, in the determination of the interim superintendent, will best suit the needs of the district;

(iii) Reviewing the district's total financial obligations and operations and making recommendations to the district for cost savings, including, but not limited to, reassigning the duties and responsibilities of staff;

(iv) Attending all meetings of the district's school board and administrative staff;

(v) Approving or disapproving all athletic, band and other extracurricular activities and any matters related to those activities;

(vi) Maintaining a detailed account of recommendations made to the district and actions taken in response to those recommendations;

(vii) Reporting periodically to the State Board of Education on the progress or lack of progress being made in the district to improve the district's impairments during the state of emergency; and

(viii) Appointing a parent advisory committee, comprised of parents of students in the school district that may make recommendations to the interim superintendent concerning the administration, management and operation of the school district.

The cost of the salary of the interim superintendent and any other actual and necessary costs related to district transformation status paid by the State Department of Education shall be reimbursed by the local school district from funds other than adequate education program funds. The department shall submit an itemized statement to the superintendent of the local school district for reimbursement purposes, and any unpaid balance may be withheld from the district's adequate education program funds.

At the time that the Governor, in accordance with the request of the State Board of Education, declares that the state of emergency no longer exists in a school district, the powers and responsibilities of the interim superintendent assigned to the district shall cease.

(b) In order to provide loans to school districts under a state of emergency or in district transformation status that have impairments related to a lack of financial resources, the School District Emergency Assistance Fund is created as a special fund in the State Treasury into which monies may be transferred or appropriated by the Legislature from any available public education funds. Funds in the School District Emergency Assistance Fund up to a maximum balance of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) annually shall not lapse but shall be available for expenditure in subsequent years subject to approval of the State Board of Education. Any amount in the fund in excess of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund or the Education Enhancement Fund, depending on the source of the fund.

The State Board of Education may loan monies from the School District Emergency Assistance Fund to a school district that is under a state of emergency or in district transformation status, in those amounts, as determined by the board, that are necessary to correct the district's impairments related to a lack of financial resources. The loans shall be evidenced by an agreement between the school district and the State Board of Education and shall be repayable in principal, without necessity of interest, to the School District Emergency Assistance Fund by the school district from any allowable funds that are available. The total amount loaned to the district shall be due and payable within five (5) years after the impairments related to a lack of financial resources are corrected. If a school district fails to make payments on the loan in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the district and the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education, may withhold that district's adequate education program funds in an amount and manner that will effectuate repayment consistent with the terms of the agreement; the funds withheld by the department shall be deposited into the School District Emergency Assistance Fund.

The State Board of Education shall develop a protocol that will outline the performance standards and requisite timeline deemed necessary for extreme emergency measures. If the State Board of Education determines that an extreme emergency exists, simultaneous with the powers exercised in this subsection, it shall take immediate action against all parties responsible for the affected school districts having been determined to be in an extreme emergency. The action shall include, but not be limited to, initiating civil actions to recover funds and criminal actions to account for criminal activity. Any funds recovered by the State Auditor or the State Board of Education from the surety bonds of school officials or from any civil action brought under this subsection shall be applied toward the repayment of any loan made to a school district hereunder.

(16) If a majority of the membership of the school board of any school district resigns from office, the State Board of Education shall be authorized to assign an interim superintendent, who shall be responsible for the administration, management and operation of the school district until the time as new board members are selected or the Governor declares a state of emergency in that school district under subsection (12),

whichever occurs first. In that case, the State Board of Education, acting through the interim superintendent, shall have all powers which were held by the previously existing school board, and may take any action as prescribed in Section 37-17-13 and/or one or more of the actions authorized in this section.

(17) (a) If the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district, the State Board of Education may take all such action pertaining to that school district as is authorized under subsection (12) or (15) of this section, including the appointment of an interim superintendent. The State Board of Education shall also have the authority to issue a written request with documentation to the Governor asking that the office of the superintendent of the school district be subject to recall. If the Governor declares that the office of the superintendent of the school district is subject to recall, the local school board or the county election commission, as the case may be, shall take the following action:

(i) If the office of superintendent is an elected office, in those years in which there is no general election, the name shall be submitted by the State Board of Education to the county election commission, and the county election commission shall submit the question at a special election to the voters eligible to vote for the office of superintendent within the county, and the special election shall be held within sixty (60) days from notification by the State Board of Education. The ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"Shall County Superintendent of Education _____ (here the name of the superintendent shall be inserted) of the _____ (here the title of the school district shall be inserted) be retained in office? Yes _____ No _____"

If a majority of those voting on the question votes against retaining the superintendent in office, a vacancy shall exist which shall be filled in the manner provided by law; otherwise, the superintendent shall remain in office for the term of that office, and at the expiration of the term shall be eligible for qualification and election to another term or terms.

(ii) If the office of superintendent is an appointive office, the name of the superintendent shall be submitted by the president of the local school board at the next regular meeting of the school board for retention in office or dismissal from office. If a majority of the school board voting on the question vote against retaining the superintendent in office, a vacancy shall exist which shall be filled as provided by law, otherwise the superintendent shall remain in office for the duration of his employment contract.

(b) The State Board of Education may issue a written request with documentation to the Governor asking that the membership of the school board of the school district shall be subject to recall. Whenever the Governor declares that the membership of the school board is subject to recall, the county election commission or the local governing authorities, as the case may be, shall take the following action:

(i) If the members of the local school board are elected to office, in those years in which the specific member's office is not up for election, the name of the school board member shall be submitted by the State Board of Education to the county election commission, and the county election commission at a special election shall submit the question to the voters eligible to vote for the particular member's office within the county or school district, as the case may be, and the special election shall be held within sixty (60) days from notification by the State Board of Education. The ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"Members of the _____ (here the title of the school district shall be inserted) School Board who are not up for election this year are subject to recall because of the school district's failure to meet critical accountability standards as defined in the letter of notification to the Governor from the State Board of Education. Shall the member of the school board representing this area, _____ (here the name of the school board member holding the office shall be inserted), be retained in office? Yes _____ No _____"

If a majority of those voting on the question vote against retaining the member of the school board in office, a vacancy in that board member's office shall exist, which shall be filled in the manner provided by law; otherwise, the school board member shall remain in office for the term of that office, and at the expiration of the term of office, the member shall be eligible for qualification and election to another term or terms of office. However, if a majority of the school board members are recalled in the special election, the Governor

shall authorize the board of supervisors of the county in which the school district is situated to appoint members to fill the offices of the members recalled. The board of supervisors shall make those appointments in the manner provided by law for filling vacancies on the school board, and the appointed members shall serve until the office is filled at the next regular special election or general election.

(ii) If the local school board is an appointed school board, the name of all school board members shall be submitted as a collective board by the president of the municipal or county governing authority, as the case may be, at the next regular meeting of the governing authority for retention in office or dismissal from office. If a majority of the governing authority voting on the question vote against retaining the board in office, a vacancy shall exist in each school board member's office, which shall be filled as provided by law; otherwise, the members of the appointed school board shall remain in office for the duration of their term of appointment, and those members may be reappointed.

(iii) If the local school board is comprised of both elected and appointed members, the elected members shall be subject to recall in the manner provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), and the appointed members shall be subject to recall in the manner provided in subparagraph (ii).

(18) Beginning with the school district audits conducted for the 1997-1998 fiscal year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require each school district to comply with standards established by the State Department of Audit for the verification of fixed assets and the auditing of fixed assets records as a minimum requirement for accreditation.

(19) Before December 1, 1999, the State Board of Education shall recommend a program to the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate for identifying and rewarding public schools that improve or are high performing. The program shall be described by the board in a written report, which shall include criteria and a process through which improving schools and high-performing schools will be identified and rewarded.

The State Superintendent of Public Education and the State Board of Education also shall develop a comprehensive accountability plan to ensure that local school boards, superintendents, principals and teachers are held accountable for student achievement. A written report on the accountability plan shall be submitted to the Education Committees of both houses of the Legislature before December 1, 1999, with any necessary legislative recommendations.

(20) Before January 1, 2008, the State Board of Education shall evaluate and submit a recommendation to the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate on inclusion of graduation rate and dropout rate in the school level accountability system.

(21) If a local school district is determined as failing and placed into district transformation status for reasons authorized by the provisions of this section, the interim superintendent appointed to the district shall, within forty-five (45) days after being appointed, present a detailed and structured corrective action plan to move the local school district out of district transformation status to the deputy superintendent. A copy of the interim superintendent's corrective action plan shall also be filed with the State Board of Education.

SECTION 9. Beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development, and in conjunction with the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall require each educator preparation program in the state to include, as part of its curriculum, a Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination and a Praxis II examination course of study, which shall serve as a preparatory review course with emphasis on the concepts and exam skills necessary for success on the exam, and reinforces students' knowledge through thought-provoking examples and Praxis exam questions. Upon completion of the course, students shall have mastered concepts as they are tested so that students can excel within the time constraints of the exam."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1253**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Osborne, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Bell (21st) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 536**: (Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purpose of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st):

AMEND by striking Section 7 through Section 12 in their entirety and renumbering the succeeding sections.

" SECTION 7. Section 37-15-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-15-38. (1) The following phrases have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) A dual enrolled student is a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school.

(b) A dual credit student is a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school and who is receiving high school and college credit for postsecondary coursework.

(2) A local school board, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board shall establish a dual enrollment system under which students in the school district who meet the prescribed criteria of this section may be enrolled in a postsecondary institution in Mississippi while they are still in school.

(3) Dual credit eligibility. Before credits earned by a qualified high school student from a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning may be transferred to the student's home school district, the student must be properly enrolled in a dual enrollment program.

(4) Admission criteria for dual enrollment in community and junior college or university programs. The Mississippi Community College Board and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning may recommend to the State Board of Education admission criteria for dual enrollment programs under which high school students may enroll at a community or junior college or university while they are still attending high school and enrolled in high school courses. Students may be admitted to enroll in community or junior college courses under the dual enrollment programs if they meet that individual institution's stated dual enrollment admission requirements.

(5) Tuition and cost responsibility. Tuition and costs for university-level courses and community and junior college courses offered under a dual enrollment program may be paid for by the postsecondary institution, the local school district, the parents or legal guardians of the student, or by grants, foundations or other private or public sources. Payment for tuition and any other costs must be made directly to the credit-granting institution.

(6) Transportation responsibility. Any transportation required by a student to participate in the dual enrollment program is the responsibility of the parent, custodian or legal guardian of the student. Transportation costs may be paid from any available public or private sources, including the local school district.

(7) School district average daily attendance credit. When dually enrolled, the student may be counted, for adequate education program funding purposes, in the average daily attendance of the public school district in which the student attends high school.

(8) High school student transcript transfer requirements. Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted to a dual credit program must be recorded on the high school student record and on the college transcript at the university or community or junior college where the student attends classes. The transcript of the university or community or junior college coursework may be released to another institution or applied toward college graduation requirements.

(9) Determining factor of prerequisites for dual enrollment courses. Each university and community or junior college participating in a dual enrollment program shall determine course prerequisites. Course prerequisites shall be the same for dual enrolled students as for regularly enrolled students at that university or community or junior college.

(10) Process for determining articulation of curriculum between high school, university, and community and junior college courses. All dual credit courses must meet the standards established at the postsecondary level. Postsecondary level developmental courses may not be considered as meeting the requirements of the dual credit program. Dual credit memorandum of understandings must be established between each postsecondary institution and the school district implementing a dual credit program.

(11) [Deleted]

(12) Eligible courses for dual credit programs. Courses eligible for dual credit include, but are not necessarily limited to, foreign languages, advanced math courses, advanced science courses, performing arts, advanced business and technology, and career and technical courses. Distance Learning Collaborative Program courses approved under Section 37-67-1 shall be fully eligible for dual credit. All courses being considered for dual credit must receive unconditional approval from the superintendent of the local school district and the chief instructional officer at the participating community or junior college or university in order for college credit to be awarded. A university or community or junior college shall make the final decision on what courses are eligible for semester hour credits.

(13) High school Carnegie unit equivalency. One (1) three-hour university or community or junior college course is equal to one (1) high school Carnegie unit.

(14) Course alignment. The universities, community and junior colleges and the State Department of Education shall periodically review their respective policies and assess the place of dual credit courses within the context of their traditional offerings.

(15) Maximum dual credits allowed. It is the intent of the dual enrollment program to make it possible for every eligible student who desires to earn a semester's worth of college credit in high school to do so. A qualified dually enrolled high school student must be allowed to earn an unlimited number of college or university credits for dual credit.

(16) Dual credit program allowances. A student may be granted credit delivered through the following means:

(a) Examination preparation taught at a high school by a qualified teacher. A student may receive credit at the secondary level after completion of an approved course and passing the standard examination, such as an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course through which a high school student is allowed CLEP credit by making a three (3) or higher on the end-of-course examination.

(b) College or university courses taught at a high school or designated postsecondary site by a qualified teacher who is an employee of the school district and approved as an instructor by the collaborating college or university.

(c) College or university courses taught at a college, university or high school by an instructor employed by the college or university and approved by the collaborating school district.

(d) Online courses of any public university, community or junior college in Mississippi.

(17) Qualifications of dual credit instructors. A dual credit academic instructor must meet the requirements set forth by the regional accrediting association (Southern Association of College and Schools). University and community and junior college personnel have the sole authority in the selection of dual credit instructors.

A dual credit career and technical education instructor must meet the requirements set forth by the Mississippi Community College Board in the qualifications manual for postsecondary career and technical personnel.

(18) Guidance on local agreements. The Chief Academic Officer of the State Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Chief Instructional Officers of the Mississippi Community College Board and the State Department of Education, working collaboratively, shall develop a template to be used by the individual community and junior colleges and institutions of higher learning for consistent implementation of the dual enrollment program throughout the State of Mississippi.

(19) Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option. A local school board and the local community colleges board shall establish a Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option Program under which potential or recent student dropouts may dually enroll in their home school and a local community college in a dual credit program consisting of high school completion coursework and a community college credential, certificate or degree program. Students completing the dual enrollment-credit option may obtain their high school diploma while obtaining a community college credential, certificate or degree. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall assist students who have successfully completed the Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option in securing a job upon the application of the student or the participating school or community college. The Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option Program will be implemented statewide in the 2012-2013 school year and thereafter. The State Board of Education, local school board and the local community college board shall establish criteria for the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program. Students enrolled in the program will not be eligible to participate in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities at the home school district. Tuition and costs for community college courses offered under the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program shall not be charged to the student, parents or legal guardians. When dually enrolled, the student shall be counted for adequate education program funding purposes, in the average daily attendance of the public school district in which the student attends high school, as provided in Section 37-151-7(1)(a). Any transportation required by the student to participate in the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian of the student, and transportation costs may be paid from any available public or private sources, including the local school district. Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted to this Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program shall be recorded on the high school student record and on the college transcript at the community college and high school where the student attends classes. The transcript of the community college coursework may be released to another institution or applied toward college graduation requirements. Any course that is required for subject area testing as a requirement for graduation from a public school in Mississippi is eligible for dual credit, and courses eligible for dual credit shall also include career, technical and degree program courses. All courses eligible for dual credit shall be approved by the superintendent of the local school district and the chief instructional officer at the participating community college in order for college credit to be awarded. A community college shall make the final decision on what courses are eligible for semester hour credits and the local school superintendent, subject to approval by the Mississippi Department of Education, shall make the final decision on the transfer of college courses credited to the student's high school transcript.

SECTION 8. Section 37-16-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-16-17. (1) Purpose. (a) The purpose of this section is to create a quality option in Mississippi's high schools for students not wishing to pursue a baccalaureate degree, which shall consist of challenging academic courses and modern career-technical studies.

The goal for students pursuing the career *** technical education pathways is to graduate from high school with a standard diploma and credit toward a community college certification in a career-technical field. These students also shall be encouraged to take the national assessment in the career-technical field in which they become certified.

(b) The State Board of Education shall develop and adopt course and curriculum requirements for career *** technical education pathways offered by local public school boards in accordance with this section. The Mississippi Community College Board and the State Board of Education jointly shall determine course and curriculum requirements for the career *** technical education pathways. The State Board of Education shall require school districts to provide notice to all incoming middle school students and junior high students of the career technical education pathways offered by local school boards. Such notice shall include the career technical education pathways available, the course requirements of each pathway, how to enroll in the pathway and any other necessary information as determined by the State Board of Education.

(2) *** Career technical education pathway; description; curriculum. (a) A career *** technical education pathway shall provide a student with greater technical skill and a strong academic core and shall be offered to each high school student enrolled in a public school district. The career *** technical education pathway shall be linked to postsecondary options and shall prepare students to pursue either a degree or certification from a postsecondary institution, an industry-based training or certification, an apprenticeship, the military, or immediate entrance into a career field. The career *** technical education pathway shall be designed primarily for those students who are not college bound and shall provide them with alternatives to entrance into a four-year university or college after high school graduation.

(b) Students pursuing a career *** technical education pathway shall be afforded the opportunity to dually enroll in a community or technical college or to participate in a business internship or work-study program, when such opportunities are available and appropriate.

(c) Each public school district shall offer a career *** technical education pathway approved by the State Board of Education.

(d) Students in a career *** technical education pathway shall complete an academic core of courses and a career and technical sequence of courses.

(e) Students pursuing a career technical education pathway must complete the *** twenty-four (24) course unit requirements for *** a regular high school diploma, which may include, but not be limited to *** the following course content:

- (i) English I;
- (ii) English II;
- (iii) Technical writing;
- (iv) Computer programming;
- (v) Algebra I;
- (vi) Personal Finance;
- (vii) Advanced technical mathematics;
- (viii) Computer science;
- (ix) Biology;
- (x) Earth and Space Science;
- (xi) U.S. History;
- (xii) Mississippi Studies/U.S. Government;
- (xiii) Health;
- (xiv) Physical Education;
- (xv) Soft skills, which include, but are not limited to, social graces, communication abilities, language skills, personal habits, cognitive or emotional empathy, time management, teamwork and leadership traits;
- (xvi) Career technical education pathway courses; and
- (xvii) Integrated technology.

Academic courses within the career *** technical education pathway of the standard diploma shall provide the knowledge and skill necessary for proficiency on the state subject area tests.

(f) The courses provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection may be tailored to the individual needs of the school district as long as the amendments align with the basic course requirements of paragraph (e).

(3) Nothing in this section shall disallow the development of a dual enrollment program with a technical college so long as an individual school district, with approval from the State Department of Education, agrees to implement such a program in connection with a technical college and the agreement is also approved by the proprietary school's commission.

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SECTION 9. Section 37-3-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-3-2. (1) There is established within the State Department of Education the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission to make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

(2) (a) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) qualified members. The membership of the commission shall be composed of the following members to be appointed, three (3) from each of the four (4) congressional districts, as such districts existed on January 1, 2011, in accordance with the population calculations determined by the 2010 federal decennial census, including: four (4) classroom teachers; three (3) school administrators; one (1) representative of schools of education of public institutions of higher learning located within the state to be recommended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; one (1) representative from the schools of education of independent institutions of higher learning to be recommended by the Board of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges; one (1) representative from public community and junior colleges located within the state to be recommended by the Mississippi Community College Board; one (1) local school board member; and four (4) laypersons. Three (3) members of the commission, at the sole discretion of the State Board of Education, shall be appointed from the state at large.

(b) All appointments shall be made by the State Board of Education after consultation with the State Superintendent of Public Education. The first appointments by the State Board of Education shall be made as follows: five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; and five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years.

(3) The State Board of Education when making appointments shall designate a chairman. The commission shall meet at least once every two (2) months or more often if needed. Members of the commission shall be compensated at a rate of per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(4) (a) An appropriate staff member of the State Department of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education to serve as executive secretary and coordinator for the commission. No less than two (2) other appropriate staff members of the State Department of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education to serve on the staff of the commission.

(b) An Office of Educator Misconduct Evaluations shall be established within the State Department of Education to assist the commission in responding to infractions and violations, and in conducting hearings and enforcing the provisions of subsections (11), (12), (13), (14) and (15) of this section, and violations of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics.

(5) It shall be the duty of the commission to:

(a) Set standards and criteria, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, for all educator preparation programs in the state;

(b) Recommend to the State Board of Education each year approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in the state, subject to a process and schedule determined by the State Board of Education;

(c) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, standards for initial teacher certification and licensure in all fields;

(d) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, standards for the renewal of teacher licenses in all fields;

(e) Review and evaluate objective measures of teacher performance, such as test scores, which may form part of the licensure process, and to make recommendations for their use;

(f) Review all existing requirements for certification and licensure;

(g) Consult with groups whose work may be affected by the commission's decisions;

(h) Prepare reports from time to time on current practices and issues in the general area of teacher education and certification and licensure;

(i) Hold hearings concerning standards for teachers' and administrators' education and certification and licensure with approval of the State Board of Education;

(j) Hire expert consultants with approval of the State Board of Education;

(k) Set up ad hoc committees to advise on specific areas; and

(l) Perform such other functions as may fall within their general charge and which may be delegated to them by the State Board of Education.

(6) (a) Standard License - Approved Program Route. An educator entering the school system of Mississippi for the first time and meeting all requirements as established by the State Board of Education shall be granted a standard five-year license. Persons who possess two (2) years of classroom experience as an assistant teacher or who have taught for one (1) year in an accredited public or private school shall be allowed to fulfill student teaching requirements under the supervision of a qualified participating teacher approved by an accredited college of education. The local school district in which the assistant teacher is employed shall compensate such assistant teachers at the required salary level during the period of time such individual is completing student teaching requirements. Applicants for a standard license shall submit to the department:

(i) An application on a department form;

(ii) An official transcript of completion of a teacher education program approved by the department or a nationally accredited program, subject to the following: Licensure to teach in Mississippi prekindergarten through kindergarten classrooms shall require completion of a teacher education program or a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis from a program accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) or by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Licensure to teach in Mississippi kindergarten, for those applicants who have completed a teacher education program, and in Grade 1 through Grade 4 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary program of studies. Licenses for Grades 4 through 8 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary program of studies with two (2) or more areas of concentration. Licensure to teach in Mississippi Grades 7 through 12 shall require a major in an academic field other than education, or a combination of disciplines other than education. Students preparing to teach a subject shall complete a major in the respective subject discipline. All applicants for standard licensure shall demonstrate that such person's college preparation in those fields was in accordance with the standards set forth by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) or, for those applicants who have a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis, the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). Effective July 1, 2016, for initial elementary education licensure, a teacher candidate must earn a passing score on a rigorous test of scientifically research-based reading instruction and intervention and data-based decision-making principles as approved by the State Board of Education;

(iii) A copy of test scores evidencing satisfactory completion of nationally administered examinations of achievement, such as the Educational Testing Service's teacher testing examinations;

(iv) Any other document required by the State Board of Education;
and

(v) From and after July 1, 2020, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi who did not meet the following criteria for entrance into an approved teacher education program:

1. An ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent);

or

2. Achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; or

3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program.

(b) (i) Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route. From and after July 1, 2020, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi under the alternate route who did not meet the following criteria:

* * *1. An ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent); or

* * *2. Achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; or

* * *3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program.

(ii) Beginning July 1, 2020, an individual who has attained a passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators or an ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent) or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program and a passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment in the requested area of endorsement may apply for admission to the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program to teach students in Grades 7 through 12 if the individual meets the requirements of this paragraph (b). The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring that teacher preparation institutions which provide the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program for the preparation of nontraditional teachers shall meet the standards and comply with the provisions of this paragraph.

* * *1. The Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) shall include an intensive eight-week, nine-semester-hour summer program or a curriculum of study in which the student matriculates in the fall or spring semester, which shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in education, effective teaching strategies, classroom management, state curriculum requirements, planning and instruction, instructional methods and pedagogy, using test results to improve instruction, and a one (1) semester three-hour supervised internship to be completed while the teacher is employed as a full-time teacher intern in a local school district. The TMI shall be implemented on a pilot program basis, with courses to be offered at up to four (4) locations in the state, with one (1) TMI site to be located in each of the three (3) Mississippi Supreme Court districts.

* * *2. The school sponsoring the teacher intern shall enter into a written agreement with the institution providing the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program, under terms and conditions as agreed upon by the contracting parties, providing that the school district shall provide teacher interns seeking a nontraditional provisional teaching license with a one-year classroom teaching experience. The teacher intern shall successfully complete the one (1) semester three-hour intensive internship in the school district during the semester immediately following successful completion of the TMI and prior to the end of the one-year classroom teaching experience.

* * *3. Upon completion of the nine-semester-hour TMI or the fall or spring semester option, the individual shall submit his transcript to the commission for provisional licensure of the intern teacher, and the intern teacher shall be issued a provisional teaching license by the commission, which will allow the individual to legally serve as a teacher while the person completes a nontraditional teacher preparation internship program.

* * *4. During the semester of internship in the school district, the teacher preparation institution shall monitor the performance of the intern teacher. The school district that employs the provisional teacher shall supervise the provisional teacher during the teacher's intern year of employment under a nontraditional provisional license, and shall, in consultation with the teacher intern's mentor at the school

district of employment, submit to the commission a comprehensive evaluation of the teacher's performance sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the nontraditional provisional license. If the comprehensive evaluation establishes that the provisional teacher intern's performance fails to meet the standards of the approved nontraditional teacher preparation internship program, the individual shall not be approved for a standard license.

* * *5. An individual issued a provisional teaching license under this nontraditional route shall successfully complete, at a minimum, a one-year beginning teacher mentoring and induction program administered by the employing school district with the assistance of the State Department of Education.

* * *6. Upon successful completion of the TMI and the internship provisional license period, applicants for a Standard License - Nontraditional Route shall submit to the commission a transcript of successful completion of the twelve (12) semester hours required in the internship program, and the employing school district shall submit to the commission a recommendation for standard licensure of the intern. If the school district recommends licensure, the applicant shall be issued a Standard License - Nontraditional Route which shall be valid for a five-year period and be renewable.

* * *7. At the discretion of the teacher preparation institution, the individual shall be allowed to credit the twelve (12) semester hours earned in the nontraditional teacher internship program toward the graduate hours required for a Master of Arts in Teacher (MAT) Degree.

* * *8. The local school district in which the nontraditional teacher intern or provisional licensee is employed shall compensate such teacher interns at Step 1 of the required salary level during the period of time such individual is completing teacher internship requirements and shall compensate such Standard License - Nontraditional Route teachers at Step 3 of the required salary level when they complete license requirements.

(iii) Implementation of the TMI program provided for under this paragraph (b) shall be contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated specifically for such purpose by the Legislature. Such implementation of the TMI program may not be deemed to prohibit the State Board of Education from developing and implementing additional alternative route teacher licensure programs, as deemed appropriate by the board. The emergency certification program in effect prior to July 1, 2002, shall remain in effect.

(iv) A Standard License - Approved Program Route shall be issued for a five-year period, and may be renewed. Recognizing teaching as a profession, a hiring preference shall be granted to persons holding a Standard License - Approved Program Route or Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route over persons holding any other license.

(c) Special License - Expert Citizen. In order to allow a school district to offer specialized or technical courses, the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education, may grant a * * * five-year expert citizen-teacher license to local business or other professional personnel to teach in a public school or nonpublic school accredited or approved by the state. Such person shall be required to have a high school diploma, an industry-recognized certification related to the subject area in which they are teaching and a minimum of five (5) years of relevant experience but shall not be required to hold an associate or bachelor's degree, provided that he or she possesses the minimum qualifications required for his or her profession, and may begin teaching upon his employment by the local school board and licensure by the Mississippi Department of Education. If a school board hires a career technical education pathway instructor who does not have an industry certification in his or her area of expertise but does have the required experience, the school board shall spread their decision on the minutes at their next meeting and provide a detailed explanation for why they hired the instructor. Such instructor shall present the minutes of the school board to the State Department of Education when he or she applies for an expert citizen license. The board shall adopt rules and regulations to administer the expert citizen-teacher license. A Special License - Expert Citizen may be renewed in

accordance with the established rules and regulations of the State Department of Education.

(d) Special License - Nonrenewable. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations to allow those educators not meeting requirements in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subsection (6) to be licensed for a period of not more than three (3) years, except by special approval of the State Board of Education.

(e) Nonlicensed Teaching Personnel. A nonlicensed person may teach for a maximum of three (3) periods per teaching day in a public school district or a nonpublic school accredited/approved by the state. Such person shall submit to the department a transcript or record of his education and experience which substantiates his preparation for the subject to be taught and shall meet other qualifications specified by the commission and approved by the State Board of Education. In no case shall any local school board hire nonlicensed personnel as authorized under this paragraph in excess of five percent (5%) of the total number of licensed personnel in any single school.

(f) Special License - Transitional Bilingual Education. Beginning July 1, 2003, the commission shall grant special licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who possess such qualifications as are prescribed in this section. Teachers of transitional bilingual education shall be compensated by local school boards at not less than one (1) step on the regular salary schedule applicable to permanent teachers licensed under this section. The commission shall grant special licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who present the commission with satisfactory evidence that they (i) possess a speaking and reading ability in a language, other than English, in which bilingual education is offered and communicative skills in English; (ii) are in good health and sound moral character; (iii) possess a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree in teacher education from an accredited institution of higher education; (iv) meet such requirements as to courses of study, semester hours therein, experience and training as may be required by the commission; and (v) are legally present in the United States and possess legal authorization for employment. A teacher of transitional bilingual education serving under a special license shall be under an exemption from standard licensure if he achieves the requisite qualifications therefor. Two (2) years of service by a teacher of transitional bilingual education under such an exemption shall be credited to the teacher in acquiring a Standard Educator License. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit a local school board from employing a teacher licensed in an appropriate field as approved by the State Department of Education to teach in a program in transitional bilingual education.

(g) In the event any school district meets the highest accreditation standards as defined by the State Board of Education in the accountability system, the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may exempt such school district from any restrictions in paragraph (e) relating to the employment of nonlicensed teaching personnel.

(h) Highly Qualified Teachers. Beginning July 1, 2006, any teacher from any state meeting the federal definition of highly qualified, as described in the No Child Left Behind Act, must be granted a standard five-year license by the State Department of Education.

(7) Administrator License. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations and to administer the licensure process of the school administrators in the State of Mississippi. There will be four (4) categories of administrator licensure with exceptions only through special approval of the State Board of Education.

(a) Administrator License - Nonpracticing. Those educators holding administrative endorsement but having no administrative experience or not serving in an administrative position on January 15, 1997.

(b) Administrator License - Entry Level. Those educators holding administrative endorsement and having met the department's qualifications to be eligible for employment in a Mississippi school district. Administrator License - Entry Level shall be issued for a five-year period and shall be nonrenewable.

(c) Standard Administrator License - Career Level. An administrator who has met all the requirements of the department for standard administrator licensure.

(d) Administrator License - Nontraditional Route. The board may establish a nontraditional route for licensing administrative personnel. Such nontraditional route for

administrative licensure shall be available for persons holding, but not limited to, a master of business administration degree, a master of public administration degree, a master of public planning and policy degree or a doctor of jurisprudence degree from an accredited college or university, with five (5) years of administrative or supervisory experience. Successful completion of the requirements of alternate route licensure for administrators shall qualify the person for a standard administrator license.

Individuals seeking school administrator licensure under paragraph (b), (c) or (d) shall successfully complete a training program and an assessment process prescribed by the State Board of Education. All applicants for school administrator licensure shall meet all requirements prescribed by the department under paragraph (b), (c) or (d), and the cost of the assessment process required shall be paid by the applicant.

(8) Reciprocity. (a) The department shall grant a standard license to any individual who possesses a valid standard license from another state and meets minimum Mississippi license requirements or equivalent requirements as determined by the State Board of Education. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

(b) The department shall grant a nonrenewable special license to any individual who possesses a credential which is less than a standard license or certification from another state. Such special license shall be valid for the current school year plus one (1) additional school year to expire on June 30 of the second year, not to exceed a total period of twenty-four (24) months, during which time the applicant shall be required to complete the requirements for a standard license in Mississippi.

(9) Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for the renewal and reinstatement of educator and administrator licenses. Effective May 15, 1997, the valid standard license held by an educator shall be extended five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the license in order to afford the educator adequate time to fulfill new renewal requirements established pursuant to this subsection. An educator completing a master of education, educational specialist or doctor of education degree in May 1997 for the purpose of upgrading the educator's license to a higher class shall be given this extension of five (5) years plus five (5) additional years for completion of a higher degree.

(10) All controversies involving the issuance, revocation, suspension or any change whatsoever in the licensure of an educator required to hold a license shall be initially heard in a hearing de novo, by the commission or by a subcommittee established by the commission and composed of commission members, or by a hearing officer retained and appointed by the commission, for the purpose of holding hearings. Any complaint seeking the denial of issuance, revocation or suspension of a license shall be by sworn affidavit filed with the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. The decision thereon by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, shall be final, unless the aggrieved party shall appeal to the State Board of Education, within ten (10) days, of the decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal to the State Board of Education shall be perfected upon filing a notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of the costs of the preparation of the record of proceedings by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal shall be on the record previously made before the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations adopted by the board. The decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer shall not be disturbed on appeal if supported by substantial evidence, was not arbitrary or capricious, within the authority of the commission, and did not violate some statutory or constitutional right. The State Board of Education in its authority may reverse, or remand with instructions, the decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. The decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

(11) (a) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, may deny an application for any teacher or administrator license for one or more of the following:

(i) Lack of qualifications which are prescribed by law or regulations adopted by the State Board of Education;

(ii) The applicant has a physical, emotional or mental disability that renders the applicant unfit to perform the duties authorized by the license, as certified by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist;

(iii) The applicant is actively addicted to or actively dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens or other drugs having similar effect, at the time of application for a license;

(iv) Fraud or deceit committed by the applicant in securing or attempting to secure such certification and license;

(v) Failing or refusing to furnish reasonable evidence of identification;

(vi) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this subparagraph (vi) of this paragraph (a), a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(vii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or post-release supervision for a felony or conviction, as defined by federal or state law. However, this disqualification expires upon the end of the probationary or post-release supervision period.

(b) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, shall deny an application for any teacher or administrator license, or immediately revoke the current teacher or administrator license, for one or more of the following:

(i) If the applicant or licensee has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(ii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or post-release supervision for a sex offense conviction, as defined by federal or state law;

(iii) The license holder has fondled a student as described in Section 97-5-23, or had any type of sexual involvement with a student as described in Section 97-3-95; or

(iv) The license holder has failed to report sexual involvement of a school employee with a student as required by Section 97-5-24.

(12) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any teacher or administrator license for specified periods of time or may place on probation, reprimand a licensee, or take other disciplinary action with regard to any license issued under this chapter for one or more of the following:

(a) Breach of contract or abandonment of employment may result in the suspension of the license for one (1) school year as provided in Section 37-9-57;

(b) Obtaining a license by fraudulent means shall result in immediate suspension and continued suspension for one (1) year after correction is made;

(c) Suspension or revocation of a certificate or license by another state shall result in immediate suspension or revocation and shall continue until records in the prior state have been cleared;

(d) The license holder has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this paragraph, a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(e) The license holder knowingly and willfully committing any of the acts affecting validity of mandatory uniform test results as provided in Section 37-16-4(1);

(f) The license holder has engaged in unethical conduct relating to an educator/student relationship as identified by the State Board of Education in its rules;

(g) The license holder served as superintendent or principal in a school district during the time preceding and/or that resulted in the Governor declaring a state of emergency and the State Board of Education appointing a conservator;

(h) The license holder submitted a false certification to the State Department of Education that a statewide test was administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System; or

(i) The license holder has failed to comply with the Procedures for Reporting Infractions as promulgated by the commission and approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (15) of this section.

For purposes of this subsection, probation shall be defined as a length of time determined by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, and based on the severity of the offense in which the license holder shall meet certain requirements as prescribed by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. Failure to complete the requirements in the time specified shall result in immediate suspension of the license for one (1) year.

(13) (a) Dismissal or suspension of a licensed employee by a local school board pursuant to Section 37-9-59 may result in the suspension or revocation of a license for a length of time which shall be determined by the commission and based upon the severity of the offense.

(b) Any offense committed or attempted in any other state shall result in the same penalty as if committed or attempted in this state.

(c) A person may voluntarily surrender a license. The surrender of such license may result in the commission recommending any of the above penalties without the necessity of a hearing. However, any such license which has voluntarily been surrendered by a licensed employee may only be reinstated by a majority vote of all members of the commission present at the meeting called for such purpose.

(14) (a) A person whose license has been suspended or surrendered on any grounds except criminal grounds may petition for reinstatement of the license after one (1) year from the date of suspension or surrender, or after one-half (1/2) of the suspended or surrendered time has lapsed, whichever is greater. A person whose license has been suspended or revoked on any grounds or violations under subsection (12) of this section may be reinstated automatically or approved for a reinstatement hearing, upon submission of a written request to the commission. A license suspended, revoked or surrendered on criminal grounds may be reinstated upon petition to the commission filed after expiration of the sentence and parole or probationary period imposed upon conviction. A revoked, suspended or surrendered license may be reinstated upon satisfactory showing of evidence of rehabilitation. The commission shall require all who petition for reinstatement to furnish evidence satisfactory to the commission of good character, good mental, emotional and physical health and such other evidence as the commission may deem necessary to establish the petitioner's rehabilitation and fitness to perform the duties authorized by the license.

(b) A person whose license expires while under investigation by the Office of Educator Misconduct for an alleged violation may not be reinstated without a hearing before the commission if required based on the results of the investigation.

(15) Reporting procedures and hearing procedures for dealing with infractions under this section shall be promulgated by the commission, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education. The revocation or suspension of a license shall be effected at the time indicated on the notice of suspension or revocation. The commission shall immediately notify the superintendent of the school district or school board where the teacher or administrator is employed of any disciplinary action and also notify the teacher or administrator of such revocation or suspension and shall maintain records of action taken. The State Board of Education may reverse or remand with instructions any decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer regarding a petition for reinstatement of a license, and any such decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

(16) An appeal from the action of the State Board of Education in denying an application, revoking or suspending a license or otherwise disciplining any person under the provisions of this section shall be filed in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, on the record made, including a verbatim transcript of the testimony at the hearing. The appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days after notification of the action of the board is mailed or served and the proceedings in chancery court shall be conducted as other matters coming before the court. The appeal shall be perfected upon filing notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of all costs, including the cost of preparation of the record of the proceedings by the State Board of Education, and the filing of a bond in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) conditioned that if the action of the board be affirmed by the chancery court, the applicant or license holder shall pay the costs of the appeal and the action of the chancery court.

(17) All such programs, rules, regulations, standards and criteria recommended or authorized by the commission shall become effective upon approval by the State Board of Education as designated by appropriate orders entered upon the minutes thereof.

(18) The granting of a license shall not be deemed a property right nor a guarantee of employment in any public school district. A license is a privilege indicating minimal eligibility for teaching in the public school districts of Mississippi. This section shall in no way alter or abridge the authority of local school districts to require greater qualifications or standards of performance as a prerequisite of initial or continued employment in such districts.

(19) In addition to the reasons specified in subsections (12) and (13) of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

SECTION 10. Section 37-16-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-16-3. (1) The State Department of Education is directed to implement a program of statewide assessment testing which shall provide for the improvement of the operation and management of the public schools. The statewide program shall be timed, as far as possible, so as not to conflict with ongoing district assessment programs. As part of the program, the department shall:

(a) Establish, with the approval of the State Board of Education, minimum performance standards related to the goals for education contained in the state's plan including, but not limited to, basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. The minimum performance standards shall be approved by April 1 in each year they are established.

(b) Conduct a uniform statewide testing program in grades deemed appropriate in the public schools, including charter schools, which shall provide for the administration of the ACT WorkKeys Assessment to any students electing to take the assessment. Each individual school district shall determine whether the ACT WorkKeys Assessment is administered in the ninth, tenth or eleventh grade. The program may test skill areas, basic skills and high school course content.

(c) Monitor the results of the assessment program and, at any time the composite student performance of a school or basic program is found to be below the established minimum standards, notify the district superintendent or the governing board of the charter school, as the case may be, the school principal and the school advisory committee or other existing parent group of the situation within thirty (30) days of its determination. The department shall further provide technical assistance to a school district in the identification of the causes of this deficiency and shall recommend courses of action for its correction.

(d) Provide technical assistance to the school districts, when requested, in the development of student performance standards in addition to the established minimum statewide standards.

(e) Issue security procedure regulations providing for the security and integrity of the tests that are administered under the basic skills assessment program.

(f) In case of an allegation of a testing irregularity that prompts a need for an investigation by the Department of Education, the department may, in its discretion, take complete control of the statewide test administration in a school district or any part thereof, including, but not limited to, obtaining control of the test booklets and answer documents. In the case of any verified testing irregularity that jeopardized the security and integrity of the test(s), validity or the accuracy of the test results, the cost of the investigation and any

other actual and necessary costs related to the investigation paid by the Department of Education shall be reimbursed by the local school district from funds other than federal funds, Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds, or any other state funds within six (6) months from the date of notice by the department to the school district to make reimbursement to the department.

(2) Uniform basic skills tests shall be completed by each student in the appropriate grade. These tests shall be administered in such a manner as to preserve the integrity and validity of the assessment. In the event of excused or unexcused student absences, make-up tests shall be given. The school superintendent of every school district in the state and the principal of each charter school shall annually certify to the State Department of Education that each student enrolled in the appropriate grade has completed the required basic skills assessment test for his or her grade in a valid test administration.

(3) Within five (5) days of completing the administration of a statewide test, the principal of the school where the test was administered shall certify under oath to the State Department of Education that the statewide test was administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education. The principal's sworn certification shall be set forth on a form developed and approved by the Department of Education. If, following the administration of a statewide test, the principal has reason to believe that the test was not administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education, the principal shall submit a sworn certification to the Department of Education setting forth all information known or believed by the principal about all potential violations of the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education. The submission of false information or false certification to the Department of Education by any licensed educator may result in licensure disciplinary action pursuant to Section 37-3-2 and criminal prosecution pursuant to Section 37-16-4.

SECTION 11. Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-17-6. (1) The State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall establish and implement a permanent performance-based accreditation system, and all noncharter public elementary and secondary schools shall be accredited under this system.

(2) No later than June 30, 1995, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require school districts to provide school classroom space that is air-conditioned as a minimum requirement for accreditation.

(3) (a) Beginning with the 1994-1995 school year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require that school districts employ certified school librarians according to the following formula:

Number of Students	Number of Certified
Per School Library	School Librarians
0 - 499 Students	1/2 Full-time Equivalent

Certified Librarian	
500 or More Students	1 Full-time Certified

Librarian

(b) The State Board of Education, however, may increase the number of positions beyond the above requirements.

(c) The assignment of certified school librarians to the particular schools shall be at the discretion of the local school district. No individual shall be employed as a certified school librarian without appropriate training and certification as a school librarian by the State Department of Education.

(d) School librarians in the district shall spend at least fifty percent (50%) of direct work time in a school library and shall devote no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the workday to administrative activities that are library related.

(e) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any school district from employing more certified school librarians than are provided for in this section.

(f) Any additional millage levied to fund school librarians required for accreditation under this subsection shall be included in the tax increase limitation set forth

in Sections 37-57-105 and 37-57-107 and shall not be deemed a new program for purposes of the limitation.

(4) On or before December 31, 2002, the State Board of Education shall implement the performance-based accreditation system for school districts and for individual noncharter public schools which shall include the following:

(a) High expectations for students and high standards for all schools, with a focus on the basic curriculum;

(b) Strong accountability for results with appropriate local flexibility for local implementation;

(c) A process to implement accountability at both the school district level and the school level;

(d) Individual schools shall be held accountable for student growth and performance;

(e) Set annual performance standards for each of the schools of the state and measure the performance of each school against itself through the standard that has been set for it;

(f) A determination of which schools exceed their standards and a plan for providing recognition and rewards to those schools;

(g) A determination of which schools are failing to meet their standards and a determination of the appropriate role of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education in providing assistance and initiating possible intervention. A failing district is a district that fails to meet both the absolute student achievement standards and the rate of annual growth expectation standards as set by the State Board of Education for two (2) consecutive years. The State Board of Education shall establish the level of benchmarks by which absolute student achievement and growth expectations shall be assessed. In setting the benchmarks for school districts, the State Board of Education may also take into account such factors as graduation rates, dropout rates, completion rates, the extent to which the school or district employs qualified teachers in every classroom, and any other factors deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, acting through the State Department of Education, shall apply a simple "A," "B," "C," "D" and "F" designation to the current school and school district statewide accountability performance classification labels beginning with the State Accountability Results for the 2011-2012 school year and following, and in the school, district and state report cards required under state and federal law. Under the new designations, a school or school district that has earned a "Star" rating shall be designated an "A" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "High-Performing" rating shall be designated a "B" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "Successful" rating shall be designated a "C" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned an "Academic Watch" rating shall be designated a "D" school or school district; a school or school district that has earned a "Low-Performing," "At-Risk of Failing" or "Failing" rating shall be designated an "F" school or school district. Effective with the implementation of any new curriculum and assessment standards, the State Board of Education, acting through the State Department of Education, is further authorized and directed to change the school and school district accreditation rating system to a simple "A," "B," "C," "D," and "F" designation based on a combination of student achievement scores and student growth as measured by the statewide testing programs developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to Chapter 16, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972. In any statute or regulation containing the former accreditation designations, the new designations shall be applicable;

(h) Development of a comprehensive student assessment system to implement these requirements; and

(i) The State Board of Education may, based on a written request that contains specific reasons for requesting a waiver from the school districts affected by Hurricane Katrina of 2005, hold harmless school districts from assignment of district and school level accountability ratings for the 2005-2006 school year. The State Board of Education upon finding an extreme hardship in the school district may grant the request. It is the intent of the Legislature that all school districts maintain the highest possible academic standards and instructional programs in all schools as required by law and the State Board of Education.

(5) (a) Effective with the 2013-2014 school year, the State Department of Education, acting through the Mississippi Commission on School Accreditation, shall revise and implement a single "A" through "F" school and school district accountability system complying with applicable federal and state requirements in order to reach the following educational goals:

(i) To mobilize resources and supplies to ensure that all students exit third grade reading on grade level by 2015;

(ii) To reduce the student dropout rate to thirteen percent (13%) by 2015; and

(iii) To have sixty percent (60%) of students scoring proficient and advanced on the assessments of the Common Core State Standards by 2016 with incremental increases of three percent (3%) each year thereafter.

(b) The State Department of Education shall combine the state school and school district accountability system with the federal system in order to have a single system.

(c) The State Department of Education shall establish five (5) performance categories ("A," "B," "C," "D" and "F") for the accountability system based on the following criteria:

(i) Student Achievement: the percent of students proficient and advanced on the current state assessments;

(ii) Individual student growth: the percent of students making one (1) year's progress in one (1) year's time on the state assessment, with an emphasis on the progress of the lowest twenty-five percent (25%) of students in the school or district;

(iii) Four-year graduation rate: the percent of students graduating with a standard high school diploma in four (4) years, as defined by federal regulations;

(iv) Categories shall identify schools as Reward ("A" schools), Focus ("D" schools) and Priority ("F" schools). If at least five percent (5%) of schools in the state are not graded as "F" schools, the lowest five percent (5%) of school grade point designees will be identified as Priority schools. If at least ten percent (10%) of schools in the state are not graded as "D" schools, the lowest ten percent (10%) of school grade point designees will be identified as Focus schools;

(v) The State Department of Education shall discontinue the use of Star School, High-Performing, Successful, Academic Watch, Low-Performing, At-Risk of Failing and Failing school accountability designations;

(vi) The system shall include the federally compliant four-year graduation rate in school and school district accountability system calculations. Graduation rate will apply to high school and school district accountability ratings as a compensatory component. The system shall discontinue the use of the High School Completer Index (HSCI);

(vii) The school and school district accountability system shall incorporate a standards-based growth model, in order to support improvement of individual student learning;

(viii) The State Department of Education shall discontinue the use of the Quality Distribution Index (QDI);

(ix) The State Department of Education shall determine feeder patterns of schools that do not earn a school grade because the grades and subjects taught at the school do not have statewide standardized assessments needed to calculate a school grade. Upon determination of the feeder pattern, the department shall notify schools and school districts prior to the release of the school grades beginning in 2013. Feeder schools will be assigned the accountability designation of the school to which they provide students;

(x) Standards for student, school and school district performance will be increased when student proficiency is at a seventy-five percent (75%) and/or when sixty-five percent (65%) of the schools and/or school districts are earning a grade of "B" or higher, in order to raise the standard on performance after targets are met * * *; and

(xi) The system shall include student performance on the administration of the ACT WorkKeys Assessment, which shall be weighted in the same percentage as the standard ACT Assessment as administered to students in Grade 11, for inclusion in the college and career readiness portion of the accountability rating

system. The State Department of Education shall ensure equitable distribution of points under the accountability rating, in comparison to the ACT Assessment, for a Silver Status on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment. A student shall not be required to complete all of the courses within his or her career pathway for his or her performance on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment to be included in the system.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require a nonpublic school that receives no local, state or federal funds for support to become accredited by the State Board of Education.

(7) The State Board of Education shall create an accreditation audit unit under the Commission on School Accreditation to determine whether schools are complying with accreditation standards.

(8) The State Board of Education shall be specifically authorized and empowered to withhold adequate education program fund allocations, whichever is applicable, to any public school district for failure to timely report student, school personnel and fiscal data necessary to meet state and/or federal requirements.

(9) [Deleted]

(10) The State Board of Education shall establish, for those school districts failing to meet accreditation standards, a program of development to be complied with in order to receive state funds, except as otherwise provided in subsection (15) of this section when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in a school district or as otherwise provided in Section 206, Mississippi Constitution of 1890. The state board, in establishing these standards, shall provide for notice to schools and sufficient time and aid to enable schools to attempt to meet these standards, unless procedures under subsection (15) of this section have been invoked.

(11) Beginning July 1, 1998, the State Board of Education shall be charged with the implementation of the program of development in each applicable school district as follows:

(a) Develop an impairment report for each district failing to meet accreditation standards in conjunction with school district officials;

(b) Notify any applicable school district failing to meet accreditation standards that it is on probation until corrective actions are taken or until the deficiencies have been removed. The local school district shall develop a corrective action plan to improve its deficiencies. For district academic deficiencies, the corrective action plan for each such school district shall be based upon a complete analysis of the following: student test data, student grades, student attendance reports, student dropout data, existence and other relevant data. The corrective action plan shall describe the specific measures to be taken by the particular school district and school to improve: (i) instruction; (ii) curriculum; (iii) professional development; (iv) personnel and classroom organization; (v) student incentives for performance; (vi) process deficiencies; and (vii) reporting to the local school board, parents and the community. The corrective action plan shall describe the specific individuals responsible for implementing each component of the recommendation and how each will be evaluated. All corrective action plans shall be provided to the State Board of Education as may be required. The decision of the State Board of Education establishing the probationary period of time shall be final;

(c) Offer, during the probationary period, technical assistance to the school district in making corrective actions. Beginning July 1, 1998, subject to the availability of funds, the State Department of Education shall provide technical and/or financial assistance to all such school districts in order to implement each measure identified in that district's corrective action plan through professional development and on-site assistance. Each such school district shall apply for and utilize all available federal funding in order to support its corrective action plan in addition to state funds made available under this paragraph;

(d) Assign department personnel or contract, in its discretion, with the institutions of higher learning or other appropriate private entities with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools to assist school districts;

(e) Provide for publication of public notice at least one time during the probationary period, in a newspaper published within the jurisdiction of the school district failing to meet accreditation standards, or if no newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper having a general circulation therein. The publication shall include the

following: declaration of school system's status as being on probation; all details relating to the impairment report; and other information as the State Board of Education deems appropriate. Public notices issued under this section shall be subject to Section 13-3-31 and not contrary to other laws regarding newspaper publication.

(12) (a) If the recommendations for corrective action are not taken by the local school district or if the deficiencies are not removed by the end of the probationary period, the Commission on School Accreditation shall conduct a hearing to allow the affected school district to present evidence or other reasons why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. Additionally, if the local school district violates accreditation standards that have been determined by the policies and procedures of the State Board of Education to be a basis for withdrawal of school district's accreditation without a probationary period, the Commission on School Accreditation shall conduct a hearing to allow the affected school district to present evidence or other reasons why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. After its consideration of the results of the hearing, the Commission on School Accreditation shall be authorized, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to withdraw the accreditation of a public school district, and issue a request to the Governor that a state of emergency be declared in that district.

(b) If the State Board of Education and the Commission on School Accreditation determine that an extreme emergency situation exists in a school district that jeopardizes the safety, security or educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in that district and that emergency situation is believed to be related to a serious violation or violations of accreditation standards or state or federal law, or when a school district meets the State Board of Education's definition of a failing school district for two (2) consecutive full school years, or if more than fifty percent (50%) of the schools within the school district are designated as Schools At-Risk in any one (1) year, the State Board of Education may request the Governor to declare a state of emergency in that school district. For purposes of this paragraph, the declarations of a state of emergency shall not be limited to those instances when a school district's impairments are related to a lack of financial resources, but also shall include serious failure to meet minimum academic standards, as evidenced by a continued pattern of poor student performance.

(c) Whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district in response to a request made under paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, the State Board of Education may take one or more of the following actions:

(i) Declare a state of emergency, under which some or all of state funds can be escrowed except as otherwise provided in Section 206, Constitution of 1890, until the board determines corrective actions are being taken or the deficiencies have been removed, or that the needs of students warrant the release of funds. The funds may be released from escrow for any program which the board determines to have been restored to standard even though the state of emergency may not as yet be terminated for the district as a whole;

(ii) Override any decision of the local school board or superintendent of education, or both, concerning the management and operation of the school district, or initiate and make decisions concerning the management and operation of the school district;

(iii) Assign an interim superintendent, or in its discretion, contract with a private entity with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools and school districts, who will have those powers and duties prescribed in subsection (15) of this section;

(iv) Grant transfers to students who attend this school district so that they may attend other accredited schools or districts in a manner that is not in violation of state or federal law;

(v) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (a) only, if the accreditation deficiencies are related to the fact that the school district is too small, with too few resources, to meet the required standards and if another school district is willing to accept those students, abolish that district and assign that territory to another school district or districts. If the school district has proposed a voluntary consolidation with another school district or districts, then if the State Board of Education finds that it is in the best interest of the pupils of the district for the consolidation to proceed, the voluntary

consolidation shall have priority over any such assignment of territory by the State Board of Education;

(vi) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (b) only, reduce local supplements paid to school district employees, including, but not limited to, instructional personnel, assistant teachers and extracurricular activities personnel, if the district's impairment is related to a lack of financial resources, but only to an extent that will result in the salaries being comparable to districts similarly situated, as determined by the State Board of Education;

(vii) For states of emergency declared under paragraph (b) only, the State Board of Education may take any action as prescribed in Section 37-17-13.

(d) At the time that satisfactory corrective action has been taken in a school district in which a state of emergency has been declared, the State Board of Education may request the Governor to declare that the state of emergency no longer exists in the district.

(e) The parent or legal guardian of a school-age child who is enrolled in a school district whose accreditation has been withdrawn by the Commission on School Accreditation and without approval of that school district may file a petition in writing to a school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation for a legal transfer. The school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation may grant the transfer according to the procedures of Section 37-15-31(1)(b). In the event the accreditation of the student's home district is restored after a transfer has been approved, the student may continue to attend the transferee school district. The per-pupil amount of the adequate education program allotment, including the collective "add-on program" costs for the student's home school district shall be transferred monthly to the school district accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation that has granted the transfer of the school-age child.

(f) Upon the declaration of a state of emergency for any school district in which the Governor has previously declared a state of emergency, the State Board of Education may either:

(i) Place the school district into district transformation, in which the school district shall remain until it has fulfilled all conditions related to district transformation. If the district was assigned an accreditation rating of "D" or "F" when placed into district transformation, the district shall be eligible to return to local control when the school district has attained a "C" rating or higher for five (5) consecutive years, unless the State Board of Education determines that the district is eligible to return to local control in less than the five-year period;

(ii) Abolish the school district and administratively consolidate the school district with one or more existing school districts;

(iii) Reduce the size of the district and administratively consolidate parts of the district, as determined by the State Board of Education. However, no school district which is not in district transformation shall be required to accept additional territory over the objection of the district; or

(iv) Require the school district to develop and implement a district improvement plan with prescriptive guidance and support from the State Department of Education, with the goal of helping the district improve student achievement. Failure of the school board, superintendent and school district staff to implement the plan with fidelity and participate in the activities provided as support by the department shall result in the school district retaining its eligibility for district transformation.

(g) There is established a Mississippi Recovery School District within the State Department of Education under the supervision of a deputy superintendent appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Education, who is subject to the approval by the State Board of Education. The Mississippi Recovery School District shall provide leadership and oversight of all school districts that are subject to district transformation status, as defined in Chapters 17 and 18, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall have all the authority granted under these two (2) chapters. The Mississippi Department of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall develop policies for the operation and management of the Mississippi Recovery School District. The deputy state superintendent is responsible for the Mississippi Recovery School District and shall be authorized to oversee the administration of the Mississippi Recovery School District,

oversee the interim superintendent assigned by the State Board of Education to a local school district, hear appeals that would normally be filed by students, parents or employees and heard by a local school board, which hearings on appeal shall be conducted in a prompt and timely manner in the school district from which the appeal originated in order to ensure the ability of appellants, other parties and witnesses to appeal without undue burden of travel costs or loss of time from work, and perform other related duties as assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education. The deputy state superintendent is responsible for the Mississippi Recovery School District and shall determine, based on rigorous professional qualifications set by the State Board of Education, the appropriate individuals to be engaged to be interim superintendents and financial advisors, if applicable, of all school districts subject to district transformation status. After State Board of Education approval, these individuals shall be deemed independent contractors.

(13) Upon the declaration of a state of emergency in a school district under subsection (12) of this section, the Commission on School Accreditation shall be responsible for public notice at least once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published within the jurisdiction of the school district failing to meet accreditation standards, or if no newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper having a general circulation therein. The size of the notice shall be no smaller than one-fourth (1/4) of a standard newspaper page and shall be printed in bold print. If an interim superintendent has been appointed for the school district, the notice shall begin as follows: "By authority of Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, adopted by the Mississippi Legislature during the 1991 Regular Session, this school district (name of school district) is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Education acting through its appointed interim superintendent (name of interim superintendent)."

The notice also shall include, in the discretion of the State Board of Education, any or all details relating to the school district's emergency status, including the declaration of a state of emergency in the school district and a description of the district's impairment deficiencies, conditions of any district transformation status and corrective actions recommended and being taken. Public notices issued under this section shall be subject to Section 13-3-31 and not contrary to other laws regarding newspaper publication.

Upon termination of the state of emergency in a school district, the Commission on School Accreditation shall cause notice to be published in the school district in the same manner provided in this section, to include any or all details relating to the corrective action taken in the school district that resulted in the termination of the state of emergency.

(14) The State Board of Education or the Commission on School Accreditation shall have the authority to require school districts to produce the necessary reports, correspondence, financial statements, and any other documents and information necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant any individual, corporation, board or interim superintendent the authority to levy taxes except in accordance with presently existing statutory provisions.

(15) (a) Whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district in response to a request made under subsection (12) of this section, the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may assign an interim superintendent to the school district, or in its discretion, may contract with an appropriate private entity with experience in the academic, finance and other operational functions of schools and school districts, who will be responsible for the administration, management and operation of the school district, including, but not limited to, the following activities:

(i) Approving or disapproving all financial obligations of the district, including, but not limited to, the employment, termination, nonrenewal and reassignment of all licensed and nonlicensed personnel, contractual agreements and purchase orders, and approving or disapproving all claim dockets and the issuance of checks; in approving or disapproving employment contracts of superintendents, assistant superintendents or principals, the interim superintendent shall not be required to comply with the time limitations prescribed in Sections 37-9-15 and 37-9-105;

(ii) Supervising the day-to-day activities of the district's staff, including reassigning the duties and responsibilities of personnel in a manner which, in the determination of the interim superintendent, will best suit the needs of the district;

(iii) Reviewing the district's total financial obligations and operations and making recommendations to the district for cost savings, including, but not limited to, reassigning the duties and responsibilities of staff;

(iv) Attending all meetings of the district's school board and administrative staff;

(v) Approving or disapproving all athletic, band and other extracurricular activities and any matters related to those activities;

(vi) Maintaining a detailed account of recommendations made to the district and actions taken in response to those recommendations;

(vii) Reporting periodically to the State Board of Education on the progress or lack of progress being made in the district to improve the district's impairments during the state of emergency; and

(viii) Appointing a parent advisory committee, comprised of parents of students in the school district that may make recommendations to the interim superintendent concerning the administration, management and operation of the school district.

The cost of the salary of the interim superintendent and any other actual and necessary costs related to district transformation status paid by the State Department of Education shall be reimbursed by the local school district from funds other than adequate education program funds. The department shall submit an itemized statement to the superintendent of the local school district for reimbursement purposes, and any unpaid balance may be withheld from the district's adequate education program funds.

At the time that the Governor, in accordance with the request of the State Board of Education, declares that the state of emergency no longer exists in a school district, the powers and responsibilities of the interim superintendent assigned to the district shall cease.

(b) In order to provide loans to school districts under a state of emergency or in district transformation status that have impairments related to a lack of financial resources, the School District Emergency Assistance Fund is created as a special fund in the State Treasury into which monies may be transferred or appropriated by the Legislature from any available public education funds. Funds in the School District Emergency Assistance Fund up to a maximum balance of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) annually shall not lapse but shall be available for expenditure in subsequent years subject to approval of the State Board of Education. Any amount in the fund in excess of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund or the Education Enhancement Fund, depending on the source of the fund.

The State Board of Education may loan monies from the School District Emergency Assistance Fund to a school district that is under a state of emergency or in district transformation status, in those amounts, as determined by the board, that are necessary to correct the district's impairments related to a lack of financial resources. The loans shall be evidenced by an agreement between the school district and the State Board of Education and shall be repayable in principal, without necessity of interest, to the School District Emergency Assistance Fund by the school district from any allowable funds that are available. The total amount loaned to the district shall be due and payable within five (5) years after the impairments related to a lack of financial resources are corrected. If a school district fails to make payments on the loan in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the district and the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education, may withhold that district's adequate education program funds in an amount and manner that will effectuate repayment consistent with the terms of the agreement; the funds withheld by the department shall be deposited into the School District Emergency Assistance Fund.

The State Board of Education shall develop a protocol that will outline the performance standards and requisite timeline deemed necessary for extreme emergency measures. If the State Board of Education determines that an extreme emergency exists, simultaneous with the powers exercised in this subsection, it shall take immediate action against all parties responsible for the affected school districts having been determined to be in an extreme emergency. The action shall include, but not be limited to, initiating civil actions

to recover funds and criminal actions to account for criminal activity. Any funds recovered by the State Auditor or the State Board of Education from the surety bonds of school officials or from any civil action brought under this subsection shall be applied toward the repayment of any loan made to a school district hereunder.

(16) If a majority of the membership of the school board of any school district resigns from office, the State Board of Education shall be authorized to assign an interim superintendent, who shall be responsible for the administration, management and operation of the school district until the time as new board members are selected or the Governor declares a state of emergency in that school district under subsection (12), whichever occurs first. In that case, the State Board of Education, acting through the interim superintendent, shall have all powers which were held by the previously existing school board, and may take any action as prescribed in Section 37-17-13 and/or one or more of the actions authorized in this section.

(17) (a) If the Governor declares a state of emergency in a school district, the State Board of Education may take all such action pertaining to that school district as is authorized under subsection (12) or (15) of this section, including the appointment of an interim superintendent. The State Board of Education shall also have the authority to issue a written request with documentation to the Governor asking that the office of the superintendent of the school district be subject to recall. If the Governor declares that the office of the superintendent of the school district is subject to recall, the local school board or the county election commission, as the case may be, shall take the following action:

(i) If the office of superintendent is an elected office, in those years in which there is no general election, the name shall be submitted by the State Board of Education to the county election commission, and the county election commission shall submit the question at a special election to the voters eligible to vote for the office of superintendent within the county, and the special election shall be held within sixty (60) days from notification by the State Board of Education. The ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"Shall County Superintendent of Education _____ (here the name of the superintendent shall be inserted) of the _____ (here the title of the school district shall be inserted) be retained in office? Yes _____ No _____"

If a majority of those voting on the question votes against retaining the superintendent in office, a vacancy shall exist which shall be filled in the manner provided by law; otherwise, the superintendent shall remain in office for the term of that office, and at the expiration of the term shall be eligible for qualification and election to another term or terms.

(ii) If the office of superintendent is an appointive office, the name of the superintendent shall be submitted by the president of the local school board at the next regular meeting of the school board for retention in office or dismissal from office. If a majority of the school board voting on the question vote against retaining the superintendent in office, a vacancy shall exist which shall be filled as provided by law, otherwise the superintendent shall remain in office for the duration of his employment contract.

(b) The State Board of Education may issue a written request with documentation to the Governor asking that the membership of the school board of the school district shall be subject to recall. Whenever the Governor declares that the membership of the school board is subject to recall, the county election commission or the local governing authorities, as the case may be, shall take the following action:

(i) If the members of the local school board are elected to office, in those years in which the specific member's office is not up for election, the name of the school board member shall be submitted by the State Board of Education to the county election commission, and the county election commission at a special election shall submit the question to the voters eligible to vote for the particular member's office within the county or school district, as the case may be, and the special election shall be held within sixty (60) days from notification by the State Board of Education. The ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"Members of the _____ (here the title of the school district shall be inserted) School Board who are not up for election this year are subject to recall because of the school district's failure to meet critical accountability standards as defined in the letter of notification to the Governor from the State Board of Education. Shall the member of the

school board representing this area, _____ (here the name of the school board member holding the office shall be inserted), be retained in office? Yes _____ No _____

If a majority of those voting on the question vote against retaining the member of the school board in office, a vacancy in that board member's office shall exist, which shall be filled in the manner provided by law; otherwise, the school board member shall remain in office for the term of that office, and at the expiration of the term of office, the member shall be eligible for qualification and election to another term or terms of office. However, if a majority of the school board members are recalled in the special election, the Governor shall authorize the board of supervisors of the county in which the school district is situated to appoint members to fill the offices of the members recalled. The board of supervisors shall make those appointments in the manner provided by law for filling vacancies on the school board, and the appointed members shall serve until the office is filled at the next regular special election or general election.

(ii) If the local school board is an appointed school board, the name of all school board members shall be submitted as a collective board by the president of the municipal or county governing authority, as the case may be, at the next regular meeting of the governing authority for retention in office or dismissal from office. If a majority of the governing authority voting on the question vote against retaining the board in office, a vacancy shall exist in each school board member's office, which shall be filled as provided by law; otherwise, the members of the appointed school board shall remain in office for the duration of their term of appointment, and those members may be reappointed.

(iii) If the local school board is comprised of both elected and appointed members, the elected members shall be subject to recall in the manner provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), and the appointed members shall be subject to recall in the manner provided in subparagraph (ii).

(18) Beginning with the school district audits conducted for the 1997-1998 fiscal year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require each school district to comply with standards established by the State Department of Audit for the verification of fixed assets and the auditing of fixed assets records as a minimum requirement for accreditation.

(19) Before December 1, 1999, the State Board of Education shall recommend a program to the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate for identifying and rewarding public schools that improve or are high performing. The program shall be described by the board in a written report, which shall include criteria and a process through which improving schools and high-performing schools will be identified and rewarded.

The State Superintendent of Public Education and the State Board of Education also shall develop a comprehensive accountability plan to ensure that local school boards, superintendents, principals and teachers are held accountable for student achievement. A written report on the accountability plan shall be submitted to the Education Committees of both houses of the Legislature before December 1, 1999, with any necessary legislative recommendations.

(20) Before January 1, 2008, the State Board of Education shall evaluate and submit a recommendation to the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate on inclusion of graduation rate and dropout rate in the school level accountability system.

(21) If a local school district is determined as failing and placed into district transformation status for reasons authorized by the provisions of this section, the interim superintendent appointed to the district shall, within forty-five (45) days after being appointed, present a detailed and structured corrective action plan to move the local school district out of district transformation status to the deputy superintendent. A copy of the interim superintendent's corrective action plan shall also be filed with the State Board of Education.

SECTION 12. Beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year, the State Board of Education, acting through the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development, and in conjunction with the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall require each educator preparation program in the state to include, as part of its curriculum, a Praxis Core Academic Skills

for Educators examination and a Praxis II examination course of study, which shall serve as a preparatory review course with emphasis on the concepts and exam skills necessary for success on the exam, and reinforces students' knowledge through thought-provoking examples and Praxis exam questions. Upon completion of the course, students shall have mastered concepts as they are tested so that students can excel within the time constraints of the exam."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 536**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bell, C, Busby, Eubanks, Goodin, Horne, Massengill, Weathersby, Young. Total-9.

Necessary for passage--68

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1142**: (Construction; revise contractor's tax regarding certain, require permits in counties/municipalities with construction codes.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purpose of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 21 by inserting the following after the period:

"The tax levied under this section upon the remodeling or renovation of a residential dwelling structure shall be due within sixty (60) days after the date the contractor receives final payment for the remodeling or renovation."

AMEND further on line 27 by striking the comma and on line 28 by inserting the following before the period:

"or to the remodeling or renovation of a residential dwelling structure".

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1142**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby,

Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.
Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Eubanks, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Present--Rosebud, Williams-Barnes. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--70

Representative Hood called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1013**: (Medicaid; create Medicaid Commission to administer program and abolish Division of Medicaid.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1326: Compact for a Balanced Budget; revise delegate membership and extend sunset provision.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Roberson:

AMEND by deleting Sections 1 and 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
"SECTION 1. Section 3-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
3-7-1. The State of Mississippi enacts, adopts and agrees to be bound by the following Compact:
ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF POLICY, PURPOSE AND INTENT
WHEREAS, every State enacting, adopting and agreeing to be bound by this Compact intends to ensure that their respective Legislature's use of the power to originate a Balanced Budget Amendment under Article V of the Constitution of the United States will be exercised conveniently and with reasonable certainty as to the consequences thereof. NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their expressed mutual promises and obligations, be it enacted by every State enacting, adopting and agreeing to be bound by this Compact, and resolved by each of their respective Legislatures, as the case may be, to exercise herewith all of their respective powers as set forth herein notwithstanding any law to the contrary.
ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS
Section 1. "Compact" means this "Compact for a Balanced Budget."
Section 2. "Convention" means the convention for proposing amendments organized by this Compact under Article V of the Constitution of the United States and, where contextually appropriate to ensure the terms of this Compact are not evaded, any other similar gathering or body, which might be organized as a consequence of Congress receiving the application set out in this Compact and claim authority to propose or effectuate any amendment, alteration or revision to the Constitution of the United States. This term does not encompass a convention for proposing amendments under Article V of the Constitution of the United States that is organized independently of this Compact based on the separate and distinct application of any State.
Section 3. "State" means one of the several States of the United States. Where contextually appropriate, the term "State" shall be construed to include all of its branches, departments, agencies, political subdivisions, and officers and representatives acting in their official capacity.

Section 4. "Member State" means a State that has enacted, adopted and agreed to be bound to this Compact. For any State to qualify as a Member State with respect to any other State under this Compact, each such State must have enacted, adopted and agreed to be bound by substantively identical compact legislation.

Section 5. "Compact Notice Recipients" means the Archivist of the United States, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Office of the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Office of the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the chief executive officer of each State, and the presiding officer(s) of each house of the Legislatures of the several States.

Section 6. Notice. All notices required by this Compact shall be by U.S. Certified Mail, return receipt requested, or an equivalent or superior form of notice, such as personal delivery documented by evidence of actual receipt.

Section 7. "Balanced Budget Amendment" means the following:

"Article ____

Section 1. Total outlays of the government of the United States shall not exceed total receipts of the government of the United States at any point in time unless the excess of outlays over receipts is financed exclusively by debt issued in strict conformity with this article.

Section 2. Outstanding debt shall not exceed authorized debt, which initially shall be an amount equal to one hundred five percent (105%) of the outstanding debt on the effective date of this article. Authorized debt shall not be increased above its aforesaid initial amount unless such increase is first approved by the legislatures of the several states as provided in Section 3.

Section 3. From time to time, Congress may increase authorized debt to an amount in excess of its initial amount set by Section 2 only if it first publicly refers to the legislatures of the several states an unconditional, single subject measure proposing the amount of such increase, in such form as provided by law, and the measure is thereafter publicly and unconditionally approved by a simple majority of the legislatures of the several states, in such form as provided respectively by state law; provided that no inducement requiring an expenditure or tax levy shall be demanded, offered or accepted as a quid pro quo for such approval. If such approval is not obtained within sixty (60) calendar days after referral then the measure shall be deemed disapproved and the authorized debt shall thereby remain unchanged.

Section 4. Whenever the outstanding debt exceeds ninety-eight percent (98%) of the debt limit set by Section 2, the President shall enforce said limit by publicly designating specific expenditures for impoundment in an amount sufficient to ensure outstanding debt shall not exceed the authorized debt. Said impoundment shall become effective thirty (30) days thereafter, unless Congress first designates an alternate impoundment of the same or greater amount by concurrent resolution, which shall become immediately effective. The failure of the President to designate or enforce the required impoundment is an impeachable misdemeanor. Any purported issuance or incurrence of any debt in excess of the debt limit set by Section 2 is void.

Section 5. No bill that provides for a new or increased general revenue tax shall become law unless approved by a two-thirds (2/3) roll call vote of the whole number of each House of Congress. However, this requirement shall not apply to any bill that provides for a new end user sales tax which would completely replace every existing income tax levied by the government of the United States; or for the reduction or elimination of an exemption, deduction, or credit allowed under an existing general revenue tax.

Section 6. For purposes of this article, "debt" means any obligation backed by the full faith and credit of the government of the United States; "outstanding debt" means all debt held in any account and by any entity at a given point in time; "authorized debt" means the maximum total amount of debt that may be lawfully issued and outstanding at any single point in time under this article; "total outlays of the government of the United States" means all expenditures of the government of the United States from any source; "total receipts of the government of the United States" means all tax receipts and other income of the government of the United States, excluding proceeds from its issuance or incurrence of debt or any type of liability; "impoundment" means a proposal not to spend

all or part of a sum of money appropriated by Congress; and "general revenue tax" means any income tax, sales tax, or value-added tax levied by the government of the United States excluding imposts and duties.

Section 7. This article is immediately operative upon ratification, self-enforcing, and Congress may enact conforming legislation to facilitate enforcement."

ARTICLE III

COMPACT MEMBERSHIP AND WITHDRAWAL

Section 1. This Compact governs each Member State to the fullest extent permitted by their respective constitutions, superseding and repealing any conflicting or contrary law.

Section 2. By becoming a Member State, each such State offers, promises and agrees to perform and comply strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Compact, and has made such offer, promise and agreement in anticipation and consideration of, and in substantial reliance upon, such mutual and reciprocal performance and compliance by each other current and future Member State, if any. Accordingly, in addition to having the force of law in each Member State upon its respective effective date, this Compact and each of its Articles shall also be construed as contractually binding each Member State when: (a) at least one other State has likewise become a Member State by enacting substantively identical legislation adopting and agreeing to be bound by this Compact; and (b) notice of such State's Member State status is or has been seasonably received by the Compact Administrator, if any, or otherwise by the chief executive officer of each other Member State.

Section 3. For purposes of determining Member State status under this Compact, as long as all other provisions of the Compact remain identical and operative on the same terms, legislation enacting, adopting and agreeing to be bound by this Compact shall be deemed and regarded as "substantively identical" with respect to such other legislation enacted by another State notwithstanding: (a) any difference in Section 2 of Article IV with specific regard to the respectively enacting State's own method of appointing its member to the Commission; (b) any difference in Section 5 of Article IV with specific regard to the respectively enacting State's own obligation to fund the Commission; (c) any difference in Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI with specific regard to the number and identity of each delegate respectively appointed on behalf of the enacting State, provided that no more than three (3) delegates may attend and participate in the Convention on behalf of any State; or (d) any difference in Section 7 of Article X with specific regard to the respectively enacting State as to whether Section 1 of Article V of this Compact shall survive termination of the Compact, and thereafter become a continuing resolution of the Legislature of such State applying to Congress for the calling of a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, under such terms and limitations as may be specified by such State.

Section 4. When fewer than three-fourths (3/4) of the States are Member States, any Member State may withdraw from this Compact by enacting appropriate legislation, as determined by state law, and giving notice of such withdrawal to the Compact Administrator, if any, or otherwise to the chief executive officer of each other Member State. A withdrawal shall not affect the validity or applicability of the Compact with respect to remaining Member States, provided that there remain at least two (2) such States. However, once at least three-fourths (3/4) of the States are Member States, then no Member State may withdraw from the Compact prior to its termination absent unanimous consent of all Member States.

ARTICLE IV

COMPACT COMMISSION AND COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR

Section 1. Nature of the Compact Commission. The Compact Commission (Commission) is hereby established. It has the power and duty: (a) to appoint and oversee a Compact Administrator; (b) to encourage States to join the Compact and Congress to call the Convention in accordance with this Compact; (c) to coordinate the performance of obligations under the Compact; (d) to oversee the Convention's logistical operations as appropriate to ensure this Compact governs its proceedings; (e) to oversee the defense and enforcement of the Compact in appropriate legal venues; (f) to request funds and to disburse those funds to support the operations of the Commission, Compact Administrator, and Convention; and (g) to cooperate with any entity that shares a common interest with the Commission and engages in policy research, public interest litigation or

lobbying in support of the purposes of the Compact. The Commission shall only have such implied powers as are essential to carrying out these express powers and duties. It shall take no action that contravenes or is inconsistent with this Compact or any law of any State that is not superseded by this Compact. It may adopt and publish corresponding bylaws and policies.

Section 2. Commission Membership. The Commission initially consists of three (3) unpaid members. Each Member State may appoint one (1) member to the Commission through an appointment process to be determined by their respective chief executive officer until all positions on the Commission are filled. Positions shall be assigned to appointees in the order in which their respective appointing States became Member States. The bylaws of the Commission may expand its membership to include representatives of additional Member States and to allow for modest salaries and reimbursement of expenses if adequate funding exists.

Section 3. Commission Action. Each Commission member is entitled to one (1) vote. The Commission shall not act unless a majority of its appointed membership is present, and no action shall be binding unless approved by a majority of the Commission's appointed membership. The Commission shall meet at least once a year, and may meet more frequently.

Section 4. First Order of Business. The Commission shall at the earliest possible time elect from among its membership a Chairperson, determine a primary place of doing business, and appoint a Compact Administrator.

Section 5. Funding. The Commission and the Compact Administrator's activities shall be funded exclusively by each Member State, as determined by their respective state law, or by voluntary donations.

Section 6. Compact Administrator. The Compact Administrator has the power and duty: (a) to timely notify the States of the date, time and location of the Convention; (b) to organize and direct the logistical operations of the Convention; (c) to maintain an accurate list of all Member States, their appointed delegates, including contact information; and (d) to formulate, transmit, and maintain all official notices, records, and communications relating to this Compact. The Compact Administrator shall only have such implied powers as are essential to carrying out these express powers and duties; and shall take no action that contravenes or is inconsistent with this Compact or any law of any State that is not superseded by this Compact. The Compact Administrator serves at the pleasure of the Commission and must keep the Commission seasonably apprised of the performance or nonperformance of the terms and conditions of this Compact. Any notice sent by a Member State to the Compact Administrator concerning this Compact shall be adequate notice to each other Member State provided that a copy of said notice is seasonably delivered by the Compact Administrator to each other Member State's respective chief executive officer.

Section 7. Notice of Key Events. Upon the occurrence of each of the following described events, or otherwise as soon as possible, the Compact Administrator shall immediately send the following notices to all Compact Notice Recipients, together with certified conforming copies of the chaptered version of this Compact as maintained in the statutes of each Member State: (a) whenever any State becomes a Member State, notice of that fact shall be given; (b) once at least three-fourths (3/4) of the States are Member States, notice of that fact shall be given together with a statement declaring that the Legislatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the several States have applied for a convention for proposing amendments under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, petitioning Congress to call the Convention contemplated by this Compact, and further requesting cooperation in organizing the same in accordance with this Compact; (c) once Congress has called the Convention contemplated by this Compact, and whenever the date, time and location of the Convention has been determined, notice of that fact shall be given together with the date, time and location of the Convention and other essential logistical matters; (d) upon approval of the Balanced Budget Amendment by the Convention, notice of that fact shall be given together with the transmission of certified copies of such approved proposed amendment and a statement requesting Congress to refer the same for ratification by three-fourths (3/4) of the Legislatures of the several States under Article V of the Constitution of the United States (however, in no event shall any proposed amendment other than the Balanced Budget Amendment be transmitted); and (e) when

any Article of this Compact prospectively ratifying the Balanced Budget Amendment is effective in any Member State, notice of the same shall be given together with a statement declaring such ratification and further requesting cooperation in ensuring that the official record confirms and reflects the effective corresponding amendment to the Constitution of the United States. However, whenever any Member State enacts appropriate legislation, as determined by the laws of the respective state, withdrawing from this Compact, the Compact Administrator shall immediately send certified conforming copies of the chaptered version of such withdrawal legislation as maintained in the statutes of each such withdrawing Member State, solely to each chief executive officer of each remaining Member State, giving notice of such withdrawal.

Section 8. Cooperation. The Commission, Member States and Compact Administrator shall cooperate with each other and give each other mutual assistance in enforcing this Compact and shall give the chief law enforcement officer of each other Member State any information or documents that are reasonably necessary to facilitate the enforcement of this Compact.

Section 9. This Article does not take effect until there are at least two (2) Member States.

ARTICLE V

RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR CONVENTION

Section 1. Be it resolved, as provided for in Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the Legislature of each Member State herewith applies to Congress for the calling of a convention for proposing amendments limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification the Balanced Budget Amendment.

Section 2. Congress is further petitioned to refer the Balanced Budget Amendment to the States for ratification by three-fourths (3/4) of their respective Legislatures.

Section 3. This Article does not take effect until at least three-fourths (3/4) of the several States are Member States.

ARTICLE VI

DELEGATE APPOINTMENT, LIMITATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Section 1. Number of Delegates. * * * This Member State shall be entitled to three (3) delegates to represent its sovereign interests at the Convention.

Section 2. Identity of Delegates. * * * The Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President of the Senate of this Member State, who are in office at the time of the Convention, or their respective designee, as identified in a sworn affidavit executed by such officer, are each appointed in an individual capacity to represent this Member State at the Convention as its sole and exclusive delegates. A majority vote of this delegation shall serve to decide any issue at the Convention on behalf of this Member State.

Section 3. Replacement or Recall of Delegates. A delegate appointed hereunder may be replaced or recalled by the Legislature of his or her respective State at any time for good cause, such as criminal misconduct or the violation of this Compact. If replaced or recalled, any delegate previously appointed hereunder must immediately vacate the Convention and return to their respective State's capitol.

Section 4. Oath. The power and authority of a delegate under this Article may only be exercised after the Convention is first called by Congress in accordance with this Compact and such appointment is duly accepted by such appointee publicly taking the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I accept this appointment and will act strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Compact for a Balanced Budget, the Constitution of the State I represent, and the Constitution of the United States. I understand that violating this oath (or affirmation) forfeits my appointment and may subject me to other penalties as provided by law."

Section 5. Term. The term of a delegate hereunder commences upon acceptance of appointment and terminates upon the permanent adjournment of the Convention, unless shortened by recall, replacement or forfeiture under this Article. Upon expiration of such term, any person formerly serving as a delegate must immediately withdraw from and cease participation at the Convention, if any is proceeding.

Section 6. Delegate Authority. The power and authority of any delegate appointed hereunder is strictly limited: (a) to introducing, debating, voting upon, proposing and enforcing the Convention Rules specified in this Compact, as needed to ensure those rules govern the Convention; and (b) to introducing, debating, voting upon, and rejecting

or proposing for ratification the Balanced Budget Amendment. All actions taken by any delegate in violation of this section are void ab initio.

Section 7. Delegate Authority. No delegate of any Member State may introduce, debate, vote upon, reject or propose for ratification any constitutional amendment at the Convention unless: (a) the Convention Rules specified in this Compact govern the Convention and their actions; and (b) the constitutional amendment is the Balanced Budget Amendment.

Section 8. Delegate Authority. The power and authority of any delegate at the Convention does not include any power or authority associated with any other public office held by the delegate. Any person appointed to serve as a delegate shall take a temporary leave of absence, or otherwise shall be deemed temporarily disabled, from any other public office held by the delegate while attending the Convention, and may not exercise any power or authority associated with any other public office held by the delegate, while attending the Convention. All actions taken by any delegate in violation of this section are void ab initio.

Section 9. Order of Business. Before introducing, debating, voting upon, rejecting or proposing for ratification any constitutional amendment at the Convention, each delegate of every Member State must first ensure the Convention Rules in this Compact govern the Convention and their actions. Every delegate and each Member State must immediately vacate the Convention and notify the Compact Administrator by the most effective and expeditious means if the Convention Rules in this Compact are not adopted to govern the Convention and their actions.

Section 10. Forfeiture of Appointment. If any Member State or delegate violates any provision of this Compact, then every delegate of that Member State immediately forfeits his or her appointment, and shall immediately cease participation at the Convention, vacate the Convention, and return to his or her respective State's capitol.

Section 11. Expenses. A delegate appointed hereunder is entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses for attending the Convention from his or her respective Member State. No delegate may accept any other form of remuneration or compensation for service under this Compact.

ARTICLE VII

CONVENTION RULES

Section 1. Nature of the Convention. The Convention shall be organized, construed and conducted as a body exclusively representing and constituted by the several States.

Section 2. Agenda of the Convention. The agenda of the Convention shall be entirely focused upon and exclusively limited to introducing, debating, voting upon, and rejecting or proposing for ratification the Balanced Budget Amendment under the Convention Rules specified in this Article and in accordance with the Compact. It shall not be in order for the Convention to consider any matter that is outside the scope of this agenda.

Section 3. Delegate Identity and Procedure. States shall be represented at the Convention through duly appointed delegates. The number, identity and authority of delegates assigned to each State shall be determined by this Compact in the case of Member States or, in the case of States that are not Member States, by their respective state laws. However, to prevent disruption of proceedings, no more than three (3) delegates may attend and participate in the Convention on behalf of any State. A certified chaptered conforming copy of this Compact, together with government-issued photographic proof of identification, shall suffice as credentials for delegates of Member States. Any commission for delegates of States that are not Member States shall be based on their respective state laws, but it shall furnish credentials that are at least as reliable as those required of Member States.

Section 4. Voting. Each State represented at the Convention shall have one (1) vote, exercised by the vote of that State's delegate in the case of States represented by one delegate, or, in the case of any State that is represented by more than one delegate, by the majority vote of that State's respective delegates.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the several States of the United States, each present through its respective delegate in the case of any State that is represented by one (1) delegate, or through a majority of its respective delegates, in the case of any State that is represented by more than one (1) delegate, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business on behalf of the Convention.

Section 6. Action by the Convention. The Convention shall only act as a committee of the whole, chaired by the delegate representing the first State to have become a Member State, if that State is represented by one (1) delegate, or otherwise by the delegate chosen by the majority vote of that State's respective delegates. The transaction of any business on behalf of the Convention, including the designation of a Secretary, the adoption of parliamentary procedures and the rejection or proposal of any constitutional amendment, requires a quorum to be present and a majority affirmative vote of those States constituting the quorum.

Section 7. Emergency Suspension and Relocation of the Convention. In the event that the Chair of the Convention declares an emergency due to disorder or an imminent threat to public health and safety prior to the completion of the business on the Agenda, and a majority of the States present at the Convention do not object to such declaration, further Convention proceedings shall be temporarily suspended, and the Commission shall subsequently relocate or reschedule the Convention to resume proceedings in an orderly fashion in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Compact with prior notice given to the Compact Notice Recipients.

Section 8. Parliamentary Procedure. In adopting, applying and formulating parliamentary procedure, the Convention shall exclusively adopt, apply or appropriately adapt provisions of the most recent editions of Robert's Rules of Order and the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure. In adopting, applying or adapting parliamentary procedure, the Convention shall exclusively consider analogous precedent arising within the jurisdiction of the United States. Parliamentary procedures adopted, applied or adapted pursuant to this section shall not obstruct, override or otherwise conflict with this Compact.

Section 9. Transmittal. Upon approval of the Balanced Budget Amendment by the Convention to propose for ratification, the Chair of the Convention shall immediately transmit certified copies of such approved proposed amendment to the Compact Administrator and all Compact Notice Recipients, notifying them respectively of such approval and requesting Congress to refer the same for ratification by the States under Article V of the Constitution of the United States. However, in no event shall any proposed amendment other than the Balanced Budget Amendment be transmitted as aforesaid.

Section 10. Transparency. Records of the Convention, including the identities of all attendees and detailed minutes of all proceedings, shall be kept by the Chair of the Convention or Secretary designated by the Convention. All proceedings and records of the Convention shall be open to the public upon request subject to reasonable regulations adopted by the Convention that are closely tailored to preventing disruption of proceedings under this Article.

Section 11. Adjournment of the Convention. The Convention shall permanently adjourn upon the earlier of twenty-four (24) hours after commencing proceedings under this Article or the completion of the business on its Agenda.

ARTICLE VIII

PROHIBITION ON ULTRA VIRES CONVENTION

Section 1. Member States shall not participate in the Convention unless: (a) Congress first calls the Convention in accordance with this Compact; and (b) the Convention Rules of this Compact are adopted by the Convention as its first order of business.

Section 2. Any proposal or action of the Convention is void ab initio and issued by a body that is conducting itself in an unlawful and ultra vires fashion if that proposal or action: (a) violates or was approved in violation of the Convention Rules or the delegate instructions and limitations on delegate authority specified in this Compact; (b) purports to propose or effectuate a mode of ratification that is not specified in Article V of the Constitution of the United States; or (c) purports to propose or effectuate the formation of a new government. All Member States are prohibited from advancing or assisting in the advancement of any such proposal or action.

Section 3. Member States shall not ratify or otherwise approve any proposed amendment, alteration or revision to the Constitution of the United States, which originates from the Convention, other than the Balanced Budget Amendment.

ARTICLE IX

RESOLUTION PROSPECTIVELY RATIFYING THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Section 1. Each Member State, by and through its respective Legislature, hereby adopts and ratifies the Balanced Budget Amendment.

Section 2. This Article does not take effect until Congress effectively refers the Balanced Budget Amendment to the States for ratification by three-fourths (3/4) of the Legislatures of the several States under Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

ARTICLE X

CONSTRUCTION, ENFORCEMENT, VENUE, AND SEVERABILITY

Section 1. To the extent that the effectiveness of this Compact or any of its Articles or provisions requires the alteration of local legislative rules, drafting policies, or procedure to be effective, the enactment of legislation enacting, adopting and agreeing to be bound by this Compact shall be deemed to waive, repeal, supersede, or otherwise amend and conform all such rules, policies or procedures to allow for the effectiveness of this Compact to the fullest extent permitted by the constitution of any affected Member State.

Section 2. Date and Location of the Convention. Unless otherwise specified by Congress in its call, the Convention shall be held in Dallas, Texas and commence proceedings at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on the sixth Wednesday after the latter of the effective date of Article V of this Compact or the enactment date of the Congressional resolution calling the Convention.

Section 3. In addition to all other powers and duties conferred by state law which are consistent with the terms and conditions of this Compact, the chief law enforcement officer of each Member State is empowered to defend the Compact from any legal challenge, as well as to seek civil mandatory and prohibitory injunctive relief to enforce this Compact; and shall take such action whenever the Compact is challenged or violated.

Section 4. The exclusive venue for all actions in any way arising under this Compact shall be in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas or the courts of the State of Texas within the jurisdictional boundaries of the foregoing district court. Each Member State shall submit to the jurisdiction of said courts with respect to such actions. However, upon written request by the chief law enforcement officer of any Member State, the Commission may elect to waive this provision for the purpose of ensuring an action proceeds in the venue that allows for the most convenient and effective enforcement or defense of this Compact. Any such waiver shall be limited to the particular action to which it is applied and not construed or relied upon as a general waiver of this provision. The waiver decisions of the Commission under this provision shall be final and binding on each Member State.

Section 5. The effective date of this Compact and any of its Articles is the latter of: (a) the date of any event rendering the same effective according to its respective terms and conditions; or (b) the earliest date otherwise permitted by law.

Section 6. Article VIII of this Compact is hereby deemed non-severable prior to termination of the Compact. However, if any other phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this Compact, or the applicability of any other phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this Compact to any government, agency, person or circumstance, is declared in a final judgment to be contrary to the Constitution of the United States, contrary to the state constitution of any Member State, or is otherwise held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such phrase, clause, sentence or provision shall be severed and held for naught, and the validity of the remainder of this Compact and the applicability of the remainder of this Compact to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected. Furthermore, if this Compact is declared in a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to be entirely contrary to the state constitution of any Member State or otherwise entirely invalid as to any Member State, such Member State shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Compact, and the Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to any remaining Member State. Finally, if this Compact is declared in a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to be wholly or substantially in violation of Article I, Section 10, of the Constitution of the United States, then it shall be construed and enforced solely as reciprocal legislation enacted by the affected Member State(s).

Section 7. Termination. This Compact shall terminate and be held for naught when the Compact is fully performed and the Constitution of the United States is amended by the Balanced Budget Amendment. However, notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Compact, in the event such amendment does not occur * * * on or before April 12, 2031, the Compact shall terminate as follows: (a) the Commission shall dissolve and

wind up its operations within ninety (90) days thereafter, with the Compact Administrator giving notice of such dissolution and the operative effect of this section to the Compact Notice Recipients; and (b) upon the completed dissolution of the Commission, this Compact shall be deemed terminated, repealed, void ab initio, and held for naught.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after passage."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1326**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--75.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--44.

Absent or those not voting--Miles, Oliver, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. C. R. No. 33: Ruby Kate Bowles; commend her life upon her passing.

H. C. R. No. 34: James "David" Alford, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 2: Omega Psi Phi Day; designate February 5, 2021 as in Mississippi.

H. R. No. 15: Head Coach Tomeka Reed; commend and congratulate for many accomplishments as Head Coach of the Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team.

H. R. No. 16: David Eldridge; commend on retirement as Chief of Police for the Kilmichael Police Department.

H. R. No. 17: Deacon Lloyd Webster, Jr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 18: Gene Murphy; commend and congratulate upon his retirement as athletic director of Hinds Community College.

H. R. No. 19: Homer Dee Skelton; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 20: Deputy Lt. Michael Anthony Boutte, Sr.; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing.

H. R. No. 21: James E. "Jim" Stirgus, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 22: Reverend Clyde Larocque Carter; commend and celebrate life and historic legacy of.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

S. C. R. No. 503: Commend Aysa Branch for winning Miss USA.

S. C. R. No. 504: Ted Booth; commend for receiving the 2020 Legislative Staff Achievement Award from NCSL.

S. C. R. No. 509: Extend deepest sympathy of Legislature on the passing of Mississippi Sports Icon JSU Coach "W.C." Gorden.

S. C. R. No. 510: Mourn the passing of former Senator Tommy Moffatt, Sr., of Gautier, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

S. C. R. No. 511: Commend Leake Academy "Rebels" Football Team for winning the MAIS Class 5A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 512: Commend the life of legendary college and NFL football player and Coach Ray Perkins from Petal, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 513: Recognize the Bicentennial Celebration of Franklin Academy in Columbus, the first public school in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 514: Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of the state's longest-serving Mayor, Dock Gabbert, of Derma, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 516: Pay tribute to the memory and career of pioneering country music superstar Charley Pride from Sledge, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 518: Commend Hillcrest Christian Fast Pitch Softball Team for MAIS State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 519: Commend Brookhaven High School "Panthers" Boys Cross-Country Team for second consecutive state championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 515: Extending condolences of Mississippi Legislature on the passing of Wiggins Mayor Joel Travis Miles and remembering his legacy.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Hines, Johnson, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1360: Appropriation; additional for the Department of Marine Resources for Fiscal Year 2021.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1360**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure, Weathersby, Zuber. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of all Rules.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1095: Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 660 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 34 by striking "approval by Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof "the advice of Attorney General"

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 45:

"(3) The Commissioner of Revenue and the Department of Revenue may discuss with and provide the Attorney General or his designated representative with information related to an offer to compromise and settle any doubtful claim under this section. Such discussions shall be subject to the confidentiality requirements of Sections 27-3-73, 27-7-83, 27-13-57 and/or 27-65-81, as the case may be."

AMEND further on line 46 by striking "(3)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(4)"

AMEND further on line 70 by striking "A" and inserting in lieu thereof "For the purposes of Section 1 of this act, a" and by deleting "also"

AMEND further on line 76 by deleting "(1)"

AMEND further on line 79 by inserting ", as described in Section 31-19-27(1)," after "claim"

AMEND further by deleting lines 117 through 123

AMEND further on lines 214, 218, 219, 401, 405, 406, 533, 537, 538, 635, 639 and 640 by striking "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof "Attorney General"

AMEND further on lines 217, 223, 404, 410, 536, 542, 638 and 644 by inserting "Section 1 of" after "by"

AMEND further on lines 221, 408, 540 and 642 by striking "Governor's" and inserting in lieu thereof "Attorney General's"

AMEND TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1095**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Rosebud, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 287: Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references.

Rep. Bain moved to table the committee substitute, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on line 1344 by inserting the following after "2021"

before the period:

"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 287**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines,

Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--91.

Nays--Beckett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, C, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Eubanks, Gibbs, D, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Hudson, Ladner, McCray, McLeod, Osborne, Paden, Rosebud, Stamps, Taylor, Walker, Williamson, Wright. Total--28.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby, Young. Total-2.

Present--Clark. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 929: Reentry for offenders; bring forward certain sections relating to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES FELSHER AND HORAN:

AMEND after line 442 by inserting the following language and renumbering the succeeding section:

" SECTION 23. (1) This act shall be known as the "Reentry Court Act of 2021."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Corrections shall establish a rehabilitation and workplace development program that can be completed in no more than three (3) years.

(3) The Senior Circuit Court Judge of the First, Seventh, and Fifteenth Circuit Court Districts may establish a pilot reentry division in the district. Any reentry division of the court and sentencing program shall work in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Corrections and the Mississippi Intervention Court Commission to establish best practices for the court including standards for suitability. Any person placed in the reentry court shall be counted in determining funding allocations to the court from the Administrative Office of Courts.

(4) Participation in the workforce development sentencing program as authorized by the provisions of this section shall be subject to certain provisions. The court may recommend that a defendant convicted of one or more felony offenses in this state or any other state or federal court participate in the workforce development sentencing program if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

(a) The defendant meets the eligibility and suitability requirements for participation in the Offender Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Program;

(b) The court determines that it is in the best interest of the community and in the interest of justice that the defendant be sentenced to the Offender Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Program;

(c) The defendant is not sentenced to a term of incarceration which exceeds twenty (20) years;

(d) The defendant shall not have any prior felony convictions for any offenses defined as a sex offense in Section 45-33-23;

(e) The crime before the court shall not be a crime of violence as listed in Section 97-3-2, except house burglary under Section 97-17-23(1);

(f) The defendant cannot be sentenced in the present charge as a habitual offender pursuant to Section 99-19-81 or 99-19-83;

(g) Other criminal proceedings alleging commission of a crime of violence as listed in Section 97-3-2, except house burglary under Section 97-17-23(1), shall not be pending against the defendant; and

(h) The crime before the court shall not be a charge of any crime that resulted in the death of a person.

(5) Upon a determination that the defendant meets the eligibility and suitability criteria provided for in subsection (4) of this section, the court shall advise the defendant that he may be eligible for enrollment in the workforce development sentencing program.

(6) Prior to sentence, the court shall contact the Department of Corrections Reentry Services to determine if there is adequate capacity for enrollment or if bed space is available.

(7) In offering a defendant the opportunity to request the program, the court shall advise the defendant of the following:

(a) If the defendant is eligible to participate in the workforce development sentencing program, the defendant shall waive the right to a trial. The defendant shall enter a plea of guilty to the charge with the stipulation that the defendant shall be sentenced to custody of the Department of Corrections to participate in the Offender Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Program, and, after successful completion of that program, the court shall suspend the remainder of his or her sentence and place him or her on probation under the intensive supervision of the reentry division of court.

(b) The court may impose any conditions reasonably related to the rehabilitation of the defendant, including ordering the defendant to participate and complete a substance abuse treatment program.

(c) A defendant who is placed under the supervision of the reentry division of court may be ordered to pay the cost of any assessments, substance abuse tests, and treatment programs to which he or she is assigned and the cost of any additional supervision that may be required, to the extent of his financial resources, as determined by the reentry division of court as guided by Section 99-19-20.1(1).

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any offender sentenced under this section shall not be eligible for parole pursuant to Section 47-7-3, nor earn "good time" pursuant to Section 47-5-138, 47-5-138.1, 47-5-139 or 47-5-142 while in the program.

(8) The defendant shall agree to participation in the workforce development sentencing program.

(9) The judge shall consider the following factors in determining whether workforce development sentencing is in the interest of justice and of benefit to the defendant and the community:

(a) The nature of the crime charged and the circumstances surrounding the crime;

(b) Any special characteristics or circumstances of the defendant;

(c) Whether there is a probability that the defendant will cooperate with and benefit from the workforce development sentencing program;

(d) Whether the available workforce development sentencing program is appropriate to meet the needs of the defendant;

(e) The impact of the defendant's sentencing upon the community;

(f) Recommendations, if any, of the district attorney;

(g) Recommendations, if any, of the involved law enforcement agency;

(h) Recommendations, if any, of the victim;

(i) Provisions for and the likelihood of obtaining restitution from the defendant;

(j) Any mitigating circumstances; and

(k) Any other circumstances reasonably related to the defendant's case.

(10) If the judge determines that the defendant shall be enrolled in the workforce development sentencing program, the court shall accept the defendant's guilty plea and sentence the defendant to the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of years subject to participation in the Offender Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Program under the terms and conditions of the workforce development sentencing program.

(11) If the judge determines that the defendant is not qualified for enrollment, the judge shall state for the record the reasons for that determination.

(12) If the defendant successfully completes the Offender Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Program and successfully completes all other requirements of the workforce development sentencing program, the court, notwithstanding any provision of Section 47-7-33 or 47-7-47 to the contrary, shall suspend the remainder of his sentence and place the person on probation for not more than three (3) years under the intensive supervision of the reentry division of court. If the defendant fails to complete the program, the court shall order the defendant to serve all or part of the remainder of the sentence. The Department of Corrections shall not grant any "good time credits" for the time served prior

to the resentencing nor shall the time in the program be used to calculate a parole eligibility date.

(13) If the defendant violates any condition of his reentry probation, the court may revoke the probation and order the defendant to serve all or part of the sentence previously imposed and suspended, unless the violation is a technical violation and then the court may impose a sentence of not more than ninety (90) days to be served at the Technical Violation Center. The term of the revocation for a technical violation shall begin on the date the court orders the revocation. Upon completion of the imposed sentence for the technical revocation, the defendant shall return to active supervised probation for a period equal to the remainder of the original period of probation subject to any additional conditions imposed by the court.

(14) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 24. The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review shall conduct a review of all reentry court programs active after three (3) years and produce a report to the Legislature on their effectiveness by December 1, 2024. The PEER Committee may seek the assistance of the Administrative Office of Courts or any other criminal justice experts it deems necessary during its review."

AMEND further the title on line 3 by inserting the following language after the semicolon: "TO CREATE A PILOT REENTRY COURT; TO ESTABLISH A REHABILITATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE JUDGE PRESIDING OVER THE PILOT REENTRY COURT AT THE TIME OF INITIAL SENTENCING OF ANY OFFENDER TO RECOMMEND THE OFFENDER BE PLACED IN THE REHABILITATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF NO MORE THAN THREE YEARS AFTER THE INITIAL SENTENCING; TO RECONSIDER THE SENTENCE AND PLACE THE OFFENDER ON POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 929**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Paden, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Rushing called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 359: Municipally-owned utilities; may use accounting system accommodation for uncollectible customer indebtedness.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Rushing:

AMEND on line 15 by inserting the following language before the word "created":

"within a municipality having a population of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) or more that is"

AMEND further on line 17 by inserting the following language before the word "created":

"within a municipality having a population of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) or more that is"

AMEND further on line 19 by inserting the following language before the word "whose":

"within a municipality having a population of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) or more"

AMEND further by inserting the following language after line 59:

" (4) This section shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2022."

AMEND further by striking lines 60 through 134 in their entirety and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

" SECTION 2. Section 31-19-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

31-19-27. A doubtful claim of the state, or of the county, city, town, village, or levee board is one for which judgment has been rendered and for the collection of which the ordinary process of law has been ineffectual; debts due by drainage districts or other taxing districts or sinking funds to counties under the Rehabilitation Act of 1928, being Chapter 88 * * *, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16 of the Acts of the Special Session of 1931; those debts due counties by drainage districts, which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to refinance; those debts due a utility as authorized under Section 1 of this act; debts due for sixteenth section township school fund loans made to churches, where the board of supervisors finds that the value of the security given therefor is insufficient or inadequate to pay or satisfy the principal and interest of * * * the loan, and when the church repays the principal of * * * such loan; and debts due by counties and townships to drainage districts for drainage district assessments or taxes levied and assessed upon sixteenth section lands.

[From and after July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

31-19-27. A doubtful claim of the state, or of the county, city, town, village, or levee board is one for which judgment has been rendered and for the collection of which the ordinary process of law has been ineffectual; debts due by drainage districts or other taxing districts or sinking funds to counties under the Rehabilitation Act of 1928, being Chapter 88 * * *, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16 of the Acts of the Special Session of 1931; those debts due counties by drainage districts, which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to refinance; debts due for sixteenth section township school fund loans made to churches, where the board of supervisors finds that the value of the security given therefor is insufficient or inadequate to pay or satisfy the principal and interest of said loan, and when the church repays the principal of said loan; and debts due by counties and townships to drainage districts for drainage district assessments or taxes levied and assessed upon sixteenth section lands.

SECTION 3. Section 31-19-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

31-19-29. The Governor, on the advice of the Attorney General or * * * the Commissioner of Revenue at the State Department of Revenue, may, upon application of the defendant or debtor proposing a compromise, settle and compromise any doubtful claim of the state, or of any county, city, town, or village, or of any levee board against such defendant or debtor, upon such terms as he may deem proper, the board of supervisors in the case of a county, and the municipal authorities in the case of a city, town or village, and the levee board in the case of a claim of a levee board, concurring therein. The Governor, upon application of a drainage district having obligations outstanding to a county under the provisions of Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16, Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1931, or obligations which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to refinance, may settle and compromise any claim, debt or obligation that * * * a drainage district may owe any county in the State of Mississippi for money

loaned * * * such district under the provisions of said Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, or any other claim, debt or obligation that said drainage district may owe the county which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to finance, if the board of supervisors of said county concurs in the application of the drainage district. A utility may compromise a debt owed for water and sewer service only as provided under Section 1 of this act. The Governor, upon application by the board of supervisors for any taxing districts of * * * a county or sinking funds of * * * such county under the control and supervision of * * * the board of supervisors having obligations outstanding and due to * * * such county under the provisions of Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16, Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1931, may settle and compromise any claim, debt, or obligation that * * * the taxing districts or sinking funds may owe * * * such county for money loaned * * * the taxing districts or sinking funds under the provisions of * * * Chapter 88, Laws of 1928; and provided that the Governor, on the advice of the Attorney General, and upon application of a church owing a sixteenth section township school fund loan, may settle and compromise such debt or obligation if the board of supervisors of the said county concurs in the application of the * * * church. The Governor may, on the advice of the Attorney General, in like manner compromise and settle a claim of a drainage district for unpaid assessments or taxes upon sixteenth section lands upon application of the board of supervisors wherein such sixteenth section is situated, if the commissioners of the drainage district concur therein.

[From and after July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

31-19-29. The Governor, on the advice of the Attorney General or * * * the Commissioner of Revenue at the State Department of Revenue, may, upon application of the defendant or debtor proposing a compromise, settle and compromise any doubtful claim of the state, or of any county, city, town, or village, or of any levee board against such defendant or debtor, upon such terms as he may deem proper, the board of supervisors in the case of a county, and the municipal authorities in the case of a city, town or village, and the levee board in the case of a claim of a levee board, concurring therein. The Governor, upon application of a drainage district having obligations outstanding to a county under the provisions of Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16, Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1931, or obligations which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to refinance, may settle and compromise any claim, debt or obligation that said drainage district may owe any county in the State of Mississippi for money loaned said district under the provisions of said Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, or any other claim, debt or obligation that said drainage district may owe the county which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to finance, if the board of supervisors of said county concurs in the application of the drainage district. The Governor, upon application by the board of supervisors for any taxing districts of said county or sinking funds of said county under the control and supervision of said board of supervisors having obligations outstanding and due to said county under the provisions of Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16, Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1931, may settle and compromise any claim, debt, or obligation that said taxing districts or sinking funds may owe said county for money loaned said taxing districts or sinking funds under the provisions of said Chapter 88, Laws of 1928; and provided that the Governor, on the advice of the Attorney General, and upon application of a church owing a sixteenth section township school fund loan, may settle and compromise such debt or obligation if the board of supervisors of the said county concurs in the application of the said church. The Governor may, on the advice of the Attorney General, in like manner compromise and settle a claim of a drainage district for unpaid assessments or taxes upon sixteenth section lands upon application of the board of supervisors wherein such sixteenth section is situated, if the commissioners of the drainage district concur therein.

SECTION 4. Section 21-27-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

21-27-27. Except as otherwise provided under Section 1 of this act, no free service shall be furnished by any such system, or combined system, to any private person, firm, corporation * * * or association. The municipality may, however, furnish such service, free of charge, to the municipality or any agency or department thereof, to any public school, or to any hospital or benevolent institution located within such municipality, including county, city, and community fairs.

[From and after July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

21-27-27. No free service shall be furnished by any such system, or combined system, to any private person, firm, corporation * * * or association. The municipality may, however, furnish such service, free of charge, to the municipality or any agency or department thereof, to any public school, or to any hospital or benevolent institution located within such municipality, including county, city, and community fairs."

AMEND further on line 135 by inserting the following language before the word "shall":
"located within a municipality having a population of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) or more"

AMEND further on line 135 by inserting the following language before the word "The":
"(1)"

AMEND further by inserting the following language after line 157:

" (2) This section shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2022."

AMEND further on line 158 by inserting the following language before the word "A": "(1)"

AMEND further on line 158 by inserting the following language before the word "may":
"located within a municipality having a population of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) or more"

AMEND further by inserting the following language after line 164:

" (2) This section shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2022."

AMEND further on line 165 by inserting the following language before the word "Notwithstanding": "(1)"

AMEND further on line 166 by inserting the following language before the word "may":
"located within a municipality having a population of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) or more"

AMEND further by inserting the following language after line 172:

" (2) This section shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2022."

AMEND further the title on line 2 by inserting the following language after the word "ENTITIES":

"THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND OR MORE"

AMEND further the title on line 8 by inserting the following language before the words "MUNICIPALLY-OWNED":

"SUCH"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 359**. On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 429: Contracts; authorize persons eighteen years of age or older to enter into for the purpose of investing in mutual funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 18 after "funds" and before the period by inserting the following:
", stocks, bonds and any other publicly traded equities"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 429. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Gibbs, D, Sanford, Summers, Weathersby, Young. Total-6.

Present--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 327: Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 327. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read,

Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, McCarty, Pigott, Smith, Turner, Weathersby, Young. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 330: Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yates:

AMEND on line 43 and 75 by inserting the following new language before the period: "and which has fully compensated or will fully compensate the individual for said element of loss".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 330.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Watson, Weathersby. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1205: Telemedicine; revise definition for provisions of law regarding coverage for telemedicine services.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1205.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Weathersby, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Boyd called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 100: MS Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on requirement that fees be deposited into State General Fund.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 100. On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Brown, C, McGee, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Boyd called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 814: Public Procurement Review Board; exempt certain contracts entered into by Attorney General's office from oversight of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 814. On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby,

Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Brown, B. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Sanford, Weathersby, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Huddleston called up:

H. B. No. 1030: "Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act"; enact.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 305 by inserting the following after the period:

"For purposes of this section, the words "private cause of action or any claim for damages of any kind" means any claim or action brought by any person or current or former student-athlete who is not a party to a name, image and likeness agreement or contract with the postsecondary educational institution, athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletic programs. The words "private cause of action or any claim for damages of any kind" shall not be construed to include any claim or action by the student-athlete that is engaged in a name, image and likeness agreement for compensation."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bounds:

AMEND on line 375 by inserting before the period, the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVES ANDERSON (122ND), ARNOLD, BOYD, BROWN (20TH), CALVERT, CARPENTER, CREEKMORE IV, CURRIE, EUBANKS, FORD (73RD), HALE, HOBGOOD-WILKES, HOPKINS, LADNER, MCLEAN, MCLEOD, ROBINSON, RUSHING, SCOGGIN, SMITH, TURNER AND WILLIAMSON:
AUTHOR:CURRIE

AMEND after line 373 by inserting the following:

" SECTION 9. Sections 9 through 13 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Fairness Act."

SECTION 10. Designation of athletic teams. (1) Interscholastic or intramural athletic teams or sports that are sponsored by a public primary or secondary school or any school that is a member of the Mississippi High School Activities Association or public institution of higher education or any higher education institution that is a member of the NCAA,

NAIA or NJCCA shall be expressly designated as one of the following based on biological sex:

- (a) "Males," "men" or "boys";
- (b) "Females," "women" or "girls"; or
- (c) "Coed" or "mixed."

(2) Athletic teams or sports designated for "females," "women" or "girls" shall not be open to students of the male sex.

(3) If disputed, a student may establish his or her sex by presenting a signed physician's statement which shall indicate the student's sex based solely upon:

- (a) The student's internal and external reproductive anatomy;
- (b) The student's normal endogenously produced levels of testosterone; and
- (c) An analysis of the student's genetic makeup.

SECTION 11. Protection for educational institutions. A government entity, any licensing or accrediting organization, or any athletic association or organization shall not entertain a complaint, open an investigation, or take any other adverse action against a primary or secondary school or institution of higher education for maintaining separate interscholastic or intramural athletic teams or sports for students of the female sex.

SECTION 12. Cause of action. (1) Any student who is deprived of an athletic opportunity or suffers any direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of this act shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages and any other relief available under law against the primary or secondary school or institution of higher education.

(2) Any student who is subject to retaliation or other adverse action by a primary or secondary school, institution of higher education, or athletic association or organization as a result of reporting a violation of this act to an employee or representative of the school, institution or athletic association or organization, or to any state or federal agency with oversight of primary or secondary schools or institutions of higher education in the state shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages and any other relief available under law against the school, institution or athletic association or organization.

(3) Any primary or secondary school or institution of higher education that suffers any direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of this act shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages and any other relief available under law against the government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, or athletic association or organization.

(4) All civil actions must be initiated within two (2) years after the harm occurred. Persons or organizations who prevail on a claim brought pursuant to this section shall be entitled to monetary damages, including for any psychological, emotional and physical harm suffered, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and any other appropriate relief. The causes of action pursuant to this section shall be in addition to any other civil or criminal proceeding authorized by the laws of this state or by federal law.

SECTION 13. Severability. Any provision of this act held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, or as applied to any person or circumstance, shall be construed so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law, unless such holding shall be one of utter invalidity or unenforceability, in which event such provision shall be deemed severable herefrom and shall not affect the remainder hereof or the application of such provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other, dissimilar circumstances."

AMEND FURTHER by renumbering the succeeding section accordingly.

AMEND the title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

A point of order was raised by Rep. Yates that Rule 35, offered for Amendment number 3, is not germane to House Bill 1030 as it does not relate to the fundamental purpose of the original bill.

At 11:39 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Rep. Guice called up:

H. B. No. 992: County port and harbor commission; provide that members hold appointment until successor appointed and installed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 992.** On motion of Rep. Guice the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Carpenter, Hobgood-Wilkes, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 842: Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 842.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, Brown, C, Currie, Darnell, Hopkins, Turner, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Sanford, Shanks, Summers, Weathersby. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up:

H. B. No. 195: Municipalities; authorize those of certain size to conduct special elections at one polling place.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Beckett:

AMEND on line 52 by striking the language after the period through the period on line 54.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Beckett:

AMEND after line 70 by inserting the following:

" SECTION 3. Section 23-15-300, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-300. (1) Any candidate for any municipal, county or county district office shall be a resident of the municipality, county, county district or other territory that he or she seeks to represent in such office for two (2) years immediately preceding the day of election. Notwithstanding the foregoing two-year residency requirement for holding a municipal office, a candidate seeking to represent a ward need only be a resident of the municipality for two (2) years prior to the day of the election, but he or she need only be a resident of the ward he or she seeks to represent at the time of qualification of office. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any municipality with less than one thousand (1,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census.

(2) A candidate shall prove in his or her qualifying information that he or she meets the applicable residency requirement or provide absolute proof, subject to no contingencies, that he or she will meet the residency requirement on or before the date of the election at which the candidate could be elected to office. The appropriate election official or executive committee, whichever is applicable, with whom a candidate files qualifying information shall review and determine whether the candidate meets the applicable residency requirement according to the procedures in Section 23-15-299. The appropriate election commission shall review and determine whether a candidate required to file qualifying information with it meets the applicable residency requirement according to the procedures in Section 23-15-359.

(3) If the qualifications for an elected office include a specific residency requirement, the residency requirement in this section shall not apply.

(4) This section shall apply to elections held from and after January 1, 2020."

AMEND further by renumbering the succeeding section accordingly.

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 195. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson,

Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Brown, B, Hudson, McGee, Young. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Taylor, Weathersby. Total-2.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Hines, Miles. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Massengill called up:

H. B. No. 328: State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 328.** On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Weathersby, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

At 1:45 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:59 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Rep. Currie withdrew amendment number 3 on House Bill 1030.

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 466: Inmate Welfare Fund; require DOC to expend unused portions of the fund on reentry purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 466.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans,

B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Hobgood-Wilkes, Jackson, Weathersby.
Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

The House resumed consideration of the following:

H. B. No. 1030: "Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act"; enact.

Pending at the time was a withdrawn amendment, number 3, by Rep. Currie.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 BY REPRESENTATIVE Currie:

AMEND after line 265 by inserting the following new Section 5 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

"SECTION 5. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, no male student-athlete may earn compensation or contract for the use, image or likeness of the student-athlete as a female athlete or on an athletic team or sport designated for females.

(2) If a student-athlete's sex is disputed, the student-athlete may establish his or her sex by presenting a signed physician's statement which shall indicate the student-athlete's sex based solely upon:

(a) The student-athlete's internal and external reproductive anatomy;

(b) The student-athlete's normal endogenously produced levels of testosterone; and

(c) An analysis of the student-athlete's genetic makeup.

(3) Any postsecondary educational institution, athletic association or conference that suffers any direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of this act by a student-athlete shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages and any other relief available under law.

(4) Any student-athlete who is deprived of any opportunity granted by any other section of this act or suffers any direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of this section shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages and any other relief available under law.

(5) All civil actions must be initiated within two (2) years after the harm occurred. Persons or organizations who prevail on a claim brought pursuant to this section shall be entitled to monetary damages, including for any psychological, emotional and physical harm suffered, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and any other appropriate relief. The causes of action pursuant to this section shall be in addition to any other civil or criminal proceeding authorized by the laws of this state or by federal law."

AMEND Further on line 122 by deleting "Section 4" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sections 4 and 5"

AMEND Further by renumbering the succeeding sections accordingly.

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

Rep. Bell (65th) moved to table, which motion lost.

The question recurred on H. B. No. 1030 which passed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Brown, B, Clarke, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Summers, Thompson, Watson, Yates. Total--19.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Jackson, McCray, Reynolds, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes. Total-6.

Present--Crudup, Foster, Holloway, Horan. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Clark entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1008: Medicaid; make technical amendments to services, manage care and assessment provisions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 2: Omega Psi Phi Day; designate February 5, 2021 as in Mississippi.

H. R. No. 15: Head Coach Tomeka Reed; commend and congratulate for many accomplishments as Head Coach of the Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team.

H. R. No. 16: David Eldridge; commend on retirement as Chief of Police for the Kilmichael Police Department.

H. R. No. 17: Deacon Lloyd Webster, Jr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 18: Gene Murphy; commend and congratulate upon his retirement as athletic director of Hinds Community College.

H. R. No. 19: Homer Dee Skelton; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 20: Deputy Lt. Michael Anthony Boutte, Sr.; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing.

H. R. No. 21: James E. "Jim" Stirgus, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 22: Reverend Clyde Larocque Carter; commend and celebrate life and historic legacy of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of J. M. "Jack" Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representatives McGee and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ronald Fender, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Gibbs (72nd) and Holloway moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Melvyn Eugene Page, which motion prevailed.

Representative Patterson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Allen "Hank" Rogers, Brandon Trocheset, and Robert "Bobby" Pisarich, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rowena Mary Daley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joseph Castiglia, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jim Ethridge, which motion prevailed.

At 3:17 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 12, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

(THIRTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Guice, Weathersby. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Bain, Guice and Weathersby.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Pigott and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2076: Mississippi Fair Commission; remove repealer and revise advisory council composition.

S. B. No. 2086: Child advocacy centers; immunity from civil liability.

S. B. No. 2107: Firearms; prohibit local governments and state agencies from restricting possession.

S. B. No. 2165: Veterans Service Officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements.

S. B. No. 2260: Public official corruption; authorize prosecution by Attorney General upon request of the State Auditor.

S. B. No. 2355: Age of majority; revise.

S. B. No. 2394: Public officers and employees; revise policy regulating personal use of state-owned wireless communication devices.

S. B. No. 2478: Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of use in evaluation of employment status.

S. B. No. 2481: Memorial highways; designate various segments.

S. B. No. 2544: University of Mississippi Medical Center; create joint committee to study the organization of.

S. B. No. 2587: Absentee ballots; authorize registrar to alphabetize and sort by precinct.

S. B. No. 2605: Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; authorize municipalities to permit operation on municipal streets.

S. B. No. 2621: Task Force; establish to study domestic law matters.

S. B. No. 2627: Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks.

S. B. No. 2631: Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

S. B. No. 2643: Service of tax sale notices; revise to allow service by a constable.

S. B. No. 2648: MS Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; Oil and Gas Board shall have jurisdiction to enforce provisions of.

S. B. No. 2653: Public Trust Tidelands; provide a procedure for the removal of submerged logs.

S. B. No. 2678: Computer science curriculum; require State Department of Education to implement in K-12 public schools.

S. B. No. 2788: Radar speed detection; revise provisions concerning use by Highway Patrol and municipal law enforcement in certain cities.

S. B. No. 2804: Alcoholic beverage; create delivery service permit.

S. B. No. 2806: Department of Revenue; bring forward code sections relating to ABC Division and authority to contract for services.

S. B. No. 2827: Public purchases; specify prequalification process for construction manager at risk soliciting bids for projects.

S. B. No. 2854: Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers.

S. B. No. 2863: MDH; revise appropriation for FY2021 to allow purchase of accumulated compensatory time incurred before June 30, 2021.

S. B. No. 2879: Appropriations; additional appropriations for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2062: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.

S. B. No. 2121: Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of.

S. B. No. 2149: MAEP; Department of Education required to hold harmless school district from calculating 2020-2021 average daily attendance.

S. B. No. 2248: Law enforcement officers; entitled to certain follow-up drug testing before loss of certification.

S. B. No. 2261: Perpetual cemetery law; revise notice and maintenance provisions for counties and municipalities.

S. B. No. 2296: Office of Workforce Development; exempt executive director from certain salary and compensation requirements.

S. B. No. 2419: State Medical Examiner fees; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2426: Department of Human Services; establish a grant program for regional food banks and SNAP incentives.

S. B. No. 2474: Department of Health; allow charges between agencies for services provided under the medical marijuana program.

S. B. No. 2624: MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish pilot program using administrative hearing officers.

S. B. No. 2746: Hudson's Law; require healthcare providers to provide information to parents who receive a postnatal diagnosis of down syndrome.

S. B. No. 2750: Pharmacy practice; revise definition of "written guideline or protocol" regarding location of delegated prescribing functions.

S. B. No. 2751: Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act; provide new requirements and extend the repealer thereon.

S. B. No. 2792: Fresh Start Act of 2019; expand.

S. B. No. 2843: Tax; phase out June 25 deadline for taxpayers with average liability of at least \$50,000 to remit 75% of June liability.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2765: Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1364: (Representative Lamar) Bonds; authorize issuance of revenue bonds for various transportation projects and temporarily increase gasoline and diesel fuel excise taxes. Ways and Means.

Representative Hood called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1008:** (Medicaid; make technical amendments to services, manage care and assessment provisions.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

At 9:09 AM, on motion of Rep. Currie the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 15, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTIETH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

(FORTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Speaker Gunn.

Speaker Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Yates. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Yates.

A quorum was present.

Due to inclement weather and the House convening via Zoom, the Speaker moved to suspend the reading of the Journal; Report of Select Committees; Report of Standing Committees; Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments; and Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers until Monday, February 22, 2021.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Javus Branch, and Theodore "Ted" Wesley Rhodus, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Douglas Russell, which motion prevailed.

At 4:11 PM, on motion of Rep. Pigott the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

(FORTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Speaker Gunn.

Speaker Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden,

Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Yates. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Yates.

A quorum was present.

Due to inclement weather and the House convening via Zoom, the Speaker moved to suspend the reading of the Journal; Report of Select Committees; Report of Standing Committees; Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments; and Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers until Monday, February 22, 2021.

At 2:08 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

(FORTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Speaker Gunn.

Speaker Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Yates. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Yates.

A quorum was present.

Due to inclement weather and the House convening via Zoom, the Speaker moved to suspend the reading of the Journal; Report of Select Committees; Report of Standing Committees; Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments; and Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers until Monday, February 22, 2021.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2392: County port and harbor commission; provide for holdover of appointees.

S. B. No. 2547: Scholarship eligibility requirements; increase minimum ACT scores for MTAG, HELP and MESG.

S. B. No. 2553: State offenders in county jail; MDOC to pay increased rate to county to expedite removal of.

S. B. No. 2598: Department of Public Safety; revise licensing.

S. B. No. 2785: Driver's license requirements; exempt military members, spouses and dependent children under certain conditions.

S. B. No. 2795: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2797: Department of Public Safety; revise authority, make various amendments.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 1: Bobby Paschal Martin; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 2: Former Representative Gary V. Staples; commend legislative career and mourn loss upon his passing.

S. C. R. No. 521: Recognize the induction of Grammy Award-Winning Country Music Artist Marty Stuart into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

S. C. R. No. 527: Congratulate Coach Lane Kiffin and Ole Miss "Rebels" Football Team for impressive victory in Outback Bowl and for 2020 season.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2588: Statewide Elections Management System; remove electors who fail to respond to notice.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1365: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1366: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1367: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1368: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1369: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1370: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1371: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1372: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1373: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1374: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1375: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1376: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1377: (Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Young) Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1378: (Representatives Read, White, Banks, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hines, Hopkins, Watson, Young) Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1379: (Representatives Read, White, Banks, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hines, Hopkins, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1380: (Representatives Read, White, Banks, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hines, Hopkins, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Fire Academy. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1381: (Representatives Read, White, Banks, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hines, Hopkins, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1382: (Representatives Read, White, Banks, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hines, Hopkins, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1383: (Representatives Read, White, Banks, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hines, Hopkins, Watson, Young) Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1384: (Representatives Read, White, Banks, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hines, Hopkins, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1385: (Representatives Read, White, Banks, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hines, Hopkins, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Attorney General. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1386: (Representatives Read, Bennett, Banks, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1387: (Representatives Read, Bennett, Banks, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Anderson (110th), Young) Appropriation; Education, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1388: (Representatives Read, Bennett, Banks, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1389: (Representatives Read, Bennett, Banks, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Arts Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1390: (Representatives Read, Bennett, Banks, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Library Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1391: (Representative Read) Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1392: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner) Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1393: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner) Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1394: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner) Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1395: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner) Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1396: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner) Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1397: (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner) Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1398: (Representatives Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hines, Hood, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Human Services, Department of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1399: (Representatives Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hines, Hood, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1400: (Representatives Read, Hood, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hines, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1401: (Representatives Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hines, Hood, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Health, Department of Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1402: (Representatives Read, Pigott, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Huddleston, Mangold) Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1403: (Representatives Read, Pigott, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Huddleston, Mangold) Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1404: (Representatives Read, Pigott, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Huddleston, Mangold) Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1405: (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1406: (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1407: (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1408: (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1409: (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1410: (Representatives Read, Huddleston, Barton, Boyd, Cockerham, Eubanks, Hines, Hopkins, Oliver, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1411: (Representatives Read, Huddleston, Barton, Boyd, Cockerham, Eubanks, Hines, Hopkins, Oliver, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1412: (Representatives Read, Eure, Barton, Bennett, Busby, Anderson (110th) Clarke, Haney) Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1413: (Representatives Read, Busby, Arnold, Eubanks, Hopkins, Jackson, Mangold, Sanford, Young) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1414: (Representative Read) Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021. Appropriations.

At 2:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Bounds the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 18, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

(FORTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Speaker Gunn.

Speaker Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Yates. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Yates.

A quorum was present.

Due to inclement weather and the House convening via Zoom, the Speaker moved to suspend the reading of the Journal; Report of Select Committees; Report of Standing Committees; Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments; and Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers until Monday, February 22, 2021.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1415: (Representative Lamar) Bonds; authorize issuance for IHL and community colleges capital improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1416: (Representative Lamar) Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act: create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1417: (Representatives Barnett, Goodin, Tubb) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Perry County with improvements at county industrial park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1418: (Representative Reynolds) Oakland/Yalobusha Natural Gas District; authorize expansion of natural gas distribution system. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1419: (Representatives Paden, Hines, Clark, Harness) Appropriation; Health Department for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1420: (Representative Yates) Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain not-for-profit corporations used to provide swimming lessons and training. Ways and Means.

At 2:08 PM, on motion of Rep. Morgan the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 19, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021

(FORTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Speaker Gunn.

Speaker Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Yates. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Yates.

A quorum was present.

Due to inclement weather and the House convening via Zoom, the Speaker moved to suspend the reading of the Journal; Report of Select Committees; Report of Standing Committees; Introduction of Bills and Constitutional Amendments; and Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials and other papers until Monday, February 22, 2021.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1421: (Representative Bain) Appropriation; DPS for constructing and staffing a new forensic laboratory in Corinth. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1422: (Representative Clarke) Appropriation; Jackson Public School District for funding certain program needs of the Career Development Center. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1423: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Forrest County with repair/replacement of bridges. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1424: (Representative Byrd) Appropriation; DFA for constructing a new building for the 3-D School and Evaluation Center in Petal, MS. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1425: (Representatives Taylor, Hudson, Karriem, Mickens, Roberson) Appropriation; Town of Artesia for making drainage improvements to alleviate sewer flooding. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1426: (Representatives Taylor, Hudson, Karriem, Mickens, Roberson) Appropriation; City of Starkville for making Northside Drive drainage improvements. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1427: (Representatives Wright, Karriem, McLean) Appropriation; DFA to assist City of Columbus in cost of widening of and other improvements to certain roads. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1428: (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; DFA for cost of demolition and removal of certain blighted property in City of Jackson. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1429: (Representatives Yancey, Newman, Powell, Shanks, Wallace) Appropriation; Rankin County for the Andrew Chapel Road Project. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1430: (Representatives Bounds, Hines, Johnson, Harness, Bailey, Clark, Holloway, Denton, Clarke, Williams-Barnes, Bell (65th), Stamps, Anthony, Hudson, Anderson (110th), Banks, Blackmon, Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster, Jackson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Porter, Rosebud, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young) Income tax; revise definition of gross income to exclude income of certain small businesses. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1431: (Representatives Hines, Paden, Clark, Harness, Gibbs (72nd), Taylor, Anthony, Hudson, Stamps, Denton, Williams-Barnes, Holloway, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Anderson (110th), Banks, Blackmon, Clarke, Crudup, Foster, Jackson, Johnson,

Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Porter, Rosebud, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Watson, Young) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1432: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; Lee County School District for reconstruction of Verona Elementary School. Appropriations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 311: Sales tax; exempt certain transfers of motor vehicles involving partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1297: Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1351: Bonds; increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1322: Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1415: Bonds; authorize issuance for IHL and community colleges capital improvements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1416: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act: create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax and sales tax; revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1364: Bonds; authorize issuance of revenue bonds for various transportation projects and temporarily increase gasoline and diesel fuel excise taxes. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Representative Brown (20th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of George Carlos Rhudy, Jr. , Joey Hutchins, Bill Thompson, Dale Pruitt, Robert Morris White, James Vardman Neal, Wesley Dawane Lockhart, Jefferson Scott Roberts, Martha Edwards Randolph, Samuel Marlin Allen, Jan Minch, James Rubel Seymore, Leslie Ann Woodham Potts, Ruth L. Basham, Normadine "Dene" Cummings, Kelly "Calhoun" Gene

Bethany, Maggie Braxton Thompson, Andy Love, William G. Tibbett, Jr., Kathleen Bennett Lovern, Cecil Dean Wilson, Edward E. Holden, Dorothy Maxine Allen, and Barbara A. Cowley, which motion prevailed.

At 9:11 AM, on motion of Rep. Read the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 22, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

(FORTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Ronnie Crudup.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2221: Mississippi Dementia Care Program; create pilot program for assistance to caregivers for those with Alzheimer's or Dementia.

S. B. No. 2456: Open Meetings Law; allow executive sessions for certain discussions by public hospital boards.

S. B. No. 2536: Athletics; provide that schools designate teams by biological sex.

S. B. No. 2820: Department of Tourism; create.

S. B. No. 2825: Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2757: South Mississippi Regional Health Care Authority; establish.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2822: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2248: Law enforcement officers; entitled to certain follow-up drug testing before loss of certification. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2355: Age of majority; revise. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2547: Scholarship eligibility requirements; increase minimum ACT scores for MTAG, HELP and MESG. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2746: Hudson's Law; require healthcare providers to provide information to parents who receive a postnatal diagnosis of down syndrome. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2751: Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act; provide new requirements and extend the repealer thereon. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2804: Alcoholic beverage; create delivery service permit. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2806: Department of Revenue; bring forward code sections relating to ABC Division and authority to contract for services. Ways and Means.

S. C. R. No. 521: Recognize the induction of Grammy Award-Winning Country Music Artist Marty Stuart into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 527: Congratulate Coach Lane Kiffin and Ole Miss "Rebels" Football Team for impressive victory in Outback Bowl and for 2020 season. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1433: (Representative Reynolds) Yalobusha County; authorize to loan funds to Oakland Yalobusha Natural Gas District to help pay off certain district debt. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1434: (Representative Reynolds) Tallahatchie County; authorize contributions to Mid-State Opportunity, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1435: (Representatives McLean, Wright) Lowndes County; authorize contributions to United Way of Lowndes County. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1436: (Representative McLean) Caledonia Natural Gas District; revise residency requirement for commissioners. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1437: (Representative Kinkade) Town of Byhalia; authorize transfer of certain funds for infrastructure improvements. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1438: (Representative Byrd) City of Petal; authorize a tax on hotels, motels, bars and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1439: (Representatives Gunn, Lamar, White, Guice, Eubanks, Williamson, Hopkins, Brown (20th), Criswell, Newman, Kinkade, Owen) Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2021; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1440: (Representatives Horan, Barnett, Evans (45th), Hale, Kinkade) Income tax; authorize a credit for fee imposed on gaming licensee revenue derived from mobile wagering. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1441: (Representative Lamar) Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize credit for costs of qualified alternative-fuel fueling stations. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1442: (Representative Lamar) Ad valorem tax; authorize counties to exempt certain new structures and new renovations from. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1443: (Representative Lamar) Sales tax; levy on transmitting of money from MS to location outside of U.S. by licensed money transmitters. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1444: (Representative Lamar) Income tax; authorize a credit for investments in certain small business, authorize bonds for certain technology business assistance. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1445: (Representative Steverson) Bonds; authorize issuance for Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund and to assist Rankin County with improvements to Andrew Chapel Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1446: (Representative Gunn) Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1447: (Representatives Carpenter, Anderson (122nd), Bain, Bell (21st), Ford (54th), Hudson, Ladner, Wright, Guice) Bonds; authorize issuance for Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund. Ways and Means.

H. C. R. No. 35: (Representative Lamar) Steve Hale; commend distinguished public service career including as a State Senator. Rules.

H. R. No. 24: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Steverson) Billy Wiseman; commend his service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street Association. Rules.

H. R. No. 25: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Steverson) Tommy Sappington; commend service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street Association. Rules.

H. R. No. 26: (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell, Darnell, Eubanks, Hale, Lamar) David Hunter Manley; commend life and legacy as an educator and headmaster, and express deep sympathy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 27: (Representative Holloway) Ida Pearl Peavie Minor; commend for many decades as esteemed educator and work with MDE. Rules.

H. R. No. 28: (Representative Reynolds) Melvin Ford; commend life and express deepest sympathy upon his passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1365: Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1366: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1367: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1368: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1369: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1370: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1371: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1372: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1373: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1374: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1375: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1376: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1377: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1378: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1382: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1383: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1386: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1388: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1389: Appropriation; Arts Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1390: Appropriation; Library Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1394: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1395: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1397: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1401: Appropriation; Health, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1402: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1403: Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1404: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1405: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1406: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1407: Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1408: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1409: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1410: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1411: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1414: Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1446: Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1439: Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2021; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Rep. Lamar called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 514: Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to DeafBlind Community of Mississippi, Inc.

H. B. No. 311: Sales tax; exempt certain transfers of motor vehicles involving partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations.

H. B. No. 1297: Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

H. B. No. 1351: Bonds; increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund.

H. B. No. 1322: Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

H. B. No. 1415: Bonds; authorize issuance for IHL and community colleges capital improvements.

H. B. No. 1416: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act: create.

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax; revise deduction for depreciation regarding certain aircraft and equipment.

H. B. No. 1364: Bonds; authorize issuance of revenue bonds for various transportation projects and temporarily increase gasoline and diesel fuel excise taxes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 1: Bobby Paschal Martin; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 2: Former Representative Gary V. Staples; commend legislative career and mourn loss upon his passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brother Frank Feathers, Velma Dale Hunter, and Amanda Lynn Walker, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Lee Brumfield, Della Sims McCaughan, and John W. Mikovich, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas Michael "Tommy" Randazzo, and James Derell "J.D." Cockrell, USN Ret., which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby Smith, Sr. , Rosemary Bedwell Cox, Sandra Kay McCain Boleware, and Lula B. Irvin, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Carpenter and Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betty Jean Park, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Vondell Sanford Guthrie, and Johnnie Jones, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Barton and Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kelly Roberson, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Beckett, Weathersby and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend Joel E. Haire, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (45th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Crystal J. Benn, which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Norman Minton, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Lamar and Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harold Benton Ingram, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (20th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda King, which motion prevailed.

At 4:09 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

(FIFTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson,

Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2727: Department of Archives and History; revise appointing authority for members of the board of trustees.

S. B. No. 2787: Water skiing; revise safety requirements.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2022: Justice courts; required to accept electronic filing.

S. B. No. 2117: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options.

S. B. No. 2434: Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety.

S. B. No. 2824: State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature.

S. B. No. 2967: Taxation; amend or repeal certain tax credits, exemptions and incentives.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2419: State Medical Examiner fees; extend repealer on. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2420: Temporary license for social workers; authorize to practice in nonprofit facilities. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2750: Pharmacy practice; revise definition of "written guideline or protocol" regarding location of delegated prescribing functions. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2759: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase the monthly amount. Public Health and Human Services.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2107: Firearms; prohibit local governments and state agencies from restricting possession. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2165: Veterans Service Officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements. Military Affairs.

S. B. No. 2205: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after 18 years. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2261: Perpetual cemetery law; revise notice and maintenance provisions for counties and municipalities. Municipalities; County Affairs.

S. B. No. 2278: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Drug Policy.

S. B. No. 2394: Public officers and employees; revise policy regulating personal use of state-owned wireless communication devices. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2481: Memorial highways; designate various segments. Transportation; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2834: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund Grant Program; establish within Department of Archives and History. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2843: Tax; phase out June 25 deadline for taxpayers with average liability of at least \$50,000 to remit 75% of June liability. Ways and Means.

Rep. Read called up for consideration, separately and in order, the following Appropriations bills:

H. B. No. 1365: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1366: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1368: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

H. B. No. 1369: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1370: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1371: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1372: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1373: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1374: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1375: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1376: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

H. B. No. 1377: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1378: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1386: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1388: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

H. B. No. 1389: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1394: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1395: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1397: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1401: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1402: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

H. B. No. 1403: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1404: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1405: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1406: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1407: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

H. B. No. 1408: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

H. B. No. 1409: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

H. B. No. 1410: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

H. B. No. 1411: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

On motion of Rep. Read, the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills were considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken, and the bills passed, titles standing as stated by the following vote (the roll being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Owen, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1367: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1367. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston,

Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Turner. Total-1.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1379.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Ford, K, Newman. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Bell, C, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Miles, Williams-Barnes. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1382: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1382.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott,

Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Carpenter, Hood. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1383: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1383.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Hood, Wallace. Total-3.

Present--Harness. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1390: Appropriation; Library Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1390.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Haney, Hood, Scoggin. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1391.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1414: Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1414.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Williams-Barnes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing Appropriation bills.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1439: Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2021; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 1765 by inserting "through August 15, 2021" after "thereafter".

AMEND further on line 1769 by inserting "(1)(n) and" before "(2)".

AMEND further on line 1779 by inserting the following after the period:

"On or before September 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2024, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17 (1)(n) and (2), and three and fifty-two one hundredths percent (3.52%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-1(1)(n) shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33. On or before September 15, 2024, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2026, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2), and four percent (4%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-1(1)(n) shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33. On or before September 15, 2026, and each succeeding month thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2), and four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-1(1)(n) shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33."

AMEND further on line 1781 by inserting "through August 15, 2021" after "thereafter".

AMEND further on line 1784 by inserting "(1)(n) and" before "(2)".

AMEND further on line 1786 by inserting the following after the period:

"On or before September 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2024, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this

chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2) and fourteen and eleven one-hundredths percent (14.11%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-1(1)(n) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33. On or before September 15, 2024, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2026, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2) and fifteen and nine tenths (15.9%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-1(1)(n) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33. On or before September 15, 2026, and each succeeding month thereafter, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2) and eighteen one-tenths (18.1%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-1(1)(n) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33."

AMEND further on line 1994 by inserting ", 27-65-24" before the second "and".

AMEND further on line 2003 by inserting "27-65-24," after the first comma.

AMEND further on lines 2675 and 7248 by striking "59" and inserting in lieu thereof "61".

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 2682 and renumbering succeeding sections accordingly:

"SECTION *. Section 27-65-24, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-24. (1) There is levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax on the sale of manufacturing or processing machinery to be installed and/or used at a refinery in this state and on the performance of construction activities at or in regard to a refinery in this state. The tax is in the amount of:

(a) * * * Four percent (4%) on the gross proceeds of sales for manufacturing or processing machinery without any regard as to whether or not the machinery retains its identity as tangible personal property after installation; and

(b) Three and one-half percent (3-1/2%) of one hundred three and one-half percent (103-1/2%) of the total contract price or compensation paid for the performance of a construction activity.

(2) If the owner of the refinery holds a direct pay permit issued by the Department of Revenue under Section 27-65-93, the owner shall furnish the permit to the seller or person performing the construction activity unless the holder of the direct pay permit is given written instructions or written authority to do otherwise by the commissioner. After being furnished the direct pay permit, the seller or person performing the construction activity shall be relieved of the duty to collect the tax imposed under subsection (1) of this section and the owner of the refinery shall pay the tax in the manner required by rule and regulation promulgated by the commissioner. The commissioner may assign a distinctive number to the refinery and issue the distinctive number to the owner. The owner of the refinery may furnish the distinctive number to persons performing construction activities in order to allow such persons to purchase component materials and parts for use in the construction activity without the requirement of paying sales tax on the purchases.

(3) Any owner of a refinery who makes application for a distinctive number as provided for in subsection (2), shall be required to execute and file with the commissioner a good and valid bond in a surety company authorized to do business in this state, or with sufficient sureties to be approved by the commissioner, conditioned that all taxes which may accrue to the State of Mississippi under this chapter will be paid when due.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) "Refinery" means any facility that manufactures finished petroleum products from crude oil, unfinished oils, natural gas liquids, other hydrocarbons, or alcohol. The term "refinery" does not include terminals, bulk plants or other locations where finished products are blended.

(b) "Construction activity" means the performance of any activity involving and/or incidental to constructing, building, erecting, repairing, grading, excavating, drilling, exploring, testing or adding to any building, highway, street, sidewalk, bridge, culvert, sewer, irrigation or water system, drainage or dredging system, levee or levee system or any part thereof, railway, reservoir, dam, power plant, electrical system, air-conditioning system, heating system, transmission line, pipeline, tower, dock, storage tank, wharf, excavation, grading, water well, and other improvement or structure or any part thereof.

(c) "Total contract price or compensation received" means all compensation received for the performance of construction activities, including monies received for all charges related to the contract or construction activities, including, but not limited to, finance charges and late charges; however, where the total contract price of a project exceeds the sum of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) that portion of the compensation received in regard to the project that is attributable to design or engineering shall not be considered part of the total contract price or compensation received for construction activities from the project.

SECTION *. Section 27-70-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-70-5. (1) (a) In addition to the tax imposed under Section 27-69-13, and except as provided by subsection (2) of this section, there is imposed a tobacco equity tax in the amount of * * *) Three Nine One-Hundredths Cent(3.09¢) per cigarette on all cigarettes subject to the tax imposed under Section 27-69-13.

(b) On July 1 of each year, the tax prescribed by subsection (1) of this section shall increase by the greater of:

(i) Three percent (3%); or

(ii) The percentage increase in the most recent annual revised Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, as published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(c) The revenue collected from the tax imposed by this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

(d) The cigarettes manufactured by any manufacturer which is a party to the tobacco settlement agreement shall be exempt from the imposition of the tobacco equity tax provided for herein.

(2) The tax imposed by this chapter does not apply to cigarettes that are sold, purchased or otherwise distributed in this state for sale outside of this state. A person may not transport or cause to be transported from this state such cigarettes for retail sale in another state without first affixing to the cigarettes the stamp required by the state in which the cigarettes are to be sold or by paying any other excise tax on the cigarettes imposed by the state in which the cigarettes are to be sold; however, a person shall not be required to affix a tax stamp of another state or pay the excise tax of another state prior to transporting the cigarettes out of this state if the other state prohibits that action or if the cigarettes are being sold to a wholesaler licensed by that state.

(3) The tax imposed by this chapter is in addition to any other privilege, license, fee, assessment or tax required or imposed by state law, including, but not limited to, the taxes levied by Section 27-69-13.

(4) The tax imposed by this chapter is imposed, levied and assessed on each distributor of cigarettes. The tax shall be due and payable on or before the fifteenth day of the month next succeeding the month in which the stamp is required to be affixed to the cigarettes under the Tobacco Tax Law. The distributor shall make a return showing the number of such cigarettes, the brand family, and the manufacturer. The return shall also include the quantity of cigarettes, by brand family, transported or caused to be transported outside of Mississippi in the preceding month as well as the name and address of the recipient of the cigarettes transported outside of Mississippi.

(5) The distributor is eligible for a credit if cigarettes for which the distributor had previously paid the tax under this chapter were returned to the distributor."

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1439**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Hines, Hudson, Karriem, McCray, McLeod, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--34.

Absent or those not voting--Clarke. Total-1.

Present--Gibbs, D, Holloway. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--72

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 511: Commend Leake Academy "Rebels" Football Team for winning the MAIS Class 5A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 514: Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of the state's longest-serving Mayor, Dock Gabbert, of Derma, Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Benjamin Bowling Logan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Crudup moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Vince Jones, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Creekmore IV and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Richard Dean Koss, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Currie and Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lee Dunaway, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bo Bilbo, which motion prevailed.

Representative Beckett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Keith Steele, which motion prevailed.

Representative Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry Mac ConLee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yates moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joyce Martin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Moore, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bailey and Straughter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas Randle, which motion prevailed.

At 3:02 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

(FIFTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Michael Evans.

Rep. Evans (45th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 2917: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 2920: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 2921: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 2924: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 2925: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 2927: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

S. B. No. 2929: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 2930: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 2931: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

S. B. No. 2932: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

S. B. No. 2933: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

S. B. No. 2934: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

S. B. No. 2935: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 2936: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

S. B. No. 2937: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 2938: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

S. B. No. 2939: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

S. B. No. 2940: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

S. B. No. 2941: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 2943: Appropriation; Egg Marketing Board.

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

S. B. No. 2945: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

S. B. No. 2946: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 2947: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 2950: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 2952: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 2954: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2018: Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on provision requiring deposit of fees to State General Fund. Public Utilities; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2020: Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2024: Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities. County Affairs.

S. B. No. 2068: Voyeurism; revise sentencing. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2075: State parks; change name of Natchez State Park to "Bob M. Dearing Natchez State Park." Public Property.

S. B. No. 2106: Off-duty law enforcement officers; authorized to use public vehicles for private security duty. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2117: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2149: MAEP; Department of Education required to hold harmless school district from calculating 2020-2021 average daily attendance. Education.

S. B. No. 2279: Parole and earned release; criminalize absconding. Judiciary B; Corrections.

S. B. No. 2282: Youth detention; raise minimum age for youth commitment to state training school and secure detention. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2293: Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge. Military Affairs; Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2294: Veteran Driver's License Designation; allow proof of military service in person. Military Affairs.

S. B. No. 2307: Dyslexia Awareness Training Program; require teachers to complete two hours of training for. Education.

S. B. No. 2324: Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement; extend repealer on. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2332: Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on development and implementation of program. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2336: MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; delay effective date of. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2337: Surplus Lines Association; transfer fees collected by the association upon written request by certain officials. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2372: Oil and gas; to extend repeal date on the use of the conservation fund to plug orphan or gas wells. Energy.

S. B. No. 2435: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2437: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for Wildlife Mississippi. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2477: Mississippi Home Corporation; remove reverter on statute granting authority to issue negotiable bonds and notes. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2478: Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of use in evaluation of employment status. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2483: Electric bicycles; classify as bicycles and not as motor vehicles, and regulate. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2486: State parks; create study committee on restructuring ownership and management arrangements. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

S. B. No. 2527: Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on. Education.

S. B. No. 2552: Pretrial Intervention Program; prohibit eligibility for persons charged with public embezzlement over a certain amount. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2559: Public Service Commission; may contract with federal agencies for the collection of data and mapping of broadband availability. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2573: Department of Public Safety; implement uniform reporting standards for jail census data & create & maintain a centralized database. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2587: Absentee ballots; authorize registrar to alphabetize and sort by precinct. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2603: Salvage or abandoned vehicles; authorize disposition by auction firms on behalf of insurers. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2605: Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; authorize municipalities to permit operation on municipal streets. Municipalities.

S. B. No. 2627: Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2630: County law library; authorize use of money for technological purposes. County Affairs.

S. B. No. 2631: Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2643: Service of tax sale notices; revise to allow service by a constable. County Affairs.

S. B. No. 2648: MS Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; Oil and Gas Board shall have jurisdiction to enforce provisions of. Energy.

S. B. No. 2653: Public Trust Tidelands; provide a procedure for the removal of submerged logs. Marine Resources; Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2678: Computer science curriculum; require State Department of Education to implement in K-12 public schools. Education.

S. B. No. 2725: State Budget; bring forward certain provisions and transfer funds. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2728: Department of Revenue; allow retiring law enforcement officers to keep one issued sidearm each. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2807: Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2822: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2828: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; remove provision that agents and inspectors do not have general police powers. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2830: New Markets Tax Credit; extend MDA's ability to allocate by one year. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2832: Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2833: Motor Vehicle Commission Law; provide obligations of manufacturers, distributors & dealers regarding rates for parts and labor. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2863: MDH; revise appropriation for FY2021 to allow purchase of accumulated compensatory time incurred before June 30, 2021. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2879: Appropriations; additional appropriations for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2967: Taxation; amend or repeal certain tax credits, exemptions and incentives. Ways and Means.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2081: University of Mississippi Medical Center property; revise leasing authority by removing provision requiring mixed-use development. Public Property.

S. B. No. 2119: Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; authorize sales and purchase of certain products containing without a prescription. Drug Policy.

S. B. No. 2124: Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of. Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 2188: State agencies; revise reporting requirements when personnel actions are exempted from State Personnel Board procedures. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2189: Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare-eligible employees supplemental compensation if employees secure Medicare. County Affairs; Municipalities.

S. B. No. 2267: Teacher license; allow reciprocity if teacher possesses standard license from other state. Education.

S. B. No. 2270: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and recordings of. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2305: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create. Education; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2313: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; allow athletes to be compensated for name, image and likeness. Universities and Colleges.

S. B. No. 2426: Department of Human Services; establish a grant program for regional food banks and SNAP incentives. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2429: State-owned vehicles; create study committee to study the management of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2561: "Empower Reentry Through Licensing Act"; authorize provisional driver's licenses for eligible inmates. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2569: Urine; create the crime of selling or tampering with urine. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2578: Arrest warrants; authorize electronic signatures. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2649: Energy efficiency contracts; extend repeal date on use of. Energy.

S. B. No. 2762: Department of Human Services; permit use of a simplified reporting system. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2798: Broadband services; provide for the participation of rate-regulated electric utilities in the expansion of. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2811: Abandoned manufactured or mobile homes; establish procedure for disposition. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2812: Motor vehicles; limit period for DOR's retention of certificates of title to 15 years. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2813: Amusement rides; change period for operating permit decals from 12 months to calendar year. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2814: Unemployment benefits; allow withholding for state income taxes, corresponding to withholding for federal income taxes. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2815: Motor vehicles; remove requirement for apportioned vehicles to have decal with expiration month and year on license tag. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2831: Historic structure income tax credit; cap per taxpayer and authorize sale or transfer. Ways and Means.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2001: Teachers' salaries; provide for increase. Education; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2004: Health Care Certificate of Need; bring forward section. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2022: Justice courts; required to accept electronic filing. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2035: Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

S. B. No. 2076: Mississippi Fair Commission; remove repealer and revise advisory council composition. Agriculture.

S. B. No. 2077: Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Agriculture.

S. B. No. 2098: State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2204: Revised LLC Act and MS Registered Agents Act; require listing of registered agent's email address. Banking and Financial Services.

S. B. No. 2223: Arrest warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2253: Concealed carry weapons permit; combine with driver's license or identification card. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2260: Public official corruption; authorize prosecution by Attorney General upon request of the State Auditor. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2283: Freedom of Roadway Act; increase penalties for the obstruction of public passageways. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2507: Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2521: Mississippi Advantage Jobs Act; revise definition of "new direct job" for incentive applicants from and after July 1, 2010. Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 2572: DUI law; revise fourth offense of and require all expunctions to be confidentially registered. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2574: Reentry courts; create pilot reentry court, and establish rehab and workforce development program at MDOC. Corrections; Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2588: Statewide Elections Management System; remove electors who fail to respond to notice. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2598: Department of Public Safety; revise licensing. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2602: Nonadmitted insurer policy fee; divert certain amount to fund fire trucks and fire apparatus/protection grants. Insurance; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2606: Mississippi Native Spirit Law; create. Tourism.

S. B. No. 2623: Motor vehicle insurance; extend repealer on Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2624: MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish pilot program using administrative hearing officers. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2626: MS Business Corporation Act; amend to allow corporations to hold annual or special shareholder meetings remotely. Banking and Financial Services.

S. B. No. 2628: Credit Availability Act; extend repealer on. Banking and Financial Services.

S. B. No. 2638: Electronic documents; provide recording procedure for counties without electronic-recording capability. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2651: Surplus property; clarify current policy to conform with federal regulations for the Department of Finance and Administration. Public Property.

S. B. No. 2785: Driver's license requirements; exempt military members, spouses and dependent children under certain conditions. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2788: Radar speed detection; revise provisions concerning use by Highway Patrol and municipal law enforcement in certain cities. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2795: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact. Corrections.

S. B. No. 2805: Alcoholic beverages; remove provision requiring DOR to immediately revoke permit for certain unlawful sales. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2809: Public records; extend repealer on provision requiring public access to records. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2824: State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2839: SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2850: Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2868: Qualified resort areas; include certain municipalities. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2872: Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2874: Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit. Ways and Means.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2816: Public officials and employees; allow Department of Revenue appraisers to receive same pay increases as county tax assessors. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2221: Mississippi Dementia Care Program; create pilot program for assistance to caregivers for those with Alzheimer's or Dementia. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2787: Water skiing; revise safety requirements. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2474: Department of Health; allow charges between agencies for services provided under the medical marijuana program. Appropriations.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2553: State offenders in county jail; MDOC to pay increased rate to county to expedite removal of. Corrections; Appropriations.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2829: Department of Revenue; allow to use tag revenue to cover tag program expenses. Appropriations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1448: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1449: (Representative Lancaster) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Houston with improvements to softball facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1450: (Representative Lancaster) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction and development of a playground in Joe Brigrance Park in Houston, MS. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1451: (Representative Johnson) Appropriations; Department of Health for COVID-19 expenses and related matters. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1452: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., with costs of improvements to the Jacinto Courthouse. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1453: (Representative Arnold) City of Booneville; extend date of repeal on city's hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1454: (Representative Eubanks) Bonds; authorize issuance of and income tax credit to offset costs of regulatory burdens on business. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1455: (Representative Eubanks) Bonds; authorize issuance of and income tax credit to offset costs of regulatory burdens on agricultural businesses. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1456: (Representative Bain) Appropriation; Alcorn County for funding an incentive program for remote workers to relocate to the county. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1457: (Representative Hale) Appropriations; Department of Finance and Administration for support of the Capitol Police. Appropriations.

H. B. No. 1458: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with bridge improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1459: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist counties with road and bridge improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1460: (Representative Huddleston) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with repair and renovation of county courthouse. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1461: (Representative Huddleston) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with repair and renovation of the W.A. Grist Building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1462: (Representative Huddleston) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with improvements to Chancery Court building and Youth Court facility. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1463: (Representative Huddleston) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with improvements for county extension service building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1464: (Representative Arnold) Appropriations; MBI of DPS for responsibilities under Human Trafficking Act. Appropriations.

H. C. R. No. 36: (Representative White) Kidney Disease Awareness Month; recognize March 2021 as. Rules.

H. R. No. 29: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Jesmyn Ward; recognize novelist upon her receipt of the 2021 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Literature. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1333: Town of Wesson; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1334: Town of Georgetown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1335: Lincoln County; include food sold at county's civic center as retail merchandise when processing electronic payments for such merchandise. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1346: City of Guntown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1350: City of Ripley; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1418: Oakland/Yalobusha Natural Gas District; authorize expansion of natural gas distribution system. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1433: Yalobusha County; authorize to loan funds to Oakland Yalobusha Natural Gas District to help pay off certain district debt. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1434: Tallahatchie County; authorize contributions to Mid-State Opportunity, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1435: Lowndes County; authorize contributions to United Way of Lowndes County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1438: City of Petal; authorize a tax on hotels, motels, bars and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 628: Highway privilege tax; add a gross vehicle weight category for carriers of property with additional tax. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1420: Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain not-for-profit corporations used to provide swimming lessons and training. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1445: Bonds; authorize issuance for Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund and to assist Rankin County with improvements to Andrew Chapel Road. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1441: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize credit for costs of qualified alternative-fuel fueling stations. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

At 2:02 PM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:26 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 514: Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to DeafBlind Community of Mississippi, Inc.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 361 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st):

AMEND by inserting after line 346 the following:

" (bbb) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Itawamba Crossroads Ranch, Inc."

AMEND the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 514.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Young. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 311: Sales tax; exempt certain transfers of motor vehicles involving partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 311. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Summers. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Rushing. Total-1.

Present--Karriem. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1297: Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1297. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Hale. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1351: Bonds; increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1351. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1322: Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1322. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1415: Bonds; authorize issuance for IHL and community colleges capital improvements.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 40 by striking "10,780,000.00" and inserting in lieu thereof "10,800,000.00"

AMEND further on line 98 by striking "10,000,000.00" and inserting in lieu thereof "10,750,000.00"

AMEND further by inserting after line 101 the following:

" Preplanning and
construction, furnishing
and equipping of a new
science research facility...\$ 750,000.00
University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf
Coast Campuses.....\$ 5,800,000.00
Construction, furnishing
and equipping of
Executive Education
and Conference Center
and related facilities
on the Gulf Park
Campus.....\$ 4,800,000.00
Repair, renovation,
life safety, and
ADA code upgrades,
furnishing and equipping
of campus buildings
and facilities
at the Gulf Coast
Research Laboratory,
Halstead Campus.....\$ 1,000,000.00"

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 551 and renumbering the succeeding section accordingly:

"SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

STATE AGENCIES.....\$ 73,750,000.00

Department of Corrections.....\$ 6,000,000.00

Planning, critical repair
and renovation of and code
and security upgrades and improvements
to department buildings,

facilities and infrastructure
 and facilities under
 the care and control
 of the department.....\$ 6,000,000.00
 Department of Finance and Administration.....\$ 22,250,000.00
 Continuation of planning,
 repair and restoration
 of the New Capitol.....\$ 3,000,000.00
 Continuation of planning,
 repair, restoration of
 and improvements to the
 New Capitol Grounds.....\$ 3,250,000.00
 Planning, repair,
 renovation, furnishing
 and equipping of
 and improvements to
 Capitol Complex buildings,
 facilities, grounds and
 infrastructure.....\$ 3,000,000.00
 Planning, repair,
 renovation, furnishing
 and equipping of the
 660 North Street Building....\$ 7,500,000.00
 Phase II of repair,
 renovation, furnishing
 and equipping of the
 War Memorial Building.....\$ 5,250,000.00
 Preplanning of repair,
 renovation, furnishing
 and equipping of the
 Heber Ladner Building.....\$ 250,000.00
 Purchase of the real property,
 and any improvements thereon,
 located in the City of
 Jackson, Mississippi, as
 authorized by Chapter 405,
 Laws of 2018,
 demolition of buildings
 and other structures on
 such property, and
 construction of
 additional parking spaces
 and related facilities on
 such property for
 the Mississippi
 Fairgrounds Complex.....\$ 2,500,000.00
 Department of Mental Health.....\$ 7,000,000.00
 Phase II of repair
 and replacement of
 plumbing systems
 at the Mississippi
 State Hospital.....\$ 1,000,000.00
 Phase II of repair
 and restoration
 of, or replacement
 of windows, waterproofing,
 repointing, sealing and
 repainting of buildings
 at the Mississippi

State Hospital.....\$ 1,000,000.00
Phase II of repair
and renovations
for ADA compliance
for buildings and facilities
at Ellisville State School.....\$ 500,000.00
Planning, repair
and renovation, furnishing
and equipping of the
Beechwood Building at
Hudspeth Regional Center.....\$ 2,500,000.00
Phase II of repair
and renovation, furnishing
and equipping of cottages at
Hudspeth Regional Center.....\$ 1,000,000.00
Planning, repair
and replacement of
roofing at campus
buildings and facilities
at South Mississippi
Regional Center.....\$ 750,000.00
Department of Public Safety.....\$ 27,500,000.00
Phase II of construction
furnishing and equipping of
a headquarters replacement
building and related
facilities adjacent
to the State Crime Lab.....\$ 27,500,000.00
Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.....\$ 5,500,000.00
Phase I of planning, repair,
renovation, replacement,
furnishing and equipping
of existing park buildings,
facilities, and infrastructure
and planning, construction,
furnishing and equipping of
new park buildings, facilities
and infrastructure at
Roosevelt State Park.....\$ 4,500,000.00
Planning, repair, improvements,
and replacements of water
and wastewater systems
at State Parks.....\$ 1,000,000.00
Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf...\$ 1,000,000.00
Planning, repair, renovation,
life safety and ADA code
upgrades, furnishing and
equipping of campus
buildings, facilities,
and infrastructure.....\$ 1,000,000.00
Mississippi School of the Arts.....\$ 1,000,000.00
Planning, repair, renovation,
life safety and ADA code
upgrades, furnishing and
equipping of campus
buildings, facilities,
and infrastructure.....\$ 1,000,000.00
Mississippi School for Math and Science.....\$ 1,000,000.00
Planning, repair, renovation,

life safety and ADA code
upgrades, furnishing and
equipping of campus
buildings, facilities,
and infrastructure.....\$ 1,000,000.00
TOTAL.....\$ 73,750,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special fund, then the agency or institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the commission. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an agency that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such agency that are described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for general repairs and renovations at the agency.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seventy-three Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$73,750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special funds created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1415**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Eubanks, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, Owen, Williamson. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Morgan. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1416: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act: create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 1619 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1416.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Gibbs, D, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax and sales tax; revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 2 of the bill and renumbering succeeding sections accordingly.

AMEND further on line 864 and on lines 868 and 869 by deleting "or sales tax laws"

AMEND further the title on lines 7 through 11 by deleting the following:

"TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE AN INDUSTRIAL SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR AIRCRAFT SOLD AND DELIVERED IN THIS STATE TO BUSINESSES ENGAGED IN FOREIGN OR INTERSTATE COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORTATION;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1356**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1364: Bonds; authorize issuance of revenue bonds for various transportation projects and temporarily increase gasoline and diesel fuel excise taxes.

A committee substitute was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Lamar **H. B. No. 1364:** (Bonds; authorize issuance of revenue bonds for various transportation projects and temporarily increase gasoline and diesel fuel excise taxes.) was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1446: Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1446**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson,

Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Horan, Reynolds, Roberson, Summers, Young. Total-6.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1420: Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain not-for-profit corporations used to provide swimming lessons and training.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yates:

AMEND on line 286 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof ", and shall stand repealed on December 31, 2020."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1420.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Currie, Haney, Horne, Ladner, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1441: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize credit for costs of qualified alternative-fuel fueling stations.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1441.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates. Total--89.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, McLean, Owen, Rushing, Scott, Smith, Summers, Tullos, Turner, Williamson. Total--25.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bennett, Felsher, Young, Zuber. Total-5.

Present--Hudson, Karriem, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Busby called up:

H. B. No. 628: Highway privilege tax; add a gross vehicle weight category for carriers of property with additional tax.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 628. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Newman, Stamps, Summers. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 512: Commend the life of legendary college and NFL football player and Coach Ray Perkins from Petal, Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 504: Ted Booth; commend for receiving the 2020 Legislative Staff Achievement Award from NCSL.

S. C. R. No. 509: Extend deepest sympathy of Legislature on the passing of Mississippi Sports Icon JSU Coach "W.C." Gorden.

S. C. R. No. 513: Recognize the Bicentennial Celebration of Franklin Academy in Columbus, the first public school in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 515: Extending condolences of Mississippi Legislature on the passing of Wiggins Mayor Joel Travis Miles and remembering his legacy.

S. C. R. No. 516: Pay tribute to the memory and career of pioneering country music superstar Charley Pride from Sledge, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 519: Commend Brookhaven High School "Panthers" Boys Cross-Country Team for second consecutive state championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Peggy Ann Lee, and Claiborne J. Fayard, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mackenzie Nicole Ross, and Jerry L. Maddux, which motion prevailed.

Representative Anthony moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sylvester Roberts, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Clarke and Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Henry Griffith, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 2:57 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 25, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

(FIFTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Randy Boyd.

Rep. Boyd led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd,

Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem tax; provide assessment rate for transformative renewable energy project property designated by the county board.

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning.

S. B. No. 2972: Bonds; authorize issuance for various Mississippi Development Authority programs.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2827: Public purchases; specify prequalification process for construction manager at risk soliciting bids for projects. Workforce Development.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem tax; provide assessment rate for transformative renewable energy project property designated by the county board. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2972: Bonds; authorize issuance for various Mississippi Development Authority programs. Ways and Means.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - General support. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2917: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2920: Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2921: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2924: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2925: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2927: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2929: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2930: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2931: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2932: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2933: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2934: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2935: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2936: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2937: Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2938: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2939: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2940: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2941: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2943: Appropriation; Egg Marketing Board. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2945: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2946: Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2947: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2950: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2952: Appropriation; Personnel Board. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2954: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies. Appropriations.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of Appropriations.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2664: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; prescribe standards and benchmarks. Education.

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration. Medicaid.

S. B. No. 2820: Department of Tourism; create. Tourism.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1465: (Representative Tullos) Town of Mize; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1466: (Representatives Deweese, Beckett, Massengill, Steverson, Williamson) Oxford Municipal Reserve and Trust Fund; make technical correction concerning certain internal reference within. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 37: (Representatives McLean, Karriem, Wright) Franklin Academy; congratulate upon observance of the Bicentennial Celebration as first public school in Mississippi. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 38: (Representatives Roberson, Creekmore IV, Taylor) Robert Daniel "Dan" Camp; commend life, legacy and contributions of upon his passing. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 39: (Representative Powell) Gulf of Mexico continental shelf leasing and infrastructure development; urge and support continuation of. Rules.

H. R. No. 30: (Representatives Calvert, Evans (45th), Horne, Smith, Young) State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Leighton Jenkins for earning. Rules.

H. R. No. 31: (Representatives Calvert, Evans (45th), Horne, Smith, Young) State Games of MS Male Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Chet Nicklas for earning. Rules.

H. R. No. 32: (Representatives Calvert, Evans (45th), Horne, Smith, Young) State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Sarah Misiak for earning. Rules.

H. R. No. 33: (Representative Clarke) Ceaser L. Merriweather; commend the life of and express deep sympathy to this family and friends upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 34: (Representative Watson) Larry Van Winborne; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2221: Mississippi Dementia Care Program; create pilot program for assistance to caregivers for those with Alzheimer's or Dementia. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2725: State Budget; bring forward certain provisions and transfer funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2834: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund Grant Program; establish within Department of Archives and History. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2879: Appropriations; additional appropriations for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2474: Department of Health; allow charges between agencies for services provided under the medical marijuana program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2024: Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2630: County law library; authorize use of money for technological purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2643: Service of tax sale notices; revise to allow service by a constable. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2107: Firearms; prohibit local governments and state agencies from restricting possession. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2270: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and recordings of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2552: Pretrial Intervention Program; prohibit eligibility for persons charged with public embezzlement over a certain amount. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2223: Arrest warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2419: State Medical Examiner fees; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2420: Temporary license for social workers; authorize to practice in nonprofit facilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2746: Hudson's Law; require healthcare providers to provide information to parents who receive a postnatal diagnosis of down syndrome. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2750: Pharmacy practice; revise definition of "written guideline or protocol" regarding location of delegated prescribing functions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2751: Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act; provide new requirements and extend the repealer thereon. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2759: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase the monthly amount. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1333: Town of Wesson; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1333.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Morgan, Oliver. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Owen. Total-1.

Present--Gibbs, D, Rushing, Sanford, Summers. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1334: Town of Georgetown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1334.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Morgan, Oliver. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Owen. Total-2.

Present--Gibbs, D, Mickens, Porter, Rushing, Sanford, Summers. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1335: Lincoln County; include food sold at county's civic center as retail merchandise when processing electronic payments for such merchandise.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1335.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Oliver, Robinson. Total-4.

Present--Gibbs, D, Sanford, Summers, Williamson. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1346: City of Guntown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1346. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Morgan, Oliver. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Gibbs, D, Rushing, Sanford, Summers. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1350: City of Ripley; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1350. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

7. Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--
5. Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Mims. Total--

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1418: Oakland/Yalobusha Natural Gas District; authorize expansion of natural gas distribution system.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1418.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Turner. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1433: Yalobusha County; authorize to loan funds to Oakland Yalobusha Natural Gas District to help pay off certain district debt.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1433.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Smith. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Representative Barton entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1434: Tallahatchie County; authorize contributions to Mid-State Opportunity, Inc.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1434.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Creekmore, Horne, Oliver. Total-3.

Present--Rushing, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1435: Lowndes County; authorize contributions to United Way of Lowndes County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1435.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen, Rushing, Williamson. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Horne, Oliver. Total-3.

Present--Sanford. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1438: City of Petal; authorize a tax on hotels, motels, bars and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1438.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Felsher, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horne, Ladner, Mims, Oliver. Total-8.

Present--Rushing, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--67

Representative Smith entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1350: City of Ripley; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tax.

Representative Gunn moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kay Wilbourn "Kay Kay" Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Arnold, McLean and Wright moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend James O. Gardner, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Gunn and Yates moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert "Bob" Walker, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles "Ray" Walley, Sr. , Perry Wingo, Harry Bell, Jr. , and Nancy Blakeney, which motion prevailed.

At 10:23 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 26, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

(FIFTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Felsher, Guice, Robinson. Total-4.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Cockerham, Felsher, Guice and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Pigott and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2062: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities. Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2072: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating. Agriculture.

S. B. No. 2086: Child advocacy centers; immunity from civil liability. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2121: Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2252: Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; authorize parole for medically frail inmates, licensure and Medicaid reimbursement. Medicaid.

S. B. No. 2296: Office of Workforce Development; exempt executive director from certain salary and compensation requirements. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2373: Motor fuel sales; provide immunity for damages caused by the use of incompatible fuel upon certain conditions. Energy.

S. B. No. 2389: Domestic violence shelters; revise eligibility for funds. Judiciary B; Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2392: County port and harbor commission; provide for holdover of appointees. Ports, Harbors and Airports.

S. B. No. 2434: Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2456: Open Meetings Law; allow executive sessions for certain discussions by public hospital boards. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2536: Athletics; provide that schools designate teams by biological sex. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2544: University of Mississippi Medical Center; create joint committee to study the organization of. Universities and Colleges; Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2621: Task Force; establish to study domestic law matters. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2689: State Auditor; increase fee which may be charged for performing audits and other services. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2727: Department of Archives and History; revise appointing authority for members of the board of trustees. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2757: South Mississippi Regional Health Care Authority; establish. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2792: Fresh Start Act of 2019; expand. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2797: Department of Public Safety; revise authority, make various amendments. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

S. B. No. 2854: Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2825: Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021; create. Transportation.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2765: Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create. Ways and Means.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1467: (Representatives Denton, Ford (54th)) City of Vicksburg; authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1468: (Representative Yancey) Suffrage; restore to Ronald Brent Self of Tippah County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1469: (Representative Hines) Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1470: (Representative Scott) Suffrage; restore to James Clarence McCray of Jones County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1471: (Representative Sanford) Suffrage; restore to Cassidy Edward Jordan of Covington County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1472: (Representative Wallace) Suffrage; restore to Randy Beckham of Simpson County. Judiciary B.

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2879: Appropriations; additional appropriations for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2879.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup,

Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Cockerham, Criswell, Felsher, Guice, McGee, Robinson. Total-7.

Present--Eubanks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Byrd called up:

S. B. No. 2024: Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2024. On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Brown, C, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Cockerham, Criswell, Eubanks, Felsher, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, McGee, Robinson. Total-9.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--56

Representative Hood entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

At 9:11 AM, on motion of Rep. Currie the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 1, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTIETH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

(FIFTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Joseph Tubb.

Rep. Tubb led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1302: Optometry; Board shall define practice of, and authorize to perform certain procedures and use and prescribe certain drugs.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 528: Commend golf icon Randy Watkins upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

S. C. R. No. 529: Congratulate Ole Miss Lineman Terrence Metcalf upon his induction into the 2021 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

S. C. R. No. 530: Commend Ole Miss and ATP tennis standout Dave Randall upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

S. C. R. No. 531: Encourage counties and municipalities to exchange land use and development information with military installations.

S. C. R. No. 532: Recognize March 4, 2021, as "HPV Cancer Awareness Day" in Mississippi.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2087: Cemetery owners; authorize to disinter dead human remains for reinterment, reburial or delivery to a carrier for transportation. Judiciary A.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2098: State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2536: Athletics; provide that schools designate teams by biological sex. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2727: Department of Archives and History; revise appointing authority for members of the board of trustees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2809: Public records; extend repealer on provision requiring public access to records. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2824: State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2795: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2119: Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; authorize sales and purchase of certain products containing without a prescription. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2623: Motor vehicle insurance; extend repealer on Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2631: Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2332: Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on development and implementation of program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2603: Salvage or abandoned vehicles; authorize disposition by auction firms on behalf of insurers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2336: MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; delay effective date of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2020: Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2087: Cemetery owners; authorize to disinter dead human remains for reinterment, reburial or delivery to a carrier for transportation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2324: Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2621: Task Force; establish to study domestic law matters. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2253: Concealed carry weapons permit; combine with driver's license or identification card. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY B AND CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2279: Parole and earned release; criminalize absconding. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NICK BAIN, Chairman
KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORTS, HARBORS AND AIRPORTS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2392: County port and harbor commission; provide for holdover of appointees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JEFFREY S. GUICE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2606: Mississippi Native Spirit Law; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2820: Department of Tourism; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2313: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; allow athletes to be compensated for name, image and likeness. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 510: Mourn the passing of former Senator Tommy Moffatt, Sr., of Gautier, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Mabry, which motion prevailed.

Representative Banks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy "Dot" Murray, and Dr. John Frederick Hurley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson (122nd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elaine Irene Fricke Lafontaine, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Currie, Miles and Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Burney "Bo" Bilbo, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Avis Juanita Wallace, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Edward Lancaster, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Massengill and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend Joseph "Joe" F. McKnight, and Kay Thompson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend James E. Carney, and Jerry Nell Brumfield Laird, which motion prevailed.

At 4:08 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

(FIFTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Sam Creekmore IV.

Rep. Creekmore IV led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Crudup and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1473: (Representative Reynolds) Suffrage; restore to Matthew Henry McBride of Tallahatchie County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1474: (Representative Scott) Suffrage; restore to Edna Barnett of Jones County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1475: (Representative Denton) Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1476: (Representative Lancaster) Suffrage; restore to Buren Wayne Whitt of Chickasaw County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1477: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Suffrage; restore to Anthony Leroy Wallace of Harrison County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1478: (Representative Denton) Suffrage; restore to Janice O'Neal of Warren County. Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 35: (Representative Carpenter) Roger and Margaret Taylor; commend upon 50th wedding anniversary. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2816: Public officials and employees; allow Department of Revenue appraisers to receive same pay increases as county tax assessors. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2689: State Auditor; increase fee which may be charged for performing audits and other services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2076: Mississippi Fair Commission; remove repealer and revise advisory council composition. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2077: Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2072: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BILL PIGOTT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2062: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2829: Department of Revenue; allow to use tag revenue to cover tag program expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2863: MDH; revise appropriation for FY2021 to allow purchase of accumulated compensatory time incurred before June 30, 2021. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2204: Revised LLC Act and MS Registered Agents Act; require listing of registered agent's email address. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2626: MS Business Corporation Act; amend to allow corporations to hold annual or special shareholder meetings remotely. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON COUNTY AFFAIRS AND MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2189: Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare-eligible employees supplemental compensation if employees secure Medicare. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman
RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2149: MAEP; Department of Education required to hold harmless school district from calculating 2020-2021 average daily attendance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2267: Teacher license; allow reciprocity if teacher possesses standard license from other state. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2664: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; prescribe standards and benchmarks. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2648: MS Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; Oil and Gas Board shall have jurisdiction to enforce provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2649: Energy efficiency contracts; extend repeal date on use of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2373: Motor fuel sales; provide immunity for damages caused by the use of incompatible fuel upon certain conditions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
INSURANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2602: Nonadmitted insurer policy fee; divert certain amount to fund fire trucks and fire apparatus/protection grants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2624: MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish pilot program using administrative hearing officers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2833: Motor Vehicle Commission Law; provide obligations of manufacturers, distributors & dealers regarding rates for parts and labor. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2205: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after 18 years. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2627: Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2638: Electronic documents; provide recording procedure for counties without electronic-recording capability. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2121: Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2569: Urine; create the crime of selling or tampering with urine. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2792: Fresh Start Act of 2019; expand. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2572: DUI law; revise fourth offense of and require all expunctions to be confidentially registered. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2282: Youth detention; raise minimum age for youth commitment to state training school and secure detention. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2434: Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2117: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2573: Department of Public Safety; implement uniform reporting standards for jail census data & create & maintain a centralized database. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2252: Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; authorize parole for medically frail inmates, licensure and Medicaid reimbursement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2165: Veterans Service Officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2294: Veteran Driver's License Designation; allow proof of military service in person. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
MILITARY AFFAIRS AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2293: Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2605: Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; authorize municipalities to permit operation on municipal streets. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2261: Perpetual cemetery law; revise notice and maintenance provisions for counties and municipalities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2075: State parks; change name of Natchez State Park to "Bob M. Dearing Natchez State Park." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2081: University of Mississippi Medical Center property; revise leasing authority by removing provision requiring mixed-use development. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2651: Surplus property; clarify current policy to conform with federal regulations for the Department of Finance and Administration. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2798: Broadband services; provide for the participation of rate-regulated electric utilities in the expansion of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2018: Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on provision requiring deposit of fees to State General Fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2478: Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of use in evaluation of employment status. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2483: Electric bicycles; classify as bicycles and not as motor vehicles, and regulate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2598: Department of Public Safety; revise licensing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2785: Driver's license requirements; exempt military members, spouses and dependent children under certain conditions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2788: Radar speed detection; revise provisions concerning use by Highway Patrol and municipal law enforcement in certain cities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2825: Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2481: Memorial highways; designate various segments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2435: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2437: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for Wildlife Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2477: Mississippi Home Corporation; remove reverter on statute granting authority to issue negotiable bonds and notes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2507: Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2804: Alcoholic beverage; create delivery service permit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2806: Department of Revenue; bring forward code sections relating to ABC Division and authority to contract for services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2807: Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2830: New Markets Tax Credit; extend MDA's ability to allocate by one year. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2831: Historic structure income tax credit; cap per taxpayer and authorize sale or transfer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2832: Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2839: SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2843: Tax; phase out June 25 deadline for taxpayers with average liability of at least \$50,000 to remit 75% of June liability. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2850: Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2868: Qualified resort areas; include certain municipalities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2872: Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2874: Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2765: Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2035: Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2124: Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2521: Mississippi Advantage Jobs Act; revise definition of "new direct job" for incentive applicants from and after July 1, 2010. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2827: Public purchases; specify prequalification process for construction manager at risk soliciting bids for projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

Representative Barton called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1350**: (City of Ripley; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tax.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barton called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1433**: (Yalobusha County; authorize to loan funds to Oakland Yalobusha Natural Gas District to help pay off certain district debt.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barton:

AMEND on line 9 by striking the figure (\$350,000.000) and inserting in lieu thereof (\$350,000.00)

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1433**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Clark, Crudup, Felsher, Robinson, Scott. Total--6.

Present--Aguirre. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Representative Ford (54th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ronald Braswell, Pearl Kavanaugh Deckard, Joe Franklin Cockrell, Mavis McMillan Wilson, David Leist Bliss, Sr. , Colton Lee Thornell, Billy Ray Middleton, Jeanette "Jan" Baroudy Brasfield, Betty Ann Dement Bailess, Tommy Eugene Gray, Clara Faye Hearn Oakes, Beverly Breland McMillin, Carol Langford, James Robert Kelly, and Frank J. Norwood, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Pam Vance, and John Bernard "J.B." Smith, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Julius C. Allen, Jr. , and Georgia Marie 'Rushing' Expose', which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Oran Lee "Pap" Bray, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Sanford and Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Maurine Rogers Sitz, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Glen Brantley, and Nelson Atkinson, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Anthony, Bell (65th), Holloway and Johnson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend Charles Douglas Watson, I., which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Anthony Lee Guy, Charlotte A. Coats, Jimmy U. Jackson, Edwin Lamar Gunn, Bobby Jack Davis, Sr. , William Edward Lee, Sarah Louise West, Delorise Shirley Davidson, Willie Heard Hiatt, Ila A. Downs, and Claudie Mae Kennedy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edgar Booth, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dustin Gene Mitchell, and Michael R. Cuevas, which motion prevailed.

Representatives McLean and Owen moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry L. Marshall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Owen moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Otis Luther Lee, which motion prevailed.

Representative McCarty moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley Lott, which motion prevailed.

At 2:05 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

(FIFTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Abe Hudson.

Rep. Hudson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 949: Solid waste landfills; prohibit new landfill in county where 2 or more exist, unless referendum held.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2879: Appropriations; additional appropriations for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 528: Commend golf icon Randy Watkins upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 529: Congratulate Ole Miss Lineman Terrence Metcalf upon his induction into the 2021 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 530: Commend Ole Miss and ATP tennis standout Dave Randall upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 531: Encourage counties and municipalities to exchange land use and development information with military installations. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 532: Recognize March 4, 2021, as "HPV Cancer Awareness Day" in Mississippi. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1479: (Representatives Mims, Porter) City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1480: (Representatives Massengill, Kinkade) Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1481: (Representative Thompson) Town of Shannon; authorize expansion of its gas distribution system. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1482: (Representative Anthony) City of Indianola; extend repeal date on tourism commission and hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1483: (Representative Lamar) City of Senatobia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 40: (Representative Reynolds) Governor William Winter; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 41: (Representative Reynolds) Taiwan; recognize the friendship and encourage further economic ties with the State of Mississippi. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 42: (Representatives Rushing, Bounds) Mississippi Electric Power Associations; commend for their tireless efforts to restore power after the winter storm in February 2021. Rules.

H. R. No. 36: (Representatives Haney, Williams-Barnes) Gulfport High School Lady Admirals Soccer Team; commend for winning back-to-back championships in the Class 6A Soccer State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 37: (Representatives Roberson, Taylor) Glo; commend company and its founders upon success and contributions to Starkville community and State of Mississippi. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1437: Town of Byhalia; authorize transfer of certain funds for infrastructure improvements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1453: City of Booneville; extend date of repeal on city's hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1465: Town of Mize; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1466: Oxford Municipal Reserve and Trust Fund; make technical correction concerning certain internal reference within. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2221: Mississippi Dementia Care Program; create pilot program for assistance to caregivers for those with Alzheimer's or Dementia.

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Mims:

AMEND on line 65 by inserting the following language after the period: "The State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Health and the University of Mississippi Medical Center shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the Department of Human Services in the establishment and operation of the program and in seeking to obtain federal funds for the program."

AMEND FURTHER on line 155 by changing the word "March" to "February"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2221**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2725: State Budget; bring forward certain provisions and transfer funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2725.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2834: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund Grant Program; establish within Department of Archives and History.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2834.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter,

Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Hudson, Karriem, Osborne, Summers, Taylor, Young. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Scott. Total-2.

Present--Clark. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2062: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 190 by changing "30" to 29"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2062.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Williamson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bills.

Rep. Boyd called up:

S. B. No. 2098: State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2098.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup,

Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Burnett, Hines, Johnson, Oliver, Robinson. Total-5.

Present--Banks, Reynolds, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Boyd called up:

S. B. No. 2536: Athletics; provide that schools designate teams by biological sex.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2536.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bell, C, Blackmon, Clark, Clarke, Denton, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--28.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Evans, B, McGee, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud. Total-6.

Present--Bailey, Banks, Brown, B, Crudup, Foster, Gibbs, D, Holloway. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Boyd called up:

S. B. No. 2809: Public records; extend repealer on provision requiring public access to records.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2809.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood,

Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Brown (20th) moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 949: Solid waste landfills; prohibit new landfill in county where 2 or more exist, unless referendum held.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bailey, Banks, Brown, B. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clarke, Gibbs, D, Haney, Robinson, Rosebud, Young. Total-7.

Present--Bell, C, Clark, Karriem. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--56

Representatives Barton, Guice and Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elizabeth "Liz" Tillson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of L. B. Robinson, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Crudup and Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rahim Salahadyn, which motion prevailed.

Representative Crudup moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Calvin Berry, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hood moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Becky Fulce Mitchell, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hood and Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betty S. Rose, and Evelyn C. Dean, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Oliver and White moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Janis H. Clayton, Janice B. Kelley, George "Hank" Jones, Jr. , and Alyne King Welch, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Phyllis Luttman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edna Mae Prather, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Clyatt Strickland, Steven Wayne Page, William Bright, Donald G. Welch, Peggy M. Palmertree, Roy Clifford McGee, and Joan J. Mitchell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Margaret Khayat, which motion prevailed.

At 2:39 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 4, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

(FIFTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Dale Goodin.

Rep. Goodin led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Boyd and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2221: Mississippi Dementia Care Program; create pilot program for assistance to caregivers for those with Alzheimer's or Dementia.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 374: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 73: Chiropractors; extend repealer on licensure law.

H. B. No. 200: Remote patient monitoring services; delete requirement of 2 recent hospitalizations to qualify for.

H. B. No. 208: Psychologists; extend repealer on licensure law and remove postdoctoral training requirements for licensure.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1484: (Representative Denton) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to Storehouse Community Food Pantry. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1485: (Representative Denton) City of Vicksburg; authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1486: (Representative Denton) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1487: (Representative Denton) City of Vicksburg; authorize to execute certain agreement to make contributions to Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1488: (Representative Denton) City of Vicksburg; authorize certain funding for nonprofit museums within the city. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1489: (Representative Denton) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to Read by Third Grade, a Tutorial Program for At-Risk Students. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1490: (Representative Paden) Coahoma County; authorize contributions to Tri-County Workforce Alliance. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1491: (Representative Paden) Coahoma County; authorize contributions to the Family and Youth Opportunities, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1492: (Representatives Deweese, Beckett, Faulkner, Massengill) Lafayette County; change governing law for county trust fund investments from PERS to Mississippi Uniform Prudent Investor Act. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 43: (Representative Tullos) "Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week"; designate April 12-17, 2021, as. Rules.

H. R. No. 38: (Representatives Hines, Stamps, Bell (65th), Clarke, Gibbs (72nd), Summers, Foster, Paden, Clark, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Blackmon, Brown (70th), Carpenter, Goodin, Harness, Holloway, Hopkins, Newman, Rushing, Straughter, Tullos, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates) Jackson Public School District's Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) Program; recognize and commend stellar success of. Rules.

H. R. No. 39: (Representatives Taylor, Karriem, Mickens) Jessie Anna Cotton Robinson; commend upon occasion of 100th birthday. Rules.

At 10:02 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:27 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 73: Chiropractors; extend repealer on licensure law.

H. B. No. 200: Remote patient monitoring services; delete requirement of 2 recent hospitalizations to qualify for.

H. B. No. 208: Psychologists; extend repealer on licensure law and remove postdoctoral training requirements for licensure.

H. B. No. 949: Solid waste landfills; prohibit new landfill in county where 2 or more exist, unless referendum held.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2879: Appropriations; additional appropriations for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

S. C. R. No. 503: Commend Aysa Branch for winning Miss USA.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2221: Mississippi Dementia Care Program, Food Bank Pilot Programming; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Spencer Ratcliff, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carry Burris, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bain, Massengill, Miles and Steverson, along with the Entire Membership, moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carolyn Evans, which motion prevailed.

At 10:30 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 5, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

(SIXTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Cheikh Taylor.

Rep. Taylor led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Guice and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1493: (Representative Busby) Jackson County; revise duties of civil service commission for sheriff's department relating to certain personnel matters. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1494: (Representative Bounds) Walnut Grove; authorize Walnut Grove Correctional Authority to contract with the state to operate correctional facility. Local and Private Legislation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2098: State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2536: Athletics; provide that schools designate teams by biological sex.

S. B. No. 2809: Public records; extend repealer on provision requiring public access to records.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Wallace and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmie Lee Duckworth, which motion prevailed.

At 9:04 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 8, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

(SIXTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Chris Bell.

Rep. Bell (65th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1495: (Representative Reynolds) Tallahatchie County; authorize leasing of certain water well to City of Charleston. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1496: (Representative Bell (65th)) City of Jackson; authorize special sales tax to fund repairs to drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems infrastructure. Local and Private Legislation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 32: Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Mississippi; designate April 2021 as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 35: Steve Hale; commend distinguished public service career including as a State Senator. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 36: Kidney Disease Awareness Month; recognize March 2021 as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 37: Franklin Academy; congratulate upon observance of the Bicentennial Celebration as first public school in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 38: Robert Daniel "Dan" Camp; commend life, legacy and contributions of upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 39: Gulf of Mexico continental shelf leasing and infrastructure development; urge and support continuation of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 40: Governor William Winter; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 41: Taiwan; recognize the friendship and encourage further economic ties with the State of Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 42: Mississippi Electric Power Associations; commend for their tireless efforts to restore power after the winter storm in February 2021. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 43: "Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week"; designate April 12-17, 2021, as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 23: Ruth Antoninette Batton Campbell; commend her life upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 24: Billy Wiseman; commend his service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street Association. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 25: Tommy Sappington; commend service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street Association. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 26: David Hunter Manley; commend life and legacy as an educator and headmaster, and express deep sympathy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 27: Ida Pearl Peavie Minor; commend for many decades as esteemed educator and work with MDE. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 28: Melvin Ford; commend life and express deepest sympathy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 29: Jesmyn Ward; recognize novelist upon her receipt of the 2021 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Literature. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 30: State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Leighton Jenkins for earning. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 31: State Games of MS Male Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Chet Nicklas for earning. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 32: State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Sarah Misiak for earning. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 33: Ceaser L. Merriweather; commend the life of and express deep sympathy to this family and friends upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 34: Larry Van Winborne; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 35: Roger and Margaret Taylor; commend upon 50th wedding anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 36: Gulfport High School Lady Admirals Soccer Team; commend for winning back-to-back championships in the Class 6A Soccer State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 37: Glo; commend company and its founders upon success and contributions to Starkville community and State of Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 38: Jackson Public School District's Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) Program; recognize and commend stellar success of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 39: Jessie Anna Cotton Robinson; commend upon occasion of 100th birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 521: Recognize the induction of Grammy Award-Winning Country Music Artist Marty Stuart into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 527: Congratulate Coach Lane Kiffin and Ole Miss "Rebels" Football Team for impressive victory in Outback Bowl and for 2020 season. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 528: Commend golf icon Randy Watkins upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 529: Congratulate Ole Miss Lineman Terrence Metcalf upon his induction into the 2021 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 530: Commend Ole Miss and ATP tennis standout Dave Randall upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 531: Encourage counties and municipalities to exchange land use and development information with military installations. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 532: Recognize March 4, 2021, as "HPV Cancer Awareness Day" in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2474: Department of Health; allow charges between agencies for services provided under the medical marijuana program.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

No Action

POINT OF ORDER

A point of order was raised by Rep. Scott that SB 2474 has a fee and requires a three-fifths (3/5) vote. House Rule 18 states that any assessment of fees requires a three-fifths (3/5) vote. The bill clearly states that the Department of Health is giving authority to levy fees (Lines 30-40).

The bill was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Stevenson called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

S. B. No. 2435: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries.

S. B. No. 2437: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for Wildlife Mississippi.

S. B. No. 2477: Mississippi Home Corporation; remove reverter on statute granting authority to issue negotiable bonds and notes.

S. B. No. 2507: Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs.

S. B. No. 2804: Alcoholic beverage; create delivery service permit.

S. B. No. 2806: Department of Revenue; bring forward code sections relating to ABC Division and authority to contract for services.

S. B. No. 2807: Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized.

S. B. No. 2830: New Markets Tax Credit; extend MDA's ability to allocate by one year.

S. B. No. 2831: Historic structure income tax credit; cap per taxpayer and authorize sale or transfer.

S. B. No. 2832: Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026.

S. B. No. 2839: SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate.

S. B. No. 2843: Tax; phase out June 25 deadline for taxpayers with average liability of at least \$50,000 to remit 75% of June liability.

S. B. No. 2850: Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership.

S. B. No. 2868: Qualified resort areas; include certain municipalities.

S. B. No. 2872: Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area.

S. B. No. 2874: Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit.

S. B. No. 2765: Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create.

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2107: Firearms; prohibit local governments and state agencies from restricting possession.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BAIN AND BARNETT: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2107. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--82.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Jackson, Johnson, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--34.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Holloway, McGee, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Aguirre, Foster. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2223: Arrest warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2223. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Harness, Hines, Johnson, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--24.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Sanford, Tullos. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2419: State Medical Examiner fees; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2419**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Horne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Sanford, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2420: Temporary license for social workers; authorize to practice in nonprofit facilities.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2420**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bell, C. Clarke, Scott, Stamps, Summers. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Gibbs, D, Sanford, Watson. Total-4.

Present--Clark, Crudup. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2746: Hudson's Law; require healthcare providers to provide information to parents who receive a postnatal diagnosis of down syndrome.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES CRAWFORD AND OWEN:

AMEND on lines 11-14 by striking ""down syndrome" shall mean a chromosomal condition caused by an error in all cell division that results in the presence of an extra or partial copy of chromosome 21." and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

""chromosomal disorder means trisomy 13 (otherwise known as Patau syndrome); trisomy 18 (otherwise known as Edwards syndrome); trisomy 21 (otherwise known as Down syndrome); or any other genetically diagnosed developmental disorder.".

AMEND FURTHER on lines 18, 24, 26, 32-33, 36 and 40 by striking the words "down syndrome" and insert in lieu thereof "a chromosomal disorder".

AMEND FURTHER on line 27 by striking the words "down syndrome organization and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "advocacy organizations for people with intellectual and other developmental disorders".

AMEND FURTHER on line 34 by striking the words "down syndrome".

AMEND TITLE to conform

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2746.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2750: Pharmacy practice; revise definition of "written guideline or protocol" regarding location of delegated prescribing functions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2750**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Young. Total-2.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2751: Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act; provide new requirements and extend the repealer thereon.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2751**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Hudson, Owen, Paden, Walker, Williamson. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Mickens, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 2759: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase the monthly amount.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2759.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Barnett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Scoggin, Smith, Williamson. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Huddleston called up:

S. B. No. 2313: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; allow athletes to be compensated for name, image and likeness.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2313.** On motion of Rep. Huddleston the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Patterson, Tullos, Young. Total-3.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

The House resumed consideration of Amendment No. 1, S. B. No. 2474.

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by Rep. Scott.

SPEAKER'S RULING

The Speaker ruled well taken..

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2474**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Blackmon, Clark, Faulkner, Ford, J, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Newman, Osborne, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Wright. Total--18.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--72

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Representative Hopkins entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2759: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase the monthly amount.

Rep. Bounds called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

S. B. No. 2798: Broadband services; provide for the participation of rate-regulated electric utilities in the expansion of.

Rep. Hood called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.

S. B. No. 2293: Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ruth Stevens, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ray Purvis, Martha Ellen Goldman, Ervin Buckley, Charles "Dit" Blount, Sr., Richard Price, Greg Cooper, Bishop James Carney, and Lathell Boone, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Doris Nadine Browning, James M. Knighton, Robert "Robbie" Falkner, and Gloria Strickland McWhirter, which motion prevailed.

At 4:38 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

(SIXTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud,

Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 500: Mississippi Home Corporation; extend reverter on authority to issue a certain amount of bonds.

H. B. No. 796: Habitual offender; revise penalties for.

H. B. No. 852: Teachers' and teacher's assistants' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 508: Department of Revenue; allow retiring law enforcement officer of to retain issued sidearm.

H. B. No. 510: Motor vehicle certificate of title; limit period for which Department of Revenue must retain.

H. B. No. 695: State Domestic Violence Fund; remove the matching funds requirement for.

H. B. No. 746: Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise regarding warranty reimbursement.

H. C. R. No. 10: Arthur James Anderson, Sr.; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 11: Magee High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

H. C. R. No. 20: Former Representative Nolan Mettetal; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 22: Barabbas Leasy; commend contributions throughout many years of service in education.

H. C. R. No. 25: Former Representative Nolan "Ray" R. Rogers; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 27: Mississippi Highway Patrol Lt. Troy Morris; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 30: 2020 MHSAA Mr. Football Award recipients; commend and congratulate.

H. C. R. No. 33: Ruby Kate Bowles; commend her life upon her passing.

H. C. R. No. 34: James "David" Alford, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

S. C. R. No. 506: Express intent of Legislature that daylight saving time shall be the year-round standard time in Mississippi.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 87: MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers.

H. B. No. 294: Hospices; delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient.

H. B. No. 511: Amusement ride operating permit decal; revise period for issuance.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 352: Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks.

H. B. No. 354: Municipal judges; authorize to order a defendant to remedy real property ordinance violations within a reasonable time period.

H. B. No. 509: Unemployment compensation; allow withholding of state income tax.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 506: Express intent of Legislature that daylight saving time shall be the year-round standard time in Mississippi. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1497: (Representative Barton) Jackson County; direct contributions to Management and Operations for the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts and Education. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1498: (Representative Clark) Holmes County; authorize contributions to P.E.A.R.L.S. Mentoring for Girls, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1499: (Representative Clark) Holmes County; authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1500: (Representative Clark) Holmes County; authorize transfer of funds/property from defunct county economic development authority to county economic development district. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1501: (Representative Kinkade) Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1502: (Representative Bennett) MS Coast Transportation Authority; authorize to bear the full cost of processing electronic payments. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1503: (Representatives Clarke, Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster, Gibbs (72nd), Stamps, Summers, Yates) City of Jackson; authorize contributions to Keep Jackson Beautiful, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1504: (Representative Miles) City of Forest; authorize a tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1505: (Representative Jackson) Town of Sardis; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1506: (Representatives Denton, Harness, Ford (54th), Foster) Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1507: (Representative Faulkner) Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. Local and Private Legislation.

H. R. No. 40: (Representatives Hines, Williams-Barnes, Bell (65th), Johnson, Cockerham, Clark, Harness) Reverend Robert L. Cook; commend upon retirement as Deputy Executive Director for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be

obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1479: City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1480: Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1481: Town of Shannon; authorize expansion of its gas distribution system. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1482: City of Indianola; extend repeal date on tourism commission and hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1483: City of Senatobia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1487: City of Vicksburg; authorize to execute certain agreement to make contributions to Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Foundation. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1490: Coahoma County; authorize contributions to Tri-County Workforce Alliance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1491: Coahoma County; authorize contributions to the Family and Youth Opportunities, Inc. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1493: Jackson County; revise duties of civil service commission for sheriff's department relating to certain personnel matters. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1494: Walnut Grove; authorize Walnut Grove Correctional Authority to contract with the state to operate correctional facility. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1495: Tallahatchie County; authorize leasing of certain water well to City of Charleston. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

Rep. Mims moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1302: Optometry; Board shall define practice of, and authorize to perform certain procedures and use and prescribe certain drugs.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Anderson, J, Guice, Horne, Ladner, Mims. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Ford, J, Hines, Johnson, Williams-Barnes. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Byrd called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2024:** (Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Byrd:

AMEND on line 61 by inserting the following language after the word "2021": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2024.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Turner, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, D, Horan, Roberson, White. Total--4.

Present--Burnett, Ford, J. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Mims called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2759**: (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase the monthly amount.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2270: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and recordings of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on line 115 after "2021" by inserting the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2270**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Gibbs, K, Hood, McKnight. Total-4.

Present--Banks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2552: Pretrial Intervention Program; prohibit eligibility for persons charged with public embezzlement over a certain amount.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2552**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight,

McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Currie called up:

S. B. No. 2606: Mississippi Native Spirit Law; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2606.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Newman. Total-1.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Karriem, Williams-Barnes. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Guice called up:

S. B. No. 2392: County port and harbor commission; provide for holdover of appointees.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2392.** On motion of Rep. Guice the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson,

Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, D, Horan, Johnson, Roberson, White. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2324: Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2324.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2253: Concealed carry weapons permit; combine with driver's license or identification card.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2253.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson,

Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2119: Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; authorize sales and purchase of certain products containing without a prescription.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2119.** On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Brown, B, Tullos, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Boyd called up:

S. B. No. 2727: Department of Archives and History; revise appointing authority for members of the board of trustees.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 45 by inserting the following language after the word "passage".
", and shall stand repealed one (1) day before passage"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2727.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill failed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Bailey, Boyd, Burnett, Byrd, Crawford, Ford, K, Foster, Haney, Ladner, McLeod, Mr. Speaker, Patterson, Robinson, Scoggin, Shanks, Weathersby. Total--17.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Representative Boyd entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill failed to pass.

Rep. Boyd called up:

S. B. No. 2824: State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 78 by inserting the following language after "2021":
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2824.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2623: Motor vehicle insurance; extend repealer on Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2623**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Hale, Summers, Tullos. Total-4.

Present--Banks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2631: Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2631**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, Hines, Johnson, Steverson. Total-4.

Present--Banks, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2332: Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on development and implementation of program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2332. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Kinkade, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2603: Salvage or abandoned vehicles; authorize disposition by auction firms on behalf of insurers.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2603. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Ford (54th) called up:

S. B. No. 2336: MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; delay effective date of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2336.** On motion of Rep. Ford (54th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Brown, B, Busby, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Ladner, Miles, Rushing, Sanford, Tullos. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Gibbs, D, Read, Summers. Total-4.

Present--Banks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2602: Nonadmitted insurer policy fee; divert certain amount to fund fire trucks and fire apparatus/protection grants.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2602.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Busby, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Present--Banks. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Carpenter called up:

S. B. No. 2165: Veterans Service Officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2165.** On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Carpenter called up:

S. B. No. 2294: Veteran Driver's License Designation; allow proof of military service in person.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Goodin:

AMEND on lines 49 and 50 by striking "or equivalent document" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

", Military Retiree Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Identification Card or National Guard Form NGB 22"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2294.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2624: MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish pilot program using administrative hearing officers.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 235 after "2021" by inserting the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2624.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Scoggin. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2205: Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after 18 years.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2638: Electronic documents; provide recording procedure for counties without electronic-recording capability.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2638.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Sanford, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up:

S. B. No. 2076: Mississippi Fair Commission; remove repealer and revise advisory council composition.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2076.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Pigott called up:

S. B. No. 2072: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2072**. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Haney, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Kinkade, Lamar, Mangold, McCarty, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--59.

Nays--Anderson, B, Bain, Barnett, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Calvert, Clark, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Hudson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lancaster, Massengill, McCray, McKnight, Mickens, Miles, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Read, Rushing, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Zuber. Total--58.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Anderson, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Hines, Jackson. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

S. B. No. 2124: Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of.

A motion to table the committee strike all amendment prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2124**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.
Absent or those not voting--None.
Present--Bailey. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

S. B. No. 2521: Mississippi Advantage Jobs Act; revise definition of "new direct job" for incentive applicants from and after July 1, 2010.

A motion to table the committee strike all amendment prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2521. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Horne, Scott. Total--3.
Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

S. B. No. 2827: Public purchases; specify prequalification process for construction manager at risk soliciting bids for projects.

A motion to table strike all amendment # 1 prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st): This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2827. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney,

Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Boyd called up:

S. B. No. 2689: State Auditor; increase fee which may be charged for performing audits and other services.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 290 by inserting the following language after "2021":
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2689.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yates, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Bain, Banks, Bennett, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horan, Hudson, Karriem, Ladner, Osborne, Owen, Rushing, Scott, Smith, Taylor, Yancey. Total--19.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Hood, McCray, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Boyd called up:

S. B. No. 2816: Public officials and employees; allow Department of Revenue appraisers to receive same pay increases as county tax assessors.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 80 by inserting the following language after "2021":
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2816**. On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, McLeod, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2569: Urine; create the crime of selling or tampering with urine.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Ford (73rd):

AMEND on line 71 before the period by deleting the following:
"; and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2569**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Eubanks, Hopkins, Karriem, Porter, Rosebud, Summers. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Johnson, Robinson, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Gibbs, D, Holloway, Hudson. Total--3.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2792: Fresh Start Act of 2019; expand.

A motion to table the strike all amendment prevailed.

POINT OF ORDER

A point of order was raised by Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes that S. B. No. 2792 amends by reference the following sections of licensing laws without bringing the sections forward, in violation of House Rule 106: 73-6-13 Chiropractors; 73-5-21 Barbers; and 73-11-51 funeral home directors.

The bill was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2282: Youth detention; raise minimum age for youth commitment to state training school and secure detention.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 257 after "2021" by inserting the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

TABLED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2282. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Gibbs, K, Read. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2434: Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 300 after "2021" by inserting the following:
", and shall stand repealed on April 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2434**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Banks, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Watson. Total--19.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Anthony, Gibbs, D, Holloway, Jackson, Porter, Williams-Barnes. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2117: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2117**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers,

Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.
Nays--Arnold, Turner, Williamson. Total--3.
Absent or those not voting--Haney. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Mims entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2746: Hudson's Law; require healthcare providers to provide information to parents who receive a postnatal diagnosis of down syndrome.

Representatives Busby and Eubanks entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2072: Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating.

Representative Bain entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2270: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and recordings of.

Representative Miles entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2336: MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; delay effective date of.

Representative Summers entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2434: Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety.

At 11:46 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2435: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2435.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K,

Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Arnold, Beckett, Bounds, Boyd, Darnell, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, Mims, Newman, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Wright. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Straughter, Watson. Total-2.

Present--Anthony, Crudup. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2437: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for Wildlife Mississippi.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2437**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Johnson, Karriem. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2804: Alcoholic beverage; create delivery service permit.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2804**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Arnold, Beckett, Bounds, Brown, B, Calvert, Darnell, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Newman, Oliver, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Smith, Turner, Wright. Total--23.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Anthony, Banks, Crudup. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2806: Department of Revenue; bring forward code sections relating to ABC Division and authority to contract for services.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2806**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Darnell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, Newman, Scott, Wright, Young. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Paden, Walker. Total--3.

Present--Anderson, J, Bounds, Boyd. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2807: Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2807.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Arnold, Beckett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Darnell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hopkins, Huddleston, Mangold, Newman, Owen, Scott, Turner. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Rushing. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Crudup. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2830: New Markets Tax Credit; extend MDA's ability to allocate by one year.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2830.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner,

Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Burnett, Crawford, Ford, K, Scoggin, Scott, Summers. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2831: Historic structure income tax credit; cap per taxpayer and authorize sale or transfer.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2831.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Scott. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Clark, McLeod, Rushing, Summers, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2832: Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2832.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd,

Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Young. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2839: SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2839.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2843: Tax; phase out June 25 deadline for taxpayers with average liability of at least \$50,000 to remit 75% of June liability.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2843**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clark, Horan, Roberson, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2850: Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2850**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Summers, Young. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Goodin, Hale, Harness. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2872: Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2872.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Arnold, Banks, Beckett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Darnell, Ford, J, Horne, Huddleston, Oliver, Scott. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Newman. Total--2.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Hobgood-Wilkes, Stamps. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2874: Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2874.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Calvert, Criswell, Crudup, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, Owen, Paden, Stamps, Turner, Walker, Williamson. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Clark, Hood, Scott. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2868: Qualified resort areas; include certain municipalities.

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 392 after "and" add "adjacent property to the west consisting of a single story office building that was originally occupied by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of American Local Number 569; and".

AMEND further on line 394 after "acres" add "and the adjacent property to the west consisting of approximately .5 acres,".

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2868.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Arnold, Darnell, Ford, J, Huddleston, Newman. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett. Total-1.

Present--Bounds, Boyd, Crudup, Rushing. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Turner called up:

S. B. No. 2204: Revised LLC Act and MS Registered Agents Act; require listing of registered agent's email address.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2204.** On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Aguirre called up:

S. B. No. 2626: MS Business Corporation Act; amend to allow corporations to hold annual or special shareholder meetings remotely.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2626. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Johnson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

S. B. No. 2018: Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on provision requiring deposit of fees to State General Fund.

A motion to table the strike all committee amendment prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2018**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2481: Memorial highways; designate various segments.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Busby:

AMEND after line 35 by inserting the following new sections and renumbering the succeeding section:

" SECTION 4. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 489 in Newton County, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with Mills Road and extending one (1) mile north, is designated as the "Jason Boyd Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 5. (1) The segment of U.S. Highway 82 in Leflore County, Mississippi, beginning at the western city limits of the City of Greenwood and extending one (1) mile west, is designated as the "Deputy Melvin P. 'Buster' Brown, Jr., Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section."

AMEND title as follows: "TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 489 IN NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "JASON BOYD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 82 IN LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "DEPUTY MELVIN P. 'BUSTER' BROWN, JR., MEMORIAL HIGHWAY";

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Busby:

AMEND on line 37 by deleting the language after the word "after" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "its passage".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2481**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, McKnight, Turner. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2478: Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of use in evaluation of employment status.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2478**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2483: Electric bicycles; classify as bicycles and not as motor vehicles, and regulate.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2483**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Oliver. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2598: Department of Public Safety; revise licensing.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on lines 44 and 46 by inserting the following language before the word "component":

"or reserve"

AMEND the title as follows on line 4 by inserting the following language before the word "COMPONENT":

"OR RESERVE"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2598.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Read. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2785: Driver's license requirements; exempt military members, spouses and dependent children under certain conditions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2785.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2788: Radar speed detection; revise provisions concerning use by Highway Patrol and municipal law enforcement in certain cities.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Harness:

AMEND on line 17 and 18 by deleting all language beginning with the word "within" through the word "more"

AMEND FURTHER THE TITLE to conform.

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2788.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty,

McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Horne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Faulkner. Total-2.

Present--Banks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

S. B. No. 2825: Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2825.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Bomgar, Clark, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Faulkner, Goodin, Hale, Harness, Horne, Karriem, Mickens, Newman, Porter, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Thompson, Wright. Total--19.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Haney, Williams-Barnes. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Bailey, Gibbs, D, Hines, Johnson. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Rushing called up:

S. B. No. 2605: Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; authorize municipalities to permit operation on municipal streets.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2605.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore,

Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Oliver. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Arnold, Horne. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Weathersby called up:

S. B. No. 2075: State parks; change name of Natchez State Park to "Bob M. Dearing Natchez State Park."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2075.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, D, Horan, Roberson, White. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Weathersby called up:

S. B. No. 2651: Surplus property; clarify current policy to conform with federal regulations for the Department of Finance and Administration.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2651.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney,

Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Byrd called up:

S. B. No. 2189: Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare-eligible employees supplemental compensation if employees secure Medicare.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2189.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Goodin, Hale. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Powell called up:

S. B. No. 2373: Motor fuel sales; provide immunity for damages caused by the use of incompatible fuel upon certain conditions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 12 after the comma by deleting the word "including" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"and the retailer includes"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2373.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Busby, Clark, Criswell, Denton, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Hudson, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Summers, Taylor, Walker, Young. Total--23.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Gibbs, D, Guice, Harness. Total-4.

Present--Foster. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Powell called up:

S. B. No. 2648: MS Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; Oil and Gas Board shall have jurisdiction to enforce provisions of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2648.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Evans, B, Horne, Paden, Reynolds, Sanford, Summers, Walker. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Powell called up:

S. B. No. 2649: Energy efficiency contracts; extend repeal date on use of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2649. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Hudson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 2035: Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2035. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Ladner, Oliver, Rushing, Yancey. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Bounds, Williams-Barnes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Rushing called up:

S. B. No. 2261: Perpetual cemetery law; revise notice and maintenance provisions for counties and municipalities.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2261.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Banks, Burnett, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up:

S. B. No. 2149: MAEP; Department of Education required to hold harmless school district from calculating 2020-2021 average daily attendance.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2149.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total--2.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. McCarty called up:

S. B. No. 2267: Teacher license; allow reciprocity if teacher possesses standard license from other state.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2267**. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up:

S. B. No. 2664: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; prescribe standards and benchmarks.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2664**. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell,

Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--

7.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Byrd called up:

S. B. No. 2630: County law library; authorize use of money for technological purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2630.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Byrd called up:

S. B. No. 2643: Service of tax sale notices; revise to allow service by a constable.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2643.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bell, C, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Crudup, Hopkins, Karriem, McCray, Paden, Stamps, Walker. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Evans, B, Scott. Total-3.

Present--Faulkner, Horne, Porter. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

S. B. No. 2795: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2795.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Anderson, B, Arnold, Boyd, Calvert, Currie, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Turner, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Evans, B, Felsher, Haney, Ladner, McLeod, Reynolds, Scott. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2279: Parole and earned release; criminalize absconding.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 27 after "2021" by inserting the following:
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2279.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter,

Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Anderson, B, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Criswell, Faulkner, Hopkins, Horne, Hudson, McCray, Osborne, Stamps, Summers, Taylor. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Crudup, Currie, Karriem, Scott, Young. Total-6.

Present--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1437: Town of Byhalia; authorize transfer of certain funds for infrastructure improvements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1437. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Beckett. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Currie, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1453: City of Booneville; extend date of repeal on city's hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1453. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston,

Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Beckett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Calvert, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, Clark, Hood, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Rushing, Scott, Weathersby. Total-10.

Present--Sanford. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1465: Town of Mize; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1465. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Eubanks, Hood, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Rushing, Weathersby. Total-9.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1466: Oxford Municipal Reserve and Trust Fund; make technical correction concerning certain internal reference within.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1466. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston,

Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Oliver. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2087: Cemetery owners; authorize to disinter dead human remains for reinterment, reburial or delivery to a carrier for transportation.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2087.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Oliver, Scott. Total-3.

Present--Banks, Burnett, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2621: Task Force; establish to study domestic law matters.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2621.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Horne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Horan. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Carpenter called up:

S. B. No. 2293: Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2293.** On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Representative Hines entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2804: Alcoholic beverage; create delivery service permit.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bills passed.

S. B. No. 2795: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact.

S. B. No. 2035: Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by Hobgood-Wilkes.

SPEAKER'S RULING

The Speaker ruled well taken.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 508: Department of Revenue; allow retiring law enforcement officer of to retain issued sidearm.

H. B. No. 510: Motor vehicle certificate of title; limit period for which Department of Revenue must retain.

H. B. No. 695: State Domestic Violence Fund; remove the matching funds requirement for.

H. B. No. 746: Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise regarding warranty reimbursement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 10: Arthur James Anderson, Sr.; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 11: Magee High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

H. C. R. No. 20: Former Representative Nolan Mettetal; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 22: Barabbas Leasy; commend contributions throughout many years of service in education.

H. C. R. No. 25: Former Representative Nolan "Ray" R. Rogers; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 27: Mississippi Highway Patrol Lt. Troy Morris; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 30: 2020 MHSAA Mr. Football Award recipients; commend and congratulate.

H. C. R. No. 33: Ruby Kate Bowles; commend her life upon her passing.

H. C. R. No. 34: James "David" Alford, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gloria Rae Clay, Steven "Steve" Hill, and Donald "Don" Cook, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend Henry Winstead, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Ann Wine, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Former Representative Denson Lott, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sharon Gowdy Graves, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Grady Carl Boozer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Porter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sonny Dillion, and Emma Mangum, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lynn Troutman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Dodd, which motion prevailed.

At 3:30 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

(SIXTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jerry Turner.

Rep. Turner led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Wednesday, March 10, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 73: Chiropractors; extend repealer on licensure law. Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 10:03 AM

H. B. No. 200: Remote patient monitoring services; delete requirement of 2 recent hospitalizations to qualify for. Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 10:04 AM

H. B. No. 208: Psychologists; extend repealer on licensure law and remove postdoctoral training requirements for licensure. Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 10:06 AM

H. B. No. 949: Solid waste landfills; prohibit new landfill in county where 2 or more exist, unless referendum held. Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 3:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 312: Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions of to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1508: (Representative Creekmore IV) City of New Albany; authorize to lease fiber to Internet service providers for provision of broadband service. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1509: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Hancock County; extend the date of repeal on the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and hotel/motel tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1510: (Representative Steverson) City of Baldwin; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County. Local and Private Legislation.

H. R. No. 41: (Representative Tubb) Mr. Joe and Mrs. Jane Tubb; commend and congratulate upon celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Rules.

H. R. No. 42: (Representative Miles) Joe C. Bradford; commend his life upon his passing. Rules.

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2434:** (Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2336:** (MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; delay effective date of.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horan called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2795:** ("Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2573: Department of Public Safety; implement uniform reporting standards for jail census data & create & maintain a centralized database.

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Bounds called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2798: Broadband services; provide for the participation of rate-regulated electric utilities in the expansion of.

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bounds:

AMEND after line 485 by inserting the following new sections and renumbering the succeeding section:

" SECTION 5. Section 5 through 8 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act.

SECTION 6. The Legislature finds that the availability of high-speed broadband services, with the preference of speeds of twenty-five (25) megabits per second of download speed and three (3) megabits per second of upload speed or greater, in unserved rural Mississippi is important for economic development, education, health care, and emergency services in Mississippi, and that grants and other incentives set forth in Sections 5 through 8 of this act will further those objectives by encouraging new investment in broadband infrastructure.

SECTION 7. For the purposes of Sections 5 through 8 of this act, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "End user" means a residential, business, institutional, or government entity that uses broadband services for its own purposes and does not resell such broadband

services to other entities. An Internet service provider (ISP) and mobile wireless service provider are not an end-user for the purposes of Sections 5 through 8 of this act.

(b) "Middle mile project" means a broadband infrastructure project that does not provide broadband service to end-users or to end-user devices.

(c) "Minimum service threshold" means a connection to the Internet that provides capacity for transmission at an average speed per customer of at least twenty-five (25) megabits (Mbps) per second downstream and at least three (3) megabits (Mbps) per second upstream.

(d) "Rural area" means any area within this state not included within the boundaries of any incorporated city or town having a population in excess of twenty-five thousand (25,000) inhabitants, according to the latest federal decennial census.

(e) "Unserved area" means any rural area in which there is not at least one provider of terrestrial broadband service that is either: (i) offering a connection to the Internet meeting the minimum service threshold; or (ii) is required, under the terms of the Federal Universal Service Fund or other federal or state grant, to provide a connection to the Internet at speeds meeting the minimum service threshold by March 28, 2023.

SECTION 8. (1) The Director of Mississippi Public Utilities Staff shall establish and administer the broadband accessibility grant program for the purpose of promoting the deployment and adoption of broadband Internet access services to unserved areas. By August 1, 2021, the director shall adopt rules and policies to administer the program and begin to accept applications for grants, and shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to meet the future needs of the grant program.

(2) The program shall be administered pursuant to policies developed by the Public Utilities Staff in compliance with Sections 5 through 8 of this act. The policies shall provide for the awarding of grants to nongovernmental entities that are cooperatives, corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, or other private business entities that provide broadband services. Nothing in Sections 5 through 8 of this act shall expand the authority under state law of any entity to provide broadband service.

(3) There is hereby created the Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury. The fund is subject to appropriations by the Legislature and gifts, grants, and other donations received by the Public Utilities Staff for the broadband accessibility grant program or fund. The Public Utilities Staff may not spend appropriations for the program for purposes other than those listed in this section. Any monies appropriated to the Public Utilities Staff for broadband grants that are unspent at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried over for use by the program in the next fiscal year. The Public Utilities Staff shall develop rules ensuring that expenses incurred to administer the program must not exceed the lesser of seven percent (7%) of the total amount appropriated for the program in any fiscal year or Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). Monies in the fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer for the sole benefit of the fund.

(4) (a) Individual grants awarded by the Public Utilities Staff under this section may only be awarded for projects in unserved areas, and may not exceed the lesser of:

(i) Thirty-five percent (35%) of the project costs; or

(ii) One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) for projects that will be capable of transmitting broadband signals at or above the minimum service threshold.

(b) The Public Utilities Staff shall ensure that not less than forty percent (40%) of funds appropriated for grants be utilized in unincorporated areas of the state.

(c) Subject to the limitations in this subsection (4), grants shall be awarded pursuant to the service criteria developed by the Public Utilities Staff, with priority given to projects that meet any of the following:

(i) Seek to leverage grant funds through private investment and extension of existing infrastructure;

(ii) Serve locations with demonstrated community support, including, but not limited to, documented support from local government;

(iii) Demonstrate the operator's technical and managerial capabilities to complete the project within two (2) years of the grant;

(iv) Demonstrate the applicants' necessary financial resources;

(v) Are most cost effective and technically efficient in that they propose to serve the highest number of unserved homes, businesses and community anchor points for the least cost and best level of service, emphasizing projects including the highest broadband speeds;

(vi) Provide material broadband enhancement to hospitals located in rural areas; and

(vii) Support local libraries in this state for the purpose of assisting the libraries in offering digital literacy training pursuant to state library and archive guidelines.

(d) For the purposes of awarding grants, the Public Utilities Staff shall take into consideration the average pole attachment rates that a grant applicant charges to an unaffiliated entity, provided that this paragraph (d) shall not apply to a public utility.

(e) In order to promote the deployment of grant funds in an inclusive manner that is consistent with the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state, the Public Utilities Staff may give additional consideration to an applicant that provides documentation that it has been certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. For projects funded under Sections 5 through 8 of this act, the Public Utilities Staff shall encourage grant applicants to use vendors and subcontractors that have been certified as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

(5) For each fiscal year in which grant funds are available, the Public Utilities Staff shall accept applications within a 90-day grant window that it shall establish. Applications for eligible projects will be evaluated according to a scoring system developed by the Public Utilities Staff that incorporates the priorities listed in this section, with grant awards published within ninety (90) days after expiration of the filing window. Grant applications shall be published by the Public Utilities Staff on the Internet at the end of the filing window, and existing service providers shall have thirty (30) business days from the date of publication to file objections to the eligibility of a proposed project. The Public Utilities Staff shall address any objections within thirty (30) days of submission and shall make any appropriate changes to grant awards based on a finding of ineligibility resulting from such protest. Subject to such protest procedure, grants issued by the Public Utilities Staff shall be conditioned upon compliance with the terms of the grant but shall not otherwise be revocable. Providers' grants shall be paid within thirty (30) days upon the Public Utilities Staff receiving written certification of the completion of the project and evidence of compliance with the terms of the grant as prescribed by the Public Utilities Staff.

(6) Grants shall be conditioned on project completion within two (2) years of awarding of the grant. If a recipient fails to complete a project within the two-year deadline due to reasons other than delay caused by a government entity, the Public Utilities Staff may revoke the grant in its entirety and rededicate the funds to a new recipient.

(7) The Public Utilities Staff shall condition the release of any grant funds awarded under Sections 5 through 8 of this act on both of the following:

(a) The progressive completion, as measured on not more than a quarterly basis, of the approved project.

(b) Operational testing, when possible, to confirm the level of service proposed in the grant application. Such regulations shall not exceed in degree or differ in kind from testing and reporting requirements imposed on the grant recipient by the Federal Communications Commission, as adjusted for the service specifications in the Public Utilities Staff grant agreement.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, eligible projects shall include any of the following:

(a) Projects to serve unserved areas in which the grant applicant is either or both: (i) an existing or future service provider which has or will receive support through federal universal service funding programs designed specifically to encourage broadband deployment in an area without broadband access; or (ii) an existing or future service provider which has or will receive other forms of federal or state financial support or assistance, such as a grant or loan from the United States Department of Agriculture; provided, however, that any award of state funds under this section, when combined with other forms of state or federal support or assistance dedicated to the project, other than interest-bearing loans, may not exceed sixty percent (60%) of the total project costs. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a grant applicant who has not previously received any

federal or state funds, grants or loans for broadband deployment from applying for and receiving grant funds under this section.

(b) Middle mile projects, where the applicant demonstrates that the project will connect other service providers eligible for grants under this section with broadband infrastructure further upstream in order to enable the providers to offer broadband service to end-users; provided that eligible projects under this paragraph (b) may include projects in an unserved area or a rural area that does not meet the definition of an unserved area but otherwise meets the requirements of this section, for which the grant applicant demonstrates, by specific evidence, the need for greater broadband speeds, capacity, or service which is not being offered by an existing service provider.

(c) Projects to provide broadband service to a specific hospital, public school, public safety, or economic development site in a rural area that does not meet the definition of an unserved area but otherwise meets the requirements of this section, for which the grant applicant demonstrates, by specific evidence, the need for greater broadband speeds, capacity, or service which is not being offered by an existing service provider.

(d) Grants issued under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection (8) shall not exceed forty percent (40%) of the total funds appropriated for grants on an annual basis. AMEND further the title on line 19 by inserting after the semicolon the following:

"TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY ACT; TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR THE ACT; TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE DEPLOYMENT AND ADOPTION OF BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICES TO UNSERVED AREAS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO POLICIES DEVELOPED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE AWARDING OF GRANTS TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT ARE COOPERATIVES, CORPORATIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, PARTNERSHIPS, OR OTHER PRIVATE BUSINESS ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE BROADBAND SERVICES;"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2798**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Clark, Scott, Steverson. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Currie:

AMEND on line 918 by inserting the following language after the period: "In addition to physicians, certified registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants and clinical nurse specialists are authorized to prescribe or order home health services and plans of care, sign home health plans of care, certify and recertify eligibility for home health services and conduct the required initial face-to-face visit with the recipient of the services."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND by inserting the following new paragraph (3) after line 1623, and renumber or reletter the subsequent paragraphs and any references to those paragraphs:

"(3) Each health maintenance organization, coordinated care organization, provider-sponsored health plan, or other organization paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section shall use a clear set of level of care guidelines in the determination of medical necessity and in all utilization management practices, including the prior authorization process, concurrent reviews, retrospective reviews and payments, that are consistent with widely accepted professional standards of care (including the Level of Care Utilization System [LOCUS], Child and Adolescent Level of Care Utilization System [CALOCUS] and the American Society of Addiction Medicine [ASAM], Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument [CASSI]). Organizations participating in a managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division may not use any additional criteria that would result in denial of care that would be determined appropriate and, therefore, medically necessary under those level of care guidelines."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2799.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray,

McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Mims. Total-2.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2552: Pretrial Intervention Program; prohibit eligibility for persons charged with public embezzlement over a certain amount.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2552.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Mims. Total-2.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Bain the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 796: Habitual offender; revise penalties for.

H. B. No. 87: MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers.

Representative Mims called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2746:** (Hudson's Law; require healthcare providers to provide information to parents who receive a postnatal diagnosis of down syndrome.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND by deleting lines 5 through 8 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

""chromosomal disorder" means trisomy 13 (otherwise known as Patau syndrome); trisomy 18 (otherwise known as Edwards syndrome); or trisomy 21 (otherwise known as Down syndrome)."

AMEND FURTHER the title on lines 3 and 5 by deleting the words "DOWN SYNDROME" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "CHROMOSOMAL DISORDER"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2746**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2270**: (Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and recordings of.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2765: Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create.

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The purpose of Sections 1 through 10 of this act is to ensure the availability of and safe access to medical marijuana for qualified persons with debilitating medical conditions.

SECTION 2. (1) Except as otherwise provided for in Sections 1 through 10 of this act, a qualified patient or caregiver shall not be subject to criminal or civil sanctions for the use of medical marijuana, obtained from a medical marijuana treatment center, for a debilitating medical condition.

(2) Except as otherwise provided for in Sections 1 through 10 of this act, a physician shall not be subject to criminal or civil sanctions solely for issuing a physician certification to a person diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition.

(3) Except as otherwise provided for in Sections 1 through 10 of this act, a medical marijuana treatment center and its officers, owners, operators, employees, contractors, and agents shall not be subject to criminal or civil sanctions for processing medical marijuana in compliance with regulations prescribed by the department.

SECTION 3. (1) Except as otherwise provided for in Sections 1 through 10 of this act, nothing in Sections 1 through 10 of this act shall:

(a) Affect or repeal laws relating to the use of marijuana that is not intended for use for a debilitating medical condition.

(b) Authorize the use of medical marijuana for anyone other than a qualified patient, and, where authorized by Sections 1 through 10 of this act, for caregivers and officers, owners, operators, employees, contractors, and agents of treatment centers.

(c) Permit a person to operate any motor vehicle, aircraft, train, or boat while consuming or impaired by medical marijuana.

(d) Require accommodation for the use of medical marijuana or require any on-site use of medical marijuana in any public or private correctional institution, detention facility, or place of education, or employment.

(e) Require any health insurance provider or any government agency or authority to reimburse any person for expenses related to the use of medical marijuana.

(f) Override any public laws, ordinances, regulations, or rules or any private rules, regulations, or provisions related to smoking in or on public or private places.

(g) Affect any existing drug testing laws, regulations, or rules.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to smoke medical marijuana in a public place. Any person who violates this subsection may, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION 4. For purposes of Sections 1 through 10 of this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Caregiver" shall mean a person who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, who complies with the regulations prescribed by the department, and who assists with a qualified patient's use of medical marijuana. The department may limit the number of qualified patients a caregiver may assist at any one (1) time. A qualified patient may have more than one (1) caregiver. A caregiver is prohibited from consuming medical marijuana provided for use by a qualified patient.

(b) "Criminal or civil sanctions" shall mean arrest; incarceration; prosecution; penalty; fine; sanction; the denial of any right, privilege, license, certification; and/or to be subject to disciplinary action by a licensing board or commission; and/or to be subject to seizure and/or forfeiture of assets pursuant to any Mississippi law, local ordinance, or board, commission, or agency regulation or rule.

(c) "Debilitating medical condition" shall mean cancer, epilepsy or other seizures, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cachexia, post-traumatic stress disorder, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, chronic or debilitating pain, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, glaucoma, agitation of dementias, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, sickle-cell anemia, autism with aggressive or self-injurious behaviors, pain refractory to appropriate opioid management, spinal cord disease or severe injury, intractable nausea, severe muscle spasticity, or another medical condition of the same kind or class to those herein enumerated and for which a physician believes the benefits of using medical marijuana would reasonably outweigh potential health risks.

(d) "Department" shall mean the Mississippi State Department of Health or its successor agency.

(e) "Medical marijuana" shall have the meanings given as of July 1, 2018, in Section 41-29-105(r) and/or Section 41-29-105(o), of the Mississippi Code of 1972, and which is used to treat the symptoms and/or effects of a debilitating medical condition as provided for in Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

(f) "Medical marijuana identification card" shall mean a document, prescribed by and issued by the department, which identifies a person as a qualified patient or caregiver or officer, owner, operator, employee, contractor, or agent of a medical marijuana treatment center.

(g) "Medical marijuana treatment center" shall mean an entity that is registered with and licensed and regulated by the department and that processes medical

marijuana, related supplies, and/or educational materials. A treatment center may engage in one or more of the activities involved in the processing of medical marijuana.

(h) "Physician" shall mean a person with a valid Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree and who holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi by the Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure, or its successor agency.

(i) "Physician certification" shall mean a form approved by the department, signed and dated by a physician, certifying that a person suffers from a debilitating medical condition for which the use of medical marijuana may mitigate the symptoms and/or effects. The certification shall remain current for twelve (12) months, unless the physician specifies a shorter period of time, and shall be issued only after an in-person examination of the patient in Mississippi. A certification shall only be issued on behalf of a minor when the minor's parent or guardian is present and provides signed consent. Nothing herein shall require a physician to issue a certification.

(j) "Process" shall mean to acquire, administer, compound, convert, cultivate, deliver, develop, disburse, dispense, distribute, grow, harvest, manufacture, package, possess, prepare, process, produce, propagate, research, sell, test, transport, or transfer medical marijuana or any related products such as foods, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments.

"Qualified patient" shall mean a person who has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition and who has been issued a physician certification.

(k) "Use" shall mean the acquisition, possession, preparation, use or use with an accessory, delivery, transfer, or administration of medical marijuana by a qualified patient or caregiver. For purposes of this paragraph, "accessory" shall have the meaning given in Section 41-29-105(v), Mississippi Code of 1972, as of July 1, 2018.

SECTION 5. (1) The department shall implement, administer, and enforce the provisions of Sections 1 through 10 of this act and shall issue reasonable rules and regulations, pursuant to the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act, in the discharge of its responsibilities.

(2) The department shall prescribe reasonable rules and regulations pursuant to this section that shall include, but not be limited to, tracking and labelling of medical marijuana; qualifications for and safe and secure processing of medical marijuana by medical marijuana treatment centers; restrictions on advertising and marketing; issuance of medical marijuana identification cards; standards for testing facilities; use of medical marijuana in nursing homes, hospices, and assisted living facilities; reciprocal agreements with other states for patients registered in medical marijuana programs; qualifications of and limitations on caregivers and officers, owners, operators, employees, contractors, and agents of treatment centers; implementation and operation of a statewide data base system to support the utilization of identification cards; and penalties for violations of Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

(3) The rules and regulations shall not limit the number of licensed medical marijuana treatment centers nor set the price of medical marijuana.

(4) The rules and regulations shall require the department to issue an identification card or a license for a treatment center within a reasonable time following an application for a card or license.

(5) The department shall issue a qualified patient a medical marijuana identification card upon presentation of a physician certification. Such card shall be renewed, as applicable, upon presentation of a new physician certification, but in no case shall a card have an expiration term longer than twelve (12) months. A qualified patient is authorized to receive medical marijuana from a treatment center upon presentation of his or her identification card.

(6) The department and medical marijuana treatment centers shall protect the confidentiality of all qualified patients. All records containing the identity of qualified patients, caregivers, and physicians shall be confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act or any related statute, regulation, or rule pertaining to the public disclosure of records.

(7) The department may establish an advisory committee to assist the department in the promulgation of rules and regulations and the regulation and enforcement of the provisions of Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

(8) The department shall adopt final rules and regulations pursuant to Sections 1 through 10 of this act no later than July 1, 2021. The department shall begin issuing identification cards and treatment center licenses no later than August 15, 2021.

(9) The department is authorized to adopt and levy administrative fines to enforce the provisions of Sections 1 through 10 of this act. Payment of any fines shall be deposited in the special fund created by Section 6 of this act.

(10) The department is authorized to adopt and levy the following sanctions, singly or in combination, when it finds an applicant or licensee has committed any violation of Sections 1 through 10 of this act or department rules or regulations: revoke or suspend a license, censure a licensee, impose a fine in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the first violation and an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each subsequent violation, place a licensee on a probationary status, require the licensee to file regular reports and submit to reasonable requirements and restrictions, revoke probationary status of a licensee and impose other authorized sanctions, and refuse to issue or renew a license, restrict a license, or accept a voluntary surrendering of a license. The department is authorized to deny, suspend or revoke a license in any case in which it finds that there has been a substantial failure to comply with the requirements of a licensee. The notice and hearing requirements and judicial review provisions contained in Section 43-11-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as of July 1, 2018, shall apply to the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license.

SECTION 6. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The department shall administer the fund and make expenditures from the fund upon appropriation by the Legislature for costs or other services or programs associated with Sections 1 through 10 of this act. Fund balances shall not revert to the General Fund. The department shall have the authority to utilize these special funds to escalate personnel positions in the department where needed, as non-state-service, to administer and enforce the provisions of Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

SECTION 7. A medical marijuana identification card issued pursuant to Sections 1 through 10 of this act shall serve to identify a person as a qualified patient or caregiver or officer, owner, operator, employee, contractor, or agent of a medical marijuana treatment center and thus exempt such person from criminal or civil sanctions for the conduct authorized by Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

SECTION 8. (1) Medical marijuana treatment centers shall not provide to a qualified patient, during any one fourteen-day period, an amount of medical marijuana that exceeds two and five-tenths (2.5) ounces by weight. At no one time shall a qualified patient possess more than two and five-tenths (2.5) ounces of medical marijuana. The weight limitation herein shall not include any ingredients combined with medical marijuana to prepare edible products, topical products, ointments, oils, tinctures, or other products.

(2) Medical marijuana shall only be dispensed to a qualified patient or caregiver with a current medical marijuana identification card by a medical marijuana treatment center.

(3) All contracts under Sections 1 through 10 of this act and related to the operation of medical marijuana treatment centers shall be enforceable and rules applicable to other similar businesses by the Department of Revenue shall apply to medical marijuana treatment centers created pursuant to Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

(4) No medical marijuana treatment center shall be located within five hundred (500) feet of a pre-existing school, church, or licensed child care center.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 1 through 10 of this act, any zoning ordinances, regulations and/or provisions of a municipality or county shall be consistent with Sections 1 through 10 of this act and shall not impair the availability of and reasonable access to medical marijuana. Zoning provisions applicable to retail dispensaries shall be no more restrictive than those for a licensed retail pharmacy and zoning provisions applicable to other businesses that fall within the definition of medical marijuana treatment centers shall be no more restrictive than other comparably sized and staffed lawful commercial or industrial businesses.

SECTION 9. No later than two (2) years from the implementation of Sections 1 through 10 of this act, and every two (2) years thereafter, the department shall provide to the Legislature a comprehensive public report of the operation of Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

SECTION 10. The provisions of Sections 1 through 10 of this act are declared to be severable, and if any provision, word, phrase, or clause of Sections 1 through 10 of this act or the application thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

SECTION 11. Section 41-29-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-125. (1) The State Board of Pharmacy may promulgate rules and regulations relating to the registration and control of the manufacture, distribution and dispensing of controlled substances within this state and the distribution and dispensing of controlled substances into this state from an out-of-state location.

(a) Every person who manufactures, distributes or dispenses any controlled substance within this state or who distributes or dispenses any controlled substance into this state from an out-of-state location, or who proposes to engage in the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of any controlled substance within this state or the distribution or dispensing of any controlled substance into this state from an out-of-state location, must obtain a registration issued by the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Medical Licensure, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the Mississippi Board of Nursing or the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine, as appropriate, in accordance with its rules and the law of this state. Such registration shall be obtained annually or biennially, as specified by the issuing board, and a reasonable fee may be charged by the issuing board for such registration.

(b) Persons registered by the State Board of Pharmacy, with the consent of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the State Board of Medical Licensure, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the Mississippi Board of Nursing or the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine to manufacture, distribute, dispense or conduct research with controlled substances may possess, manufacture, distribute, dispense or conduct research with those substances to the extent authorized by their registration and in conformity with the other provisions of this article.

(c) The following persons need not register and may lawfully possess controlled substances under this article:

(1) An agent or employee of any registered manufacturer, distributor or dispenser of any controlled substance if he is acting in the usual course of his business or employment;

(2) A common or contract carrier or warehouse, or an employee thereof, whose possession of any controlled substance is in the usual course of business or employment;

(3) An ultimate user or a person in possession of any controlled substance pursuant to a valid prescription or in lawful possession of a Schedule V substance as defined in Section 41-29-121.

(d) The State Board of Pharmacy may waive by rule the requirement for registration of certain manufacturers, distributors or dispensers if it finds it consistent with the public health and safety.

(e) A separate registration is required at each principal place of business or professional practice where an applicant within the state manufactures, distributes or dispenses controlled substances and for each principal place of business or professional practice located out-of-state from which controlled substances are distributed or dispensed into the state.

(f) The State Board of Pharmacy, the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, the State Board of Medical Licensure, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the Mississippi Board of Nursing and the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine may inspect the establishment of a registrant or applicant for registration in accordance with the regulations of these agencies as approved by the board.

(2) Whenever a pharmacy ships, mails or delivers any Schedule II controlled substance listed in Section 41-29-115 to a private residence in this state, the pharmacy shall arrange with the entity that will actually deliver the controlled substance to a recipient

in this state that the entity will: (a) deliver the controlled substance only to a person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older; and (b) obtain the signature of that person before delivering the controlled substance. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to a pharmacy serving a nursing facility or to a pharmacy owned and/or operated by a hospital, nursing facility or clinic to which the general public does not have access to purchase pharmaceuticals on a retail basis.

(3) This section does not apply to any of the actions regarding the cultivation, manufacture, processing, sale, distribution, dispensing, purchase, possession, use and testing of medical marijuana that are lawful under Sections 1 through 10 of this act and in compliance with the implementing regulations adopted by the State Department of Health.

SECTION 12. Section 41-29-127, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-127. (a) The State Board of Pharmacy shall register an applicant to manufacture or distribute controlled substances included in Sections 41-29-113 through 41-29-121 unless it determines that the issuance of that registration would be inconsistent with the public interest. In determining the public interest, the State Board of Pharmacy shall consider the following factors:

(1) Maintenance of effective controls against diversion of controlled substances into other than legitimate medical, scientific, or industrial channels;

(2) Compliance with applicable state and local law;

(3) Any convictions of the applicant under any federal and state laws relating to any controlled substance;

(4) Past experience in the manufacture or distribution of controlled substances and the existence in the applicant's establishment of effective controls against diversion;

(5) Furnishing by the applicant of false or fraudulent material in any application filed under this article;

(6) Suspension or revocation of the applicant's federal registration to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances as authorized by federal law; and

(7) Any other factors relevant to and consistent with the public health and safety.

(b) Registration under subsection (a) does not entitle a registrant to manufacture and distribute controlled substances in Schedule I or II, as set out in Sections 41-29-113 and 41-29-115, other than those specified in the registration.

(c) Practitioners must be registered to dispense any controlled substances or to conduct research with controlled substances in Schedules II through V, as set out in Sections 41-29-115 through 41-29-121, if they are authorized to dispense or conduct research under the law of this state. The State Board of Pharmacy need not require separate registration under this section for practitioners engaging in research with nonnarcotic controlled substances in the said Schedules II through V where the registrant is already registered therein in another capacity. Practitioners registered under federal law to conduct research with Schedule I substances, as set out in Section 41-29-113, may conduct research with Schedule I substances within this state upon furnishing the State Board of Health evidence of that federal registration.

(d) Compliance by manufacturers and distributors with the provisions of the federal law respecting registration (excluding fees) entitles them to be registered under this article.

(e) This section does not apply to any of the actions regarding the cultivation, manufacture, processing, sale, distribution, dispensing, purchase, possession, use and testing of medical marijuana that are lawful under Sections 1 through 10 of this act and in compliance with the implementing regulations adopted by the State Department of Health.

SECTION 13. Section 41-29-136, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-136. (1) "CBD solution" means a pharmaceutical preparation consisting of processed cannabis plant extract in oil or other suitable vehicle.

(2) (a) CBD solution prepared from (i) Cannabis plant extract that is provided by the National Center for Natural Products Research at the University of Mississippi under appropriate federal and state regulatory approvals, or (ii) Cannabis extract from

hemp produced pursuant to Sections 69-25-201 through 69-25-221, which is prepared and tested to meet compliance with regulatory specifications, may be dispensed by the Department of Pharmacy Services at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC Pharmacy) after mixing the extract with a suitable vehicle. The CBD solution may be prepared by the UMMC Pharmacy or by another pharmacy or laboratory in the state under appropriate federal and state regulatory approvals and registrations.

(b) The patient or the patient's parent, guardian or custodian must execute a hold-harmless agreement that releases from liability the state and any division, agency, institution or employee thereof involved in the research, cultivation, processing, formulating, dispensing, prescribing or administration of CBD solution obtained from entities authorized under this section to produce or possess cannabidiol for research under appropriate federal and state regulatory approvals and registrations.

(c) The National Center for Natural Products Research at the University of Mississippi and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station at Mississippi State University are the only entities authorized to produce cannabis plants for cannabidiol research.

(d) Research of CBD solution under this section must comply with the provisions of Section 41-29-125 regarding lawful possession of controlled substances, of Section 41-29-137 regarding record-keeping requirements relative to the dispensing, use or administration of controlled substances, and of Section 41-29-133 regarding inventory requirements, insofar as they are applicable. Authorized entities may enter into public-private partnerships to facilitate research.

(3) (a) In a prosecution for the unlawful possession of marijuana under the laws of this state, it is an affirmative and complete defense to prosecution that:

(i) The defendant suffered from a debilitating epileptic condition or related illness and the use or possession of CBD solution was pursuant to the order of a physician as authorized under this section; or

(ii) The defendant is the parent, guardian or custodian of an individual who suffered from a debilitating epileptic condition or related illness and the use or possession of CBD solution was pursuant to the order of a physician as authorized under this section.

(b) An agency of this state or a political subdivision thereof, including any law enforcement agency, may not initiate proceedings to remove a child from the home based solely upon the possession or use of CBD solution by the child or parent, guardian or custodian of the child as authorized under this section.

(c) An employee of the state or any division, agency, institution thereof involved in the research, cultivation, processing, formulation, dispensing, prescribing or administration of CBD solution shall not be subject to prosecution for unlawful possession, use, distribution or prescription of marijuana under the laws of this state for activities arising from or related to the use of CBD solution in the treatment of individuals diagnosed with a debilitating epileptic condition.

(4) This section does not apply to any of the actions regarding the cultivation, manufacture, processing, sale, distribution, dispensing, purchase, possession, use and testing of medical marijuana that are lawful under Sections 1 through 10 of this act and in compliance with the implementing regulations adopted by the State Department of Health.

(5) This section shall be known as "Harper Grace's Law."

(** *6) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2021.

SECTION 14. Section 41-29-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-137. (a) (1) Except when dispensed directly by a practitioner, other than a pharmacy, to an ultimate user, no controlled substance in Schedule II, as set out in Section 41-29-115, may be dispensed without the written valid prescription of a practitioner. A practitioner shall keep a record of all controlled substances in Schedule I, II and III administered, dispensed or professionally used by him otherwise than by prescription.

(2) In emergency situations, as defined by rule of the State Board of Pharmacy, Schedule II drugs may be dispensed upon the oral valid prescription of a practitioner, reduced promptly to writing and filed by the pharmacy. Prescriptions shall be retained in conformity with the requirements of Section 41-29-133. No prescription for a

Schedule II substance may be refilled unless renewed by prescription issued by a licensed medical doctor.

(b) Except when dispensed directly by a practitioner, other than a pharmacy, to an ultimate user, a controlled substance included in Schedule III or IV, as set out in Sections 41-29-117 and 41-29-119, shall not be dispensed without a written or oral valid prescription of a practitioner. The prescription shall not be filled or refilled more than six (6) months after the date thereof or be refilled more than five (5) times, unless renewed by the practitioner.

(c) A controlled substance included in Schedule V, as set out in Section 41-29-121, shall not be distributed or dispensed other than for a medical purpose.

(d) An optometrist certified to prescribe and use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents under Sections 73-19-153 through 73-19-165 shall be authorized to prescribe oral analgesic controlled substances in Schedule IV or V, as pertains to treatment and management of eye disease by written prescription only.

(e) Administration by injection of any pharmaceutical product authorized in this section is expressly prohibited except when dispensed directly by a practitioner other than a pharmacy.

(f) (1) For the purposes of this article, Title 73, Chapter 21, and Title 73, Chapter 25, Mississippi Code of 1972, as it pertains to prescriptions for controlled substances, a "valid prescription" means a prescription that is issued for a legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of professional practice by:

(A) A practitioner who has conducted at least one (1) in-person medical evaluation of the patient, except as otherwise authorized by Section 41-29-137.1 through June 30, 2021; or

(B) A covering practitioner.

(2) (A) "In-person medical evaluation" means a medical evaluation that is conducted with the patient in the physical presence of the practitioner, without regard to whether portions of the evaluation are conducted by other health professionals.

(B) "Covering practitioner" means a practitioner who conducts a medical evaluation other than an in-person medical evaluation at the request of a practitioner who has conducted at least one (1) in-person medical evaluation of the patient or an evaluation of the patient through the practice of telemedicine within the previous twenty-four (24) months and who is temporarily unavailable to conduct the evaluation of the patient.

(3) A prescription for a controlled substance based solely on a consumer's completion of an online medical questionnaire is not a valid prescription.

(4) Nothing in this subsection (f) shall apply to:

(A) A prescription issued by a practitioner engaged in the practice of telemedicine as authorized under state or federal law; or

(B) The dispensing or selling of a controlled substance pursuant to practices as determined by the United States Attorney General by regulation.

(g) This section does not apply to any of the actions regarding the cultivation, manufacture, processing, sale, distribution, dispensing, purchase, possession, use and testing of medical marijuana that are lawful under Sections 1 through 10 of this act and in compliance with the implementing regulations adopted by the State Department of Health.

SECTION 15. Section 41-29-139, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-139. (a) Transfer and possession with intent to transfer. Except as authorized by this article, it is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally:

(1) To sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, distribute or dispense, a controlled substance; or

(2) To create, sell, barter, transfer, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to create, sell, barter, transfer, distribute or dispense, a counterfeit substance.

(b) Punishment for transfer and possession with intent to transfer. Except as otherwise provided in Section 41-29-142, any person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be, if convicted, sentenced as follows:

(1) For controlled substances classified in Schedule I or II, as set out in Sections 41-29-113 and 41-29-115, other than marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids:

(A) If less than two (2) grams or ten (10) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than eight (8) years or a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both.

(B) If two (2) or more grams or ten (10) or more dosage units, but less than ten (10) grams or twenty (20) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years nor more than twenty (20) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both.

(C) If ten (10) or more grams or twenty (20) or more dosage units, but less than thirty (30) grams or forty (40) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than thirty (30) years or a fine of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or both.

(2) (A) For marijuana:

1. If thirty (30) grams or less, by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years or a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or both;

2. If more than thirty (30) grams but less than two hundred fifty (250) grams, by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

3. If two hundred fifty (250) or more grams but less than five hundred (500) grams, by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years nor more than ten (10) years or a fine of not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), or both;

4. If five hundred (500) or more grams but less than one (1) kilogram, by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty (20) years or a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or both.

(B) For synthetic cannabinoids:

1. If ten (10) grams or less, by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years or a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or both;

2. If more than ten (10) grams but less than twenty (20) grams, by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

3. If twenty (20) or more grams but less than forty (40) grams, by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years nor more than ten (10) years or a fine of not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), or both;

4. If forty (40) or more grams but less than two hundred (200) grams, by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty (20) years or a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or both.

(3) For controlled substances classified in Schedules III and IV, as set out in Sections 41-29-117 and 41-29-119:

(A) If less than two (2) grams or ten (10) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

(B) If two (2) or more grams or ten (10) or more dosage units, but less than ten (10) grams or twenty (20) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than eight (8) years or a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both;

(C) If ten (10) or more grams or twenty (20) or more dosage units, but less than thirty (30) grams or forty (40) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) years or a fine of not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or both;

(D) If thirty (30) or more grams or forty (40) or more dosage units, but less than five hundred (500) grams or two thousand five hundred (2,500) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both.

(4) For controlled substances classified in Schedule V, as set out in Section 41-29-121:

(A) If less than two (2) grams or ten (10) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

(B) If two (2) or more grams or ten (10) or more dosage units, but less than ten (10) grams or twenty (20) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both;

(C) If ten (10) or more grams or twenty (20) or more dosage units, but less than thirty (30) grams or forty (40) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years or a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or both;

(D) For thirty (30) or more grams or forty (40) or more dosage units, but less than five hundred (500) grams or two thousand five hundred (2,500) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) years or a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both.

(c) Simple possession. Except as otherwise provided under subsection (i) of this section for lawful purchases made in accordance with Sections 1 through 10 of this act, it is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess any controlled substance unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by this article. The penalties for any violation of this subsection (c) with respect to a controlled substance classified in Schedules I, II, III, IV or V, as set out in Section 41-29-113, 41-29-115, 41-29-117, 41-29-119 or 41-29-121, including marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids, shall be based on dosage unit as defined herein or the weight of the controlled substance as set forth herein as appropriate:

"Dosage unit (d.u.)" means a tablet or capsule, or in the case of a liquid solution, one (1) milliliter. In the case of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) the term, "dosage unit" means a stamp, square, dot, microdot, tablet or capsule of a controlled substance.

For any controlled substance that does not fall within the definition of the term "dosage unit," the penalties shall be based upon the weight of the controlled substance.

The weight set forth refers to the entire weight of any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of the controlled substance.

If a mixture or substance contains more than one (1) controlled substance, the weight of the mixture or substance is assigned to the controlled substance that results in the greater punishment.

A person shall be charged and sentenced as follows for a violation of this subsection with respect to:

(1) A controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II, except marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids:

(A) If less than one-tenth (0.1) gram or two (2) dosage units, the violation is a misdemeanor and punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(B) If one-tenth (0.1) gram or more or two (2) or more dosage units, but less than two (2) grams or ten (10) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years or a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both.

(C) If two (2) or more grams or ten (10) or more dosage units, but less than ten (10) grams or twenty (20) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than eight (8) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both.

(D) If ten (10) or more grams or twenty (20) or more dosage units, but less than thirty (30) grams or forty (40) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years nor more than twenty (20) years or a fine of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or both.

(2) (A) Marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids:

1. If thirty (30) grams or less of marijuana or ten (10) grams or less of synthetic cannabinoids, by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). The provisions of this paragraph (2)(A) may be enforceable by summons if the offender provides proof of

identity satisfactory to the arresting officer and gives written promise to appear in court satisfactory to the arresting officer, as directed by the summons. A second conviction under this section within two (2) years is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), not more than sixty (60) days in the county jail, and mandatory participation in a drug education program approved by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse of the State Department of Mental Health, unless the court enters a written finding that a drug education program is inappropriate. A third or subsequent conviction under this paragraph (2)(A) within two (2) years is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and confinement for not more than six (6) months in the county jail.

Upon a first or second conviction under this paragraph (2)(A), the courts shall forward a report of the conviction to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics which shall make and maintain a private, nonpublic record for a period not to exceed two (2) years from the date of conviction. The private, nonpublic record shall be solely for the use of the courts in determining the penalties which attach upon conviction under this paragraph (2)(A) and shall not constitute a criminal record for the purpose of private or administrative inquiry and the record of each conviction shall be expunged at the end of the period of two (2) years following the date of such conviction;

2. Additionally, a person who is the operator of a motor vehicle, who possesses on his person or knowingly keeps or allows to be kept in a motor vehicle within the area of the vehicle normally occupied by the driver or passengers, more than one (1) gram, but not more than thirty (30) grams of marijuana or not more than ten (10) grams of synthetic cannabinoids is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or confined for not more than ninety (90) days in the county jail, or both. For the purposes of this subsection, such area of the vehicle shall not include the trunk of the motor vehicle or the areas not normally occupied by the driver or passengers if the vehicle is not equipped with a trunk. A utility or glove compartment shall be deemed to be within the area occupied by the driver and passengers;

(B) Marijuana:

1. If more than thirty (30) grams but less than two hundred fifty (250) grams, by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or confinement in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both; or by a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than three (3) years, or both;

2. If two hundred fifty (250) or more grams but less than five hundred (500) grams, by imprisonment for not less than two (2) years nor more than eight (8) years or by a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both;

3. If five hundred (500) or more grams but less than one (1) kilogram, by imprisonment for not less than four (4) years nor more than sixteen (16) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both;

4. If one (1) kilogram or more but less than five (5) kilograms, by imprisonment for not less than six (6) years nor more than twenty-four (24) years or a fine of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or both;

5. If five (5) kilograms or more, by imprisonment for not less than ten (10) years nor more than thirty (30) years or a fine of not more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or both.

(C) Synthetic cannabinoids:

1. If more than ten (10) grams but less than twenty (20) grams, by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or confinement in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both; or by a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than three (3) years, or both;

2. If twenty (20) or more grams but less than forty (40) grams, by imprisonment for not less than two (2) years nor more than eight (8) years or by a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both;

3. If forty (40) or more grams but less than two hundred (200) grams, by imprisonment for not less than four (4) years nor more than sixteen (16) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both;

4. If two hundred (200) or more grams, by imprisonment for not less than six (6) years nor more than twenty-four (24) years or a fine of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or both.

(3) A controlled substance classified in Schedule III, IV or V as set out in Sections 41-29-117 through 41-29-121, upon conviction, may be punished as follows:

(A) If less than fifty (50) grams or less than one hundred (100) dosage units, the offense is a misdemeanor and punishable by not more than one (1) year or a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(B) If fifty (50) or more grams or one hundred (100) or more dosage units, but less than one hundred fifty (150) grams or five hundred (500) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than one (1) year nor more than four (4) years or a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(C) If one hundred fifty (150) or more grams or five hundred (500) or more dosage units, but less than three hundred (300) grams or one thousand (1,000) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than two (2) years nor more than eight (8) years or a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both.

(D) If three hundred (300) or more grams or one thousand (1,000) or more dosage units, but less than five hundred (500) grams or two thousand five hundred (2,500) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than four (4) years nor more than sixteen (16) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both.

(d) Paraphernalia. (1) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (i) of this section for lawful purchases made in accordance with Sections 1 through 10 of this act, it is unlawful for a person who is not authorized by the State Board of Medical Licensure, State Board of Pharmacy, or other lawful authority to use, or to possess with intent to use, paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law. Any person who violates this subsection (d)(1) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be confined in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both; however, no person shall be charged with a violation of this subsection when such person is also charged with the possession of thirty (30) grams or less of marijuana under subsection (c)(2)(A) of this section.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to deliver, sell, possess with intent to deliver or sell, or manufacture with intent to deliver or sell, paraphernalia, knowing, or under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that it will be used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law. Except as provided in subsection (d)(3), a person who violates this subsection (d)(2) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be confined in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both.

(3) Any person eighteen (18) years of age or over who violates subsection (d)(2) of this section by delivering or selling paraphernalia to a person under eighteen (18) years of age who is at least three (3) years his junior is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be confined in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(4) It is unlawful for any person to place in any newspaper, magazine, handbill, or other publication any advertisement, knowing, or under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that the purpose of the advertisement, in whole or in part, is to promote the sale of objects designed or intended for use as paraphernalia. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be confined in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any physician practicing medicine in this state to prescribe, dispense or administer any amphetamine or amphetamine-like anorectics and/or central nervous system stimulants classified in Schedule II, pursuant to Section 41-29-115, for the exclusive treatment of obesity, weight control or weight loss. Any person who violates this subsection, upon conviction, is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be confined for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(f) Trafficking. (1) Any person trafficking in controlled substances shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned for a term of not less than ten (10) years nor more than forty (40) years and shall be fined not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) nor more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The ten-year mandatory sentence shall not be reduced or suspended. The person shall not be eligible for probation or parole, the provisions of Sections 41-29-149, 47-5-139, 47-7-3 and 47-7-33, to the contrary notwithstanding.

(2) "Trafficking in controlled substances" as used herein means:

(A) A violation of subsection (a) of this section involving thirty (30) or more grams or forty (40) or more dosage units of a Schedule I or II controlled substance except marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids;

(B) A violation of subsection (a) of this section involving five hundred (500) or more grams or two thousand five hundred (2,500) or more dosage units of a Schedule III, IV or V controlled substance;

(C) A violation of subsection (c) of this section involving thirty (30) or more grams or forty (40) or more dosage units of a Schedule I or II controlled substance except marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids;

(D) A violation of subsection (c) of this section involving five hundred (500) or more grams or two thousand five hundred (2,500) or more dosage units of a Schedule III, IV or V controlled substance; or

(E) A violation of subsection (a) of this section involving one (1) kilogram or more of marijuana or two hundred (200) grams or more of synthetic cannabinoids.

(g) Aggravated trafficking. Any person trafficking in Schedule I or II controlled substances, except marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids, of two hundred (200) grams or more shall be guilty of aggravated trafficking and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to a term of not less than twenty-five (25) years nor more than life in prison and shall be fined not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) nor more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The twenty-five-year sentence shall be a mandatory sentence and shall not be reduced or suspended. The person shall not be eligible for probation or parole, the provisions of Sections 41-29-149, 47-5-139, 47-7-3 and 47-7-33, to the contrary notwithstanding.

(h) Sentence mitigation. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a person who has been convicted of an offense under this section that requires the judge to impose a prison sentence which cannot be suspended or reduced and is ineligible for probation or parole may, at the discretion of the court, receive a sentence of imprisonment that is no less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the sentence prescribed by the applicable statute. In considering whether to apply the departure from the sentence prescribed, the court shall conclude that:

(A) The offender was not a leader of the criminal enterprise;

(B) The offender did not use violence or a weapon during the crime;

(C) The offense did not result in a death or serious bodily injury of a person not a party to the criminal enterprise; and

(D) The interests of justice are not served by the imposition of the prescribed mandatory sentence.

The court may also consider whether information and assistance were furnished to a law enforcement agency, or its designee, which, in the opinion of the trial judge, objectively should or would have aided in the arrest or prosecution of others who violate this subsection. The accused shall have adequate opportunity to develop and make a record of all information and assistance so furnished.

(2) If the court reduces the prescribed sentence pursuant to this subsection, it must specify on the record the circumstances warranting the departure.

(i) This section does not apply to any of the actions regarding the cultivation, manufacture, processing, sale, distribution, dispensing, purchase, possession, use and testing of medical marijuana that are lawful under Sections 1 through 10 of this act and in compliance with the implementing regulations adopted by the State Department of Health.

SECTION 16. Section 41-29-141, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-141. It is unlawful for any person:

(1) Who is subject to Section 41-29-125 to distribute or dispense a controlled substance in violation of Section 41-29-137;

(2) Who is a registrant under Section 41-29-125 to manufacture a controlled substance not authorized by his registration, or to distribute or dispense a controlled substance not authorized by his registration to another registrant or other authorized person;

(3) To refuse or fail to make, keep or furnish any record, notification, order form, statement, invoice or information required under this article;

(4) To refuse a lawful entry into any premises for any inspection authorized by this article; or

(5) Knowingly to keep or maintain any store, shop, warehouse, dwelling, building, vehicle, boat, aircraft, or other structure or place, which is resorted to by persons using controlled substances in violation of this article for the purpose of using these substances, or which is used for keeping or selling them in violation of this article.

Any person who violates this section shall, with respect to such violation, be subject to a civil penalty payable to the State of Mississippi of not more than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

In addition to the civil penalty provided in the preceding paragraph, any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section shall be guilty of a crime and upon conviction thereof may be confined for a period of not more than one (1) year or fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

This section does not apply to any of the actions regarding the cultivation, manufacture, processing, sale, distribution, dispensing, purchase, possession, use and testing of medical marijuana that are lawful under Sections 1 through 10 of this act and in compliance with the implementing regulations adopted by the State Department of Health.

SECTION 17. Section 41-29-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-143. It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally:

(1) To distribute as a registrant a controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II, as set out in Sections 41-29-113 and 41-29-115, except pursuant to an order form as required by Section 41-29-135;

(2) To use in the course of the manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance a registration number which is fictitious, revoked, suspended, or issued to another person * * *;

(3) To furnish false or fraudulent material information in, or omit any material information from, any application, report, or other document required to be kept or filed under this article, or any record required to be kept by this article; or

(4) To make, distribute, or possess any punch, die, plate, stone, or other thing designed to print, imprint, or reproduce the trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint or device of another or any likeness of any of the foregoing upon any drug or container or labeling thereof so as to render the drug a counterfeit substance.

Any person who violates this section is guilty of a crime and upon conviction may be confined for not more than one (1) year or fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or both.

This section does not apply to any of the actions regarding the cultivation, manufacture, processing, sale, distribution, dispensing, purchase, possession, use and testing of medical marijuana that are lawful under Sections 1 through 10 of this act and in compliance with the implementing regulations adopted by the State Department of Health.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR QUALIFIED PERSONS WITH DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITIONS; TO STATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL SANCTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN SITUATIONS AND ACTIVITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO SMOKE MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN A PUBLIC PLACE; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO PRESCRIBE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADDRESSING CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO QUALIFIED PATIENTS UPON PRESENTATION OF A PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION; TO PROVIDE THAT QUALIFIED PATIENTS ARE AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE MEDICAL MARIJUANA FROM TREATMENT CENTERS UPON PRESENTATION OF THEIR IDENTIFICATION CARD; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT FINAL RULES AND REGULATIONS NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2021, AND BEGIN ISSUING IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND TREATMENT CENTER LICENSES NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 15, 2021; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT AND LEVY ADMINISTRATIVE FINES TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY, WHICH SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY MAKE EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND UPON APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE FOR COSTS OR OTHER SERVICES OR PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS SHALL NOT PROVIDE TO A QUALIFIED PATIENT, DURING ANY ONE FOURTEEN-DAY PERIOD, AN AMOUNT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA THAT EXCEEDS TWO AND FIVE-TENTHS OUNCES BY WEIGHT; TO PROVIDE THAT AT NO ONE TIME SHALL A QUALIFIED PATIENT POSSESS MORE THAN TWO AND FIVE-TENTHS OUNCES OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA; TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL MARIJUANA SHALL ONLY BE DISPENSED TO A QUALIFIED PATIENT OR CAREGIVER WITH A CURRENT MEDICAL MARIJUANA IDENTIFICATION CARD BY A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER; TO PROVIDE THAT NO MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED FEET OF A PRE-EXISTING SCHOOL, CHURCH OR LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ZONING ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS AND/OR PROVISIONS OF A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT AND SHALL NOT IMPAIR THE AVAILABILITY OF AND REASONABLE ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA; TO PROVIDE THAT ZONING PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL DISPENSARIES SHALL BE NO MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE FOR A LICENSED RETAIL PHARMACY, AND ZONING PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO OTHER BUSINESSES THAT FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS SHALL BE NO MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN OTHER COMPARABLY SIZED AND STAFFED LAWFUL COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-29-125, 41-29-127, 41-29-136, 41-29-137, 41-29-139, 41-29-141 AND 41-29-143, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

No Action

A point of order was raised by REPRESENTATIVES BOMGAR AND JOHNSON that Section 6 of the Substitute Amendment to Amendment # 1 for Senate Bill 2765 amends Sections 25-9-101 through 25-9-155 of the state's personnel management laws by reference in violation of House Rule 106. Exemptions to current law contemplated by Section 6 would have to be itemized in existing law.

The bill was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

S. B. No. 2573: Department of Public Safety; implement uniform reporting standards for jail census data & create & maintain a centralized database.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 175 by inserting the following after "2021":
", and shall be repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Horan:

AMEND by inserting the following language after 173 and by renumbering the succeeding section:

SECTION 5. (1) Whenever used in this section, the term: (a)
"Educational program" means a program of learning recognized by the State Board of Education, Department of Mental Health, Mississippi Department of Corrections, or the sheriff, administrator or director of the work release program.

(b) "Rehabilitative program" includes an alcohol and drug treatment program, mental health program, family counseling, community service or other community program approved by the court having jurisdiction over the offender.

(c) "Sheriff" means the sheriff of the jurisdiction where the person charged with the criminal offense was convicted and sentenced, provided that the sheriff may designate a deputy sheriff or jail administrator to assign offenders to work release programs under this section.

(d) "Mississippi Department of Corrections" means the Commissioner of Mississippi Department of Corrections, provided that the Commissioner or designated deputy commissioner may assign offenders to work release programs administered by Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation under this section.

(e) "Work release" means full-time or part-time employment or participation in suitable career and technical education programs.

(2) Any court having jurisdiction for the trial of a person charged with a felony offense, except those charges listed in Section 97-3-2 may, if the defendant is convicted and (i) sentenced to confinement in jail, state or regional correctional facility or (ii) being held in jail, state or regional correctional facility pending completion of a presentence report, and if it appears to the court that such offender is a suitable candidate for work release, and such offender volunteers, assign the offender to a work release program under the supervision of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation, sheriff or a program designated by the court. The court further may authorize the offender to participate in educational or other rehabilitative programs designed to supplement his or her work release employment. The court shall be notified in writing by

the director or administrator of the program to which the offender is assigned of the offender's place of employment and the location of any educational or rehabilitative program in which the offender participates.

(3) Any person who has been sentenced to confinement in jail, a state or regional correctional facility or who has been convicted of a felony, except those charges listed in Section 97-3-2, but is confined in jail, a state or regional correctional facility, at the discretion of the Mississippi Department of Corrections and sheriff to a work release program under the supervision of the Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation or sheriff. The Mississippi Department of Corrections or sheriff may further authorize the offender to participate in educational or other rehabilitative programs as defined in this section designed to supplement his or her work release employment.

(4) The court that sentenced the offender shall be notified in writing by the Mississippi Department of Corrections or sheriff of any such assignment and of the offender's place of employment or other rehabilitative program. The court, in its discretion, may thereafter revoke the authority for such an offender to participate in a work release program.

(5) If an offender who has been assigned to such a program by the court is in violation of the rules of the program, the Mississippi Department of Corrections, sheriff or jail administrator may remove the offender from the work release program or the Mississippi Department of Corrections, either temporarily or for the duration of the offender's confinement. Upon removing an offender from the work release program, the sheriff or jail administrator shall notify in writing the court that sentenced the offender and indicate the specific violations that led to the decision.

(6) Any offender assigned to such a program by the court, Mississippi Department of Corrections, or sheriff who, without proper authority or just cause, leaves the area to which he or she has been assigned to work or attend educational or other rehabilitative programs, or leaves the vehicle or route of travel involved in his or her going to or returning from such place, will be guilty of escape as provided in Section 97-9-49. An offender who is found guilty under this section shall be ineligible for further participation in a work release program during his or her current term of confinement.

(7) Any wages earned pursuant to this section by an offender may, upon order of the court, be paid to the Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation, director or administrator of the program after standard payroll deductions required by law. In the alternative, the offender may, if so approved, maintain an account through Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation or a local financial institution provided the offender provides a physical accounting to the Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation or sheriff, administrator or the court which they were sentenced. Distribution of wages shall be made for the following purposes:

(a) To pay travel and other such expenses made necessary by his or her work release employment or participation in an educational or rehabilitative program;

(b) To pay support of dependents or to Mississippi Department of Human Services on behalf of dependents as may be ordered by a judge of competent jurisdiction; and

(c) To pay any fines, restitution or costs as ordered by the court to include any fines and fees associated with obtaining a valid driver's license upon release.

Any balance at the end of his or her sentence shall be paid to the offender upon his or her release.

AMEND the title on line 9 by adding the following language after the semicolon:

TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ANY COURT OR SHERIFF TO ASSIGN A NONVIOLENT CONVICTED OFFENDER TO A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM, IF THE OFFENDER IS CONFINED IN JAIL, STATE OR REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENDER ASSIGNED TO THE PROGRAM SHALL BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES CORPORATION, THE SHERIFF OR A PROGRAM DESIGNATED BY THE COURT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENDER MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM IF RULES ARE VIOLATED; TO PROVIDE THAT WAGES EARNED BY THE OFFENDER MAY, UPON ORDER OF THE COURT, BE PAID TO THE DIRECTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROGRAM AFTER STANDARD PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS ARE PAID; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENDER, IF APPROVED, MAY MAINTAIN A

BANK ACCOUNT AS LONG AS A PHYSICAL ACCOUNTING IS PROVIDED TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, SHERIFF, ADMINISTRATOR OR THE COURT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENDER'S WAGES MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO PAY CERTAIN TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT, TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT, FINES, RESTITUTION OR COSTS, INCLUDING FEES FOR OBTAINING A DRIVER'S LICENSE UPON RELEASE;

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2573**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--92.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, Brown, C, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Goodin, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, McCray, McLeod, Mims, Pigott, Rushing, Scoggin, Smith, Stamps, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Weathersby, Williamson, Zuber. Total--26.

Absent or those not voting--Denton, Felsher, Lancaster, McGee. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

S. B. No. 2121: Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 142 after "2021" by inserting the following:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2021"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2121**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens,

Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Eure, Smith. Total-3.

Present--Bailey, Summers. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

At 11:04 AM on motion of Rep. White the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:08 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 11:09 AM on motion of Rep. McKnight the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:50 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by REPRESENTATIVES BOMGAR AND JOHNSON.

The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

A point of order was raised by REPRESENTATIVES BOMGAR, CURRIE AND HARNESS that Section 2, paragraph 2, of the Substitute Amendment for Amendment # 1 of Senate Bill 2765, amends a number of provisions of state law by reference, specifically Section 73-27-13, regarding podiatrists, Section 73-57-31, regarding respiratory care practitioners, Section 37-3-2, regarding teachers, Section 73-53-13, regarding social workers, and Section 73-15-29, regarding nurses, all pertaining to the issuance of professional and occupational licenses by regulatory boards. These existing statutes specifically deny and/or revoke licenses based on the use of controlled substances.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

S. C. R. No. 502: Remember the legacy of former Governor William F. Winter and extend deepest sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

S. C. R. No. 517: Pay tribute to the memory of former State Senator and Representative Nolan Mettetal.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight,

McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. C. R. No. 32: Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Mississippi; designate April 2021 as.

H. C. R. No. 35: Steve Hale; commend distinguished public service career including as a State Senator.

H. C. R. No. 36: Kidney Disease Awareness Month; recognize March 2021 as.

H. C. R. No. 37: Franklin Academy; congratulate upon observance of the Bicentennial Celebration as first public school in Mississippi.

H. C. R. No. 38: Robert Daniel "Dan" Camp; commend life, legacy and contributions of upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 39: Gulf of Mexico continental shelf leasing and infrastructure development; urge and support continuation of.

H. C. R. No. 40: Governor William Winter; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 41: Taiwan; recognize the friendship and encourage further economic ties with the State of Mississippi.

H. C. R. No. 42: Mississippi Electric Power Associations; commend for their tireless efforts to restore power after the winter storm in February 2021.

H. C. R. No. 43: "Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week"; designate April 12-17, 2021, as.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.
Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 23: Ruth Antoninette Batton Campbell; commend her life upon her passing.

H. R. No. 24: Billy Wiseman; commend his service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street Association.

H. R. No. 25: Tommy Sappington; commend service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street Association.

H. R. No. 26: David Hunter Manley; commend life and legacy as an educator and headmaster, and express deep sympathy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 27: Ida Pearl Peavie Minor; commend for many decades as esteemed educator and work with MDE.

H. R. No. 28: Melvin Ford; commend life and express deepest sympathy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 29: Jesmyn Ward; recognize novelist upon her receipt of the 2021 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Literature.

H. R. No. 30: State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Leighton Jenkins for earning.

H. R. No. 31: State Games of MS Male Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Chet Nicklas for earning.

H. R. No. 32: State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Sarah Misiak for earning.

H. R. No. 33: Ceaser L. Merriweather; commend the life of and express deep sympathy to this family and friends upon his passing.

H. R. No. 34: Larry Van Winborne; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 35: Roger and Margaret Taylor; commend upon 50th wedding anniversary.

H. R. No. 36: Gulfport High School Lady Admirals Soccer Team; commend for winning back-to-back championships in the Class 6A Soccer State Championship.

H. R. No. 37: Glo; commend company and its founders upon success and contributions to Starkville community and State of Mississippi.

H. R. No. 38: Jackson Public School District's Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) Program; recognize and commend stellar success of.

H. R. No. 39: Jessie Anna Cotton Robinson; commend upon occasion of 100th birthday.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

S. C. R. No. 521: Recognize the induction of Grammy Award-Winning Country Music Artist Marty Stuart into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

S. C. R. No. 528: Commend golf icon Randy Watkins upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

S. C. R. No. 529: Congratulate Ole Miss Lineman Terrence Metcalf upon his induction into the 2021 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

S. C. R. No. 530: Commend Ole Miss and ATP tennis standout Dave Randall upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

S. C. R. No. 531: Encourage counties and municipalities to exchange land use and development information with military installations.

S. C. R. No. 532: Recognize March 4, 2021, as "HPV Cancer Awareness Day" in Mississippi.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 527: Congratulate Coach Lane Kiffin and Ole Miss "Rebels" Football Team for impressive victory in Outback Bowl and for 2020 season.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps,

Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

At 12:00 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 12:16 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

The Question Recurred on S. B. No. 2765, which was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Lamar moved to lay it on the table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2018: Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on provision requiring deposit of fees to State General Fund.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 352: Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks.

H. B. No. 354: Municipal judges; authorize to order a defendant to remedy real property ordinance violations within a reasonable time period.

H. B. No. 509: Unemployment compensation; allow withholding of state income tax.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Banister, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jessie Lane, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Joe Medford, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Michael Payne, which motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson (122nd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William J. Power, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sonny Dillon, which motion prevailed.

At 12:20 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 11, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

(SIXTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Brady Williamson.

Rep. Williamson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Home, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 72: Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services.

H. B. No. 277: Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification.

H. B. No. 286: Cemeteries; authorize to disinter and reinter dead human remains for next of kin instructions.

H. B. No. 357: Bonding requirement for county purchase clerk; increase.

H. B. No. 429: Contracts; authorize persons eighteen years of age or older to enter into for the purpose of investing in mutual funds.

H. B. No. 488: Libraries; authorize use of debit and credit cards.

H. B. No. 886: Law enforcement officers; exempt from concealed firearms permit fees and renewal fees.

H. B. No. 1075: MS Credit Availability Act, Title Pledge Act, and Check Cashers Act; extend or remove repealer on certain provisions of.

H. B. No. 1195: Electric bicycles; regulate.

H. B. No. 1230: Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 70: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions.

H. B. No. 196: "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create.

H. B. No. 287: Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references.

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations.

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures.

H. B. No. 493: Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare eligible employee benefits when employees secures Medicare under certain circumstances.

H. B. No. 550: Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to.

H. B. No. 551: Driver's license; require Department of Public Safety to allow official identifying document of MDOC to suffice for.

H. B. No. 634: Firearms restriction; limit those by cities, counties and state agencies.

H. B. No. 1174: Department of Corrections; authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness.

H. B. No. 1205: Telemedicine; revise definition for provisions of law regarding coverage for telemedicine services.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2481: Memorial highways; designate various segments.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 341: Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of deployment of in determining an individual's employment status with motor carrier.

H. B. No. 512: ABC agents/inspectors; revise certain provisions regarding powers of.

H. B. No. 576: Local System Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation Fund; revise allocation formula.

H. B. No. 872: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 61 in Jefferson County as the "Highway Patrol Lieutenant Troy Morris Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 945: Light wine, beer and light spirit product; revise number of qualified electors required to petition for election to prohibit or authorize.

H. B. No. 995: Memorial highway; designate segment in Marshall County, Mississippi as the "Representative Tommy Woods Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 1062: Daylight saving time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it.

H. B. No. 1326: Compact for a Balanced Budget; revise delegate membership and extend sunset provision.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 136: Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds.

H. B. No. 160: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 330: Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such.

H. B. No. 424: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 525: Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail.

H. B. No. 887: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 997: Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits.

H. B. No. 1048: Qualification deadline; change to February 1 for certain statewide, state district, county and county district offices.

H. B. No. 1077: Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means.

H. B. No. 1091: Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law.

H. B. No. 1095: Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities.

H. B. No. 1123: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; revise funding and specify teaching standards.

H. B. No. 1197: Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of.

H. B. No. 1231: Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 1323: Open meeting; authorize executive session for discussion of plans to combat human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 108: Wireless Communication Commission; remove ITS control over.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 929: Reentry for offenders; bring forward certain sections relating to.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2031: City of Louisville; extend the hotel and motel tax repeal date to July 1, 2025.

S. B. No. 2032: City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism and parks and recreation.

S. B. No. 2776: Noxubee County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements.

S. B. No. 2881: City of Brookhaven; extend repeal date on the tax upon room rentals of hotels, motels and bed-and-breakfast establishments.

S. B. No. 2882: Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed to the United Way for fiscal years 2021-2023, and extend repealer.

S. B. No. 2974: City of Byram; extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax.

S. B. No. 3032: City of Pascagoula; extend the repeal date on tourism tax authorized to be levied on prepared food sold at restaurants.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 8: UMMC property; revise leasing authority by removing certain minimum requirements of improvements to development.

H. B. No. 9: MS Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy; name firing range as the "Lieutenant Colonel Pat Cronin Firing Range."

H. B. No. 74: Emergency Telecommunications Services (911); extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 100: MS Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on requirement that fees be deposited into State General Fund.

H. B. No. 135: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 189: Mississippi Persian Gulf War Memorial; authorize MSVA to move to another appropriate location.

H. B. No. 487: County and public libraries; repeal certain provisions related to.

H. B. No. 499: Qualified equity investment tax credits; extend authority of Mississippi Development Authority to allocate.

H. B. No. 516: Department of Revenue; allow department appraisers to receive certain pay increases upon completing certain training.

H. B. No. 519: Motor vehicle license tags; remove requirement for apportioned vehicles to have decal with expiration month/year on tag.

H. B. No. 632: "All Fuels Act of 2021"; establish.

H. B. No. 955: Abandoned mobile homes; establish a procedure to dispose of.

H. B. No. 1018: State buildings; name DPS Gulf Coast Regional Forensics Laboratory as the "Gary T. Hargrove Memorial Forensic Laboratory."

H. B. No. 1034: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

H. B. No. 1137: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding the determination of true value of land used for agricultural purposes.

H. B. No. 1177: General laws and journals of legislative sessions; copies of not provided to certain recipients of unless specifically requested.

H. B. No. 1213: State Personnel Board; require exempted agencies' reports to include quantifiable data and to be sent to SPB, PEER and LBO.

H. B. No. 1284: Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund; revise certain provisions regarding.

H. B. No. 1288: Charter vessel operator's permit; create to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages by the holder of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 82: Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight.

H. B. No. 106: State budget; revise provisions in several FY21 appropriation bills.

H. B. No. 109: Budget process; update various sections relating to.

H. B. No. 504: Commission on School Accreditation; clarify membership composition.

H. B. No. 520: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements.

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

H. B. No. 594: Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark".

H. B. No. 633: Computer science curriculum; require State Department of Education to implement in K-12 public schools.

H. B. No. 667: Alcoholic beverages; delete requirement for immediate permit revocation for certain prohibited sales.

H. B. No. 754: Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan.

H. B. No. 761: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes.

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.

H. B. No. 953: Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and require financial reviews by.

H. B. No. 992: County port and harbor commission; provide that members hold appointment until successor appointed and installed.

H. B. No. 1047: Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements.

H. B. No. 1135: Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit.

H. B. No. 1139: Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25.

H. B. No. 1179: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create.

H. B. No. 1211: Administrative hearing procedures for Commission on Marine Resources; revise to authorize executive director of Department of Marine Resources to make final decisions during.

H. B. No. 1245: MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population.

H. B. No. 1263: Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2031: City of Louisville; extend the hotel and motel tax repeal date to July 1, 2025. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2032: City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism and parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2776: Noxubee County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2881: City of Brookhaven; extend repeal date on the tax upon room rentals of hotels, motels and bed-and-breakfast establishments. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2882: Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed to the United Way for fiscal years 2021-2023, and extend repealer. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2974: City of Byram; extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3032: City of Pascagoula; extend the repeal date on tourism tax authorized to be levied on prepared food sold at restaurants. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 43: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Clarke, Crudup, Gibbs (72nd), Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Watson) Lanier High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning 4A State Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2929: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2930: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2932: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2933: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2934: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2935: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2936: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2938: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2939: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2940: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2941: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2947: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2921: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2924: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2925: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2946: Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2954: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2917: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - General support. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2952: Appropriation; Personnel Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2950: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2943: Appropriation; Egg Marketing Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2945: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2931: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2937: Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2920: Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2927: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2822: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem tax; provide assessment rate for transformative renewable energy project property designated by the county board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2967: Taxation; amend or repeal certain tax credits, exemptions and incentives. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2972: Bonds; authorize issuance for various Mississippi Development Authority programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Rep. Mims moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 294: Hospices; delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

On request of Rep. Mims, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in :

Mr. Speaker:

Unanimous consent is requested of the House to correct certain language in the Senate amendment to House Bill No. 294 as follows:

Delete the words and figures "through June 30, 2021" on line 70.

Sam C. Mims (signed)
Public Health Committee, Chairman

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Mims entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

Representative Busby called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2598**: (Department of Public Safety; revise licensing.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2785**: (Driver's license requirements; exempt military members, spouses and dependent children under certain conditions.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2788**: (Radar speed detection; revise provisions concerning use by Highway Patrol and municipal law enforcement in certain cities.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1479: City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1479. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Felsher, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Ladner, McCray, Rushing, Weathersby. Total--8.

Present--Owen, Sanford. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1480: Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1480. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Busby, Goodin, Hale, Horne. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1481: Town of Shannon; authorize expansion of its gas distribution system.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1481. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1482: City of Indianola; extend repeal date on tourism commission and hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1482. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Currie, Hood, Rushing. Total--4.

Present--Barnett, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen, Sanford. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1483: City of Senatobia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel tourism tax.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1483. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, Ladner, Rushing. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1487: City of Vicksburg; authorize to execute certain agreement to make contributions to Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Foundation.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1487. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Rushing. Total-1.

Present--Sanford. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--80

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1490: Coahoma County; authorize contributions to Tri-County Workforce Alliance.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1490. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Kinkade, Oliver, Powell. Total-3.

Present--Owen, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1491: Coahoma County; authorize contributions to the Family and Youth Opportunities, Inc.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1491. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Kinkade, Oliver, Owen, Powell. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1493: Jackson County; revise duties of civil service commission for sheriff's department relating to certain personnel matters.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1493**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Miles. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Owen. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1495: Tallahatchie County; authorize leasing of certain water well to City of Charleston.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1495**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Horne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Owen, Straughter, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Barnett called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2035:** (Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

At 10:24 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 11:30 AM.

At 11:30 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2922.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2929: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2929.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell,

Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Currie. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2930: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2930**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Johnson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2932: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2932**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs,

K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Clark, Felsher, Scott, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59
Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2933: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2933.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.
Absent or those not voting--Ladner. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61
Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2934: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2934.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2935: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2935.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Ford, K, Hines. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2936: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2936. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2938: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2938. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Turner, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2939: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2939**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2940: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2940**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2941: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2941.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2947: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2947.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.
Absent or those not voting--McGee. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up for consideration, separately and in order, the following
Appropriations bills:

S. B. No. 2921: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 2924: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 2925: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 2946: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 2954: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

S. B. No. 2917: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board -
Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for
community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research,
Extension and Land-Grant programs.

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and
Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative
Extension Service.

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and
Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary
Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 2952: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 2950: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 2945: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce - Dixie National Livestock Shows and County Livestock Shows.

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 2937: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 2920: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 2927: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: These amendments in effect, set out entirely new bills.

ADOPTED

On motion of Rep. Read, the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills were considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken, and the bills passed, titles standing as stated by the following vote (the roll being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Creekmore, Paden, Scott. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2904**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Rushing. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up:

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2905**. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, McKnight, McLeod, Owen. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Blackmon, Calvert, Creekmore, Currie, Foster, Gibbs, D, Karriem, McCarty, Pigott, Rushing, Scoggin, Summers. Total-13.

Necessary for passage--55
Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2943: Appropriation; Egg Marketing Board.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2943.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Eubanks. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61
Rep. Pigott called up:

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2944.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles,

Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Johnson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2931: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2931.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Karriem, Oliver. Total-3.

Present--Burnett, Reynolds, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2956.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and , agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing Appropriation bills.

Representative Hood entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.

Representative Lamar entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2252: Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; authorize parole for medically frail inmates, licensure and Medicaid reimbursement.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 518: Commend Hillcrest Christian Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team for MAIS State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 527: Congratulate Coach Lane Kiffin and Ole Miss "Rebels" Football Team for impressive victory in Outback Bowl and for 2020 season.

S. C. R. No. 531: Encourage counties and municipalities to exchange land use and development information with military installations.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 23: Ruth Antoninette Batton Campbell; commend her life upon her passing.

H. R. No. 24: Billy Wiseman; commend his service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street Association.

H. R. No. 25: Tommy Sappington; commend service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street Association.

H. R. No. 26: David Hunter Manley; commend life and legacy as an educator and headmaster, and express deep sympathy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 27: Ida Pearl Peavie Minor; commend for many decades as esteemed educator and work with MDE.

H. R. No. 28: Melvin Ford; commend life and express deepest sympathy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 29: Jesmyn Ward; recognize novelist upon her receipt of the 2021 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Literature.

H. R. No. 30: State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Leighton Jenkins for earning.

H. R. No. 31: State Games of MS Male Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Chet Nicklas for earning.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 32: State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Sarah Misiak for earning.

H. R. No. 33: Ceaser L. Merriweather; commend the life of and express deep sympathy to this family and friends upon his passing.

H. R. No. 34: Larry Van Winborne; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 35: Roger and Margaret Taylor; commend upon 50th wedding anniversary.

H. R. No. 36: Gulfport High School Lady Admirals Soccer Team; commend for winning back-to-back championships in the Class 6A Soccer State Championship.

H. R. No. 37: Glo; commend company and its founders upon success and contributions to Starkville community and State of Mississippi.

H. R. No. 38: Jackson Public School District's Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) Program; recognize and commend stellar success of.

H. R. No. 39: Jessie Anna Cotton Robinson; commend upon occasion of 100th birthday.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 312: Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions of to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1302: Optometry; Board shall define practice of, and authorize to perform certain procedures and use and prescribe certain drugs.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 530: Commend Ole Miss and ATP tennis standout Dave Randall upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

S. C. R. No. 532: Recognize March 4, 2021, as "HPV Cancer Awareness Day" in Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2075: State parks; change name of Natchez State Park to "Bob M. Dearing Natchez State Park."

S. B. No. 2119: Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; authorize sales and purchase of certain products containing without a prescription.

S. B. No. 2282: Youth detention; raise minimum age for youth commitment to state training school and secure detention.

S. B. No. 2324: Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2552: Pretrial Intervention Program; prohibit eligibility for persons charged with public embezzlement over a certain amount.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2204: Revised LLC Act and MS Registered Agents Act; require listing of registered agent's email address.

S. B. No. 2293: Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge.

S. B. No. 2521: Mississippi Advantage Jobs Act; revise definition of "new direct job" for incentive applicants from and after July 1, 2010.

S. B. No. 2651: Surplus property; clarify current policy to conform with federal regulations for the Department of Finance and Administration.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 8: UMMC property; revise leasing authority by removing certain minimum requirements of improvements to development.

H. B. No. 72: Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services.

H. B. No. 74: Emergency Telecommunications Services (911); extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 100: MS Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on requirement that fees be deposited into State General Fund.

H. B. No. 357: Bonding requirement for county purchase clerk; increase.

H. B. No. 488: Libraries; authorize use of debit and credit cards.

H. B. No. 886: Law enforcement officers; exempt from concealed firearms permit fees and renewal fees.

H. B. No. 1137: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding the determination of true value of land used for agricultural purposes.

H. B. No. 1288: Charter vessel operator's permit; create to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages by the holder of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Ford (54th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Floyd Wallace Walker, Frances McBride, Martha Farrish, Eugene Rogers Brooks, Houston William Ward, Marie Hibbard, Paul Adams, Sr. , Leonard H. Martin, Philip Dennis Kirby, Floyd Henry Coghlan, Sr. , Lina Mitchell Farrish, Ila J. Ward , William Brett Holloway, Beryl Kay Riddle, Eddie Guy Shiers, William "Bill" Bradford Fenwick, William Edward Lancaster, Charles Costillo, Annie Josephine "Bradshaw" McMaster, Charles Clifford Calhoun, Jr., Charles Curtis Trahan, Sr. , Elvin Daniel Key, Richard Wayne McGuffee, Vicki Anne Arnold, Richard Atkins, Dennis James Beausoliel, Mary Alice Boyle Pharr, Edna Burns, Thomas Henry, Glenda Lofton James, Sharon Gail Hanks, John Leigh Hyland, III, Shirley A. Farish, Jesse Stafford Marshall, Julia Marie Pritchett, and Dorothy Ann Martin Aaron, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Martha Rose Lee Davis, which motion prevailed.

At 12:13 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 12, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

(SIXTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Steve Hopkins.

Rep. Hopkins led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Guice, Turner. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold, Guice and Turner.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 631: Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 95: Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks.

H. B. No. 104: Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county.

H. B. No. 359: Municipally-owned utilities; may use accounting system accommodation for uncollectible customer indebtedness.

H. B. No. 425: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made.

H. B. No. 1290: Attorney General; allow salaries of assistants to exceed statutory limitation under certain circumstances.

H. B. No. 1301: Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 119: Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.

H. B. No. 974: DPS; revise law regarding.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 44: (Representatives Gunn, Clark) Sara Barrett Harvey Roberts; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 761: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes.

On motion of Rep. Huddleston the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 82: Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight.

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 106: State budget; revise provisions in several FY21 appropriation bills.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Guice. Total-2.

Present--Reynolds. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 109: Budget process; update various sections relating to.

At 9:08 AM on motion of Rep. White the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 9:50 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2076: Mississippi Fair Commission; remove repealer and revise advisory council composition.

S. B. No. 2124: Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of.

S. B. No. 2149: MAEP; Department of Education required to hold harmless school district from calculating 2020-2021 average daily attendance.

S. B. No. 2165: Veterans Service Officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements.

S. B. No. 2189: Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare-eligible employees supplemental compensation if employees secure Medicare.

S. B. No. 2253: Concealed carry weapons permit; combine with driver's license or identification card.

S. B. No. 2332: Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on development and implementation of program.

S. B. No. 2336: MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; delay effective date of.

S. B. No. 2603: Salvage or abandoned vehicles; authorize disposition by auction firms on behalf of insurers.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2605: Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; authorize municipalities to permit operation on municipal streets.

S. B. No. 2630: County law library; authorize use of money for technological purposes.

S. B. No. 2643: Service of tax sale notices; revise to allow service by a constable.

S. B. No. 2648: MS Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; Oil and Gas Board shall have jurisdiction to enforce provisions of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 528: Commend golf icon Randy Watkins upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

S. C. R. No. 521: Recognize the induction of Grammy Award-Winning Country Music Artist Marty Stuart into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2785: Driver's license requirements; exempt military members, spouses and dependent children under certain conditions.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 529: Congratulate Ole Miss Lineman Terrence Metcalf upon his induction into the 2021 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

S. B. No. 2481: Memorial highways; designate various segments.

S. B. No. 2626: MS Business Corporation Act; amend to allow corporations to hold annual or special shareholder meetings remotely.

S. B. No. 2788: Radar speed detection; revise provisions concerning use by Highway Patrol and municipal law enforcement in certain cities.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 277: Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification.

H. B. No. 341: Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of deployment of in determining an individual's employment status with motor carrier.

H. B. No. 429: Contracts; authorize persons eighteen years of age or older to enter into for the purpose of investing in mutual funds.

H. B. No. 872: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 61 in Jefferson County as the "Highway Patrol Lieutenant Troy Morris Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 1062: Daylight saving time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it.

H. B. No. 1075: MS Credit Availability Act, Title Pledge Act, and Check Cashers Act; extend or remove repealer on certain provisions of.

H. B. No. 1230: Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 512: ABC agents/inspectors; revise certain provisions regarding powers of.

H. B. No. 576: Local System Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation Fund; revise allocation formula.

H. B. No. 945: Light wine, beer and light spirit product; revise number of qualified electors required to petition for election to prohibit or authorize.

H. B. No. 995: Memorial highway; designate segment in Marshall County, Mississippi as the "Representative Tommy Woods Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 1195: Electric bicycles; regulate.

H. B. No. 1326: Compact for a Balanced Budget; revise delegate membership and extend sunset provision.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Weathersby and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joel Wade Boyd, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Franklin Baucum, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Beverly Anderson King, which motion prevailed.

At 9:51 AM, on motion of Rep. Calvert the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 15, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTIETH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021

(SEVENTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Rufus Straughter.

Rep. Straughter led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 535: Suspend rules; further consideration of Senate Bill No. 2799, Medicaid Technical Amendments.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2373: Motor fuel sales; provide immunity for damages caused by the use of incompatible fuel upon certain conditions.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

Rep. Bennett moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 633: Computer science curriculum; require State Department of Education to implement in K-12 public schools.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Robinson, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Guice the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 992: County port and harbor commission; provide that members hold appointment until successor appointed and installed.

On motion of Rep. Horan the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.

H. B. No. 1174: Department of Corrections; authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness.

H. B. No. 525: Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail.

H. B. No. 929: Reentry for offenders; bring forward certain sections relating to.

On motion of Rep. Byrd the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 493: Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare eligible employee benefits when employees secures Medicare under certain circumstances.

H. B. No. 104: Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county.

Representative Mims called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 294:** (Hospices; delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Stevenson called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

S. B. No. 2822: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem tax; provide assessment rate for transformative renewable energy project property designated by the county board.

S. B. No. 2967: Taxation; amend or repeal certain tax credits, exemptions and incentives.

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning.

S. B. No. 2972: Bonds; authorize issuance for various Mississippi Development Authority programs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 502: Remember the legacy of former Governor William F. Winter and extend deepest sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

S. B. No. 2606: Mississippi Native Spirit Law; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 106: State budget; revise provisions in several FY21 appropriation bills.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Leroy "Bill" Breidinger, and Tony Carleton Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representative Stevenson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Frank Ferrell Cissom, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wylie "Buddy" Matthew Smith, Norman C. McDaniel, and Robert Eugene "Gene" Magee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Katherine Boatner Blankenstein, and Hazel Hampton Ferrell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carl J. Dean, which motion prevailed.

At 4:12 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

(SEVENTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jeffery Harness.

Rep. Harness led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod,

Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 508: Department of Revenue; allow retiring law enforcement officer of to retain issued sidearm. Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 3:01 PM

H. B. No. 510: Motor vehicle certificate of title; limit period for which Department of Revenue must retain. Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 3:02 PM

H. B. No. 695: State Domestic Violence Fund; remove the matching funds requirement for. Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 3:03 PM

H. B. No. 746: Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise regarding warranty reimbursement. Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 3:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 535: Suspend rules; further consideration of Senate Bill No. 2799, Medicaid Technical Amendments. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1511: (Representative Steverson) Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1512: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Omar Travis of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1513: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Jay Wesley Jackson of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1514: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Joseph L. Jones of Jefferson Davis County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1515: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Debra Denise Thomas of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1516: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Gerald O. Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1517: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1518: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Annie Grant of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1519: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Kenny Pritchard of Rankin County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1520: (Representative Jackson) Suffrage; restore to J.W. Jackson of Panola County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1521: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Catlin Davis of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 45: (Representative Yancey) Kratom; urge the United States Food and Drug Administration to regulate. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1497: Jackson County; direct contributions to Management and Operations for the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts and Education. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1498: Holmes County; authorize contributions to P.E.A.R.L.S. Mentoring for Girls, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1499: Holmes County; authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1500: Holmes County; authorize transfer of funds/property from defunct county economic development authority to county economic development district. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1502: MS Coast Transportation Authority; authorize to bear the full cost of processing electronic payments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1504: City of Forest; authorize a tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2031: City of Louisville; extend the hotel and motel tax repeal date to July 1, 2025. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2776: Noxubee County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2881: City of Brookhaven; extend repeal date on the tax upon room rentals of hotels, motels and bed-and-breakfast establishments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2882: Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed to the United Way for fiscal years 2021-2023, and extend repealer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2974: City of Byram; extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3032: City of Pascagoula; extend the repeal date on tourism tax authorized to be levied on prepared food sold at restaurants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. C. R. No. 535: Suspend rules; further consideration of Senate Bill No. 2799, Medicaid Technical Amendments. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted As Amended.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Rep. Mims moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 160: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Mims, Robinson. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Beckett moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1048: Qualification deadline; change to February 1 for certain statewide, state district, county and county district offices.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 70: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Clark, Read, Robinson, Scott. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Bain the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 196: "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create.

H. B. No. 287: Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references.

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations.

Rep. Bain moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 551: Driver's license; require Department of Public Safety to allow official identifying document of MDOC to suffice for.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden,

Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Read, Robinson. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1323: Open meeting; authorize executive session for discussion of plans to combat human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Goodin, McLeod, Robinson, Scott, Zuber. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Mims the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 95: Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks.

On motion of Rep. Ladner the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 594: Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark".

Rep. Bell (21st) moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1263: Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Horne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Hudson, Osborne, Robinson, Scott, Watson. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--70

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1301: Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments.

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2822: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2822.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hudson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem tax; provide assessment rate for transformative renewable energy project property designated by the county board.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2895.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Brown, C, Hopkins, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2967: Taxation; amend or repeal certain tax credits, exemptions and incentives.

A motion to table the strike all committee amendment prevailed.

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing bill was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning.

AMENDMENT NO.1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND by striking Section 3 of the bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus

(ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-701. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-701. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The

commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund created in Section 57-1-701. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of,

premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 4. Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-701. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Eligible entity" means any (i) county, (ii) municipality or (iii) public or private nonprofit local economic development entity including, but not limited to, local authorities, commissions, or other entities created by local and private legislation or pursuant to Section 19-5-99.

(b) "Eligible expenditures" means:

(i) Fees for architects, engineers, environmental consultants, attorneys, and such other advisors, consultants and agents that MDA determines are necessary to complete site due diligence associated with site development improvements located on industrial property that is publicly owned; and/or

(ii) Contributions toward site development improvements, as approved by MDA, located on industrial property that is publicly owned.

(c) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(d) "Site development improvements" means site clearing, grading, and environmental mitigation; improvements to drainage systems; easement and right-of-way acquisition; sewer systems; transportation directly affecting the site, including roads, bridges or rail; bulkheads; land reclamation; water supply (storage, treatment and distribution); aesthetic improvements; the dredging of channels and basins; or other improvements as approved by MDA.

(2) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used to make grants to assist eligible entities as provided in this section.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from proceeds of bonds issued under Section 2 of Chapter 390, Laws of 2017, Section 5 of Chapter 412, Laws of 2018, Section 1 of Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, * * * Section 4 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, or Section 1 of this act, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) (a) MDA shall establish a program to make grants to eligible entities to match local or other funds associated with improving the marketability of publicly owned industrial property for industrial economic development purposes and other property improvements as approved by MDA. An eligible entity may apply to MDA for a grant under this program in the manner provided for in this section. An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must provide matching funds in an amount determined by MDA. Matching funds may be provided in the form of cash and/or in-kind services as determined by MDA.

(b) An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must submit an application to MDA. The application must include:

assistance is requested;

- (i) A description of the eligible expenditures for which
- (ii) The amount of assistance requested;
- (iii) The amount and type of matching funds to be provided

by the eligible entity; and

- (iv) Any other information required by MDA.

(c) Upon request by MDA, an eligible entity shall provide MDA with access to all studies, reports, documents and/or plans developed as a result of or related to an eligible entity receiving assistance under this section.

(4) MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the department shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(5) MDA shall file an annual report with the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives not later than December 1 of each year, describing all assistance provided under this section.

SECTION 5. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-16. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the ACE Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-16. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such

officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the ACE Fund created in Section 57-1-16. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action,

mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 6. Section 57-61-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-61-25. (1) The seller is authorized to borrow, on the credit of the state upon receipt of a resolution from the Mississippi Development Authority requesting the same, monies not exceeding the aggregate sum of * * * Three Hundred Ninety-seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$397,500,000.00), not including monies borrowed to refund outstanding bonds, notes or replacement notes, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The rate of interest on any such bonds or notes which are not subject to taxation shall not exceed the rates set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, for general obligation bonds.

(2) As evidence of indebtedness authorized in this chapter, general or limited obligation bonds of the state shall be issued, from time to time, to provide monies necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter for such total amounts, in such form, in such denominations payable in such currencies (either domestic or foreign, or both) and subject to such terms and conditions of issue, redemption and maturity, rate of interest and time of payment of interest as the seller directs, except that such bonds shall mature or otherwise be retired in annual installments beginning not more than five (5) years from date thereof and extending not more than thirty (30) years from date thereof.

(3) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this chapter shall be signed by the chairman of the seller, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the seller shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the seller.

(4) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this chapter may be general or limited obligations of the state, and the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi as to general obligation bonds, or the revenues derived from projects assisted as to limited obligation bonds, are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes.

(5) Such bonds and notes and the income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(6) The bonds may be issued as coupon bonds or registered as to both principal and interest, as the seller may determine. If interest coupons are attached, they shall contain the facsimile signature of the chairman and secretary of the seller.

(7) The seller is authorized to provide, by resolution, for the issuance of refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding any debt issued under the provisions of this

chapter and then outstanding, either by voluntary exchange with the holders of the outstanding debt or to provide funds to redeem and the costs of issuance and retirement of the debt, at maturity or at any call date. The issuance of the refunding bonds, the maturities and other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof and the duties of the issuing officials in respect to the same shall be governed by the provisions of this section, insofar as they may be applicable.

(8) As to bonds issued hereunder and designated as taxable bonds by the seller, any immunity of the state to taxation by the United States government of interest on bonds or notes issued by the state is hereby waived.

(9) The proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter after April 9, 2002, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the authority. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

SECTION 7. Section 57-61-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-61-36. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Fourteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,500,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making grants to municipalities through a Development Infrastructure Grant Fund to complete infrastructure related to new or expanded industry.

(2) [Repealed]

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize the monies transferred from the Housing Development Revolving Loan Fund and not more than * * * One Hundred Four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$104,100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making grants or loans to municipalities through an equipment and public facilities grant and loan fund to aid in infrastructure-related improvements as determined by the Mississippi Development Authority, the purchase of equipment and in the purchase, construction or repair and renovation of public facilities. Any bonds previously issued for the Development Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program which have not been loaned or applied for are eligible to be administered as grants or loans. In making grants and loans under this section, the Mississippi Development Authority shall attempt to provide for an equitable distribution of such grants and loans among each of the congressional districts of this state in order to promote economic development across the entire state.

The requirements of Section 57-61-9 shall not apply to any grant made under this subsection. The Mississippi Development Authority may establish criteria and guidelines to govern grants made pursuant to this subsection.

(4) [Repealed]

(5) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority may establish a Capital Access Program and may contract with any financial institution to participate in the program upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall consider necessary and proper. The Mississippi Development Authority may establish loss reserve accounts at financial institutions that participate in the program and require payments by the financial institution and the borrower to such loss reserve accounts. All monies in such loss reserve accounts is the property of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(b) Under the Capital Access Program a participating financial institution may make a loan to any borrower the Mississippi Development Authority determines to be qualified under rules and regulations adopted by the authority and be protected against losses from such loans as provided in the program. Under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Mississippi Development Authority, a participating financial institution may submit claims for the reimbursement for losses incurred as a result of default on loans by qualified borrowers.

(c) Under the Capital Access Program a participating financial institution may make a loan that is secured by the assignment of the proceeds of a contract between the borrower and a public entity if the Mississippi Development Authority determines the loan to be qualified under the rules and regulations adopted by the authority. Under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Mississippi Development Authority, a participating financial institution may submit an application to the authority requesting that a loan secured pursuant to this paragraph be funded under the Capital Access Program.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority may utilize not more than One Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,550,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making payments to loan loss reserve accounts established at financial institutions that participate in the Capital Access Program established by the Mississippi Development Authority; however, any portion of the bond proceeds authorized to be utilized by this paragraph that are not utilized for making payments to loss reserve accounts may be utilized by the Mississippi Development Authority to advance funds to financial institutions that participate in the Capital Access Program pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(6) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting Warren County, Mississippi, in the continuation and completion of the study for the proposed Kings Point Levee.

(7) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of developing a long-range plan for coordinating the resources of the state institutions of higher learning, the community and junior colleges, the Mississippi Development Authority and other state agencies in order to promote economic development in the state.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall use not more than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of providing assistance to municipalities that have received Community Development Block Grant funds for repair, renovation and other improvements to buildings for use as community centers. Assistance provided to a municipality under this subsection shall be used by the municipality to match such Community Development Block Grant funds. The maximum amount of assistance that may be provided to a municipality under this subsection shall not exceed Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the aggregate.

(9) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting in paying the costs of constructing a new spillway and related bridge and dam structures at Lake Mary in Wilkinson County, Mississippi, including construction of a temporary dam and diversion canal, removing existing structures, removing and stockpiling riprap, spillway construction, dam embankment construction, road access, constructing bridges and related structures, design and construction engineering and field testing.

(10) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi, in providing water and sewer and other infrastructure services in the Marshall, Benton and Tippah Counties area.

SECTION 8. Section 57-75-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Through June 30, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

57-75-15. (1) Upon notification to the authority by the enterprise that the state has been finally selected as the site for the project, the State Bond Commission shall have

the power and is hereby authorized and directed, upon receipt of a declaration from the authority as hereinafter provided, to borrow money and issue general obligation bonds of the state in one or more series for the purposes herein set out. Upon such notification, the authority may thereafter, from time to time, declare the necessity for the issuance of general obligation bonds as authorized by this section and forward such declaration to the State Bond Commission, provided that before such notification, the authority may enter into agreements with the United States government, private companies and others that will commit the authority to direct the State Bond Commission to issue bonds for eligible undertakings set out in subsection (4) of this section, conditioned on the siting of the project in the state.

(2) Upon receipt of any such declaration from the authority, the State Bond Commission shall verify that the state has been selected as the site of the project and shall act as the issuing agent for the series of bonds directed to be issued in such declaration pursuant to authority granted in this section.

(3) (a) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(i) shall not exceed an aggregate principal amount in the sum of Sixty-seven Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$67,350,000.00).

(b) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii) shall not exceed *** Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000.00). The authority, with the express direction of the State Bond Commission, is authorized to expend any remaining proceeds of bonds issued under the authority of this act prior to January 1, 1998, for the purpose of financing projects as then defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii) or for any other projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii), as it may be amended from time to time. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph (b) until the State Bond Commission by resolution adopts a finding that the issuance of such bonds will improve, expand or otherwise enhance the military installation, its support areas or military operations, or will provide employment opportunities to replace those lost by closure or reductions in operations at the military installation or will support critical studies or investigations authorized by Section 57-75-5(f)(ii).

(c) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iii) shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after December 31, 1996.

(d) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) shall not exceed Three Hundred Fifty-one Million Dollars (\$351,000,000.00). An additional amount of bonds in an amount not to exceed Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000.00) may be issued under the authority of this section for the purpose of defraying costs associated with the construction of surface water transmission lines for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) or for any facility related to the project. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2005.

(e) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(v) and for facilities related to such projects shall not exceed Thirty-eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$38,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 1, 2005.

(f) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(vii) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2006.

(g) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(viii) shall not exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2008.

(h) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ix) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2007.

(i) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(x) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 1, 2005.

(j) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xii) shall not exceed Thirty-three Million Dollars (\$33,000,000.00). The amount of bonds that may be issued under this paragraph for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xii) may be reduced by the amount of any federal or local funds made available for such projects. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph until local governments in or near the county in which the project is located have irrevocably committed funds to the project in an amount of not less than Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in the aggregate; however, this irrevocable commitment requirement may be waived by the authority upon a finding that due to the unforeseen circumstances created by Hurricane Katrina, the local governments are unable to comply with such commitment. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2008.

(k) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiii) shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(l) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiv) shall not exceed Twenty-four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph until local governments in the county in which the project is located have irrevocably committed funds to the project in an amount of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(m) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xv) shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(n) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xvi) shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2011.

(o) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xvii) shall not exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2010.

(p) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii) shall not exceed Ninety-six Million Dollars (\$96,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2011.

(q) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xix) shall not exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2012.

(r) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xx) shall not exceed Twenty-three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 25, 2013.

(s) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) shall not exceed Two Hundred Ninety-three Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$293,900,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(t) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for Tier One suppliers shall not exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(u) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) shall not exceed Forty-eight Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$48,400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(v) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxiii) shall not exceed Eighty-eight Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$88,250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2009.

(w) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxiv) shall not exceed Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(x) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxv) shall not exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2017.

(y) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvi) shall not exceed Thirty-five Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$35,100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2021.

(z) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvii) shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 25, 2013.

(aa) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii) shall not exceed One Hundred Thirty Million Dollars (\$130,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2023.

(bb) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix) shall not exceed Two Hundred Sixty-three Million Dollars (\$263,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2034.

(cc) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxx) shall not exceed Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2025.

(4) (a) The proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under this section may be applied for the following purposes:

(i) Defraying all or any designated portion of the costs incurred with respect to acquisition, planning, design, construction, installation, rehabilitation, improvement, relocation and with respect to state-owned property, operation and maintenance of the project and any facility related to the project located within the project area, including costs of design and engineering, all costs incurred to provide land, easements and rights-of-way, relocation costs with respect to the project and with respect to any facility related to the project located within the project area, and costs associated with mitigation of environmental impacts and environmental impact studies;

(ii) Defraying the cost of providing for the recruitment, screening, selection, training or retraining of employees, candidates for employment or replacement employees of the project and any related activity;

(iii) Reimbursing the Mississippi Development Authority for expenses it incurred in regard to projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) prior to November 6, 2000. The Mississippi Development Authority shall submit an itemized list of expenses it incurred in regard to such projects to the Chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the Chairmen of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives;

(iv) Providing grants to enterprises operating projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1;

(v) Paying any warranty made by the authority regarding site work for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1;

(vi) Defraying the cost of marketing and promotion of a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii). The authority shall submit an itemized list of costs incurred for marketing and promotion of such project to the Chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the Chairmen of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives;

(vii) Providing for the payment of interest on the bonds;

(viii) Providing debt service reserves;

(ix) Paying underwriters' discount, original issue discount, accountants' fees, engineers' fees, attorneys' fees, rating agency fees and other fees and expenses in connection with the issuance of the bonds;

(x) For purposes authorized in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l) and (m) of this subsection (4);

(xi) Providing grants to enterprises operating projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(v), or, in connection with a facility related to such a project,

for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xii) Providing grant funds or loans to a public agency or an enterprise owning, leasing or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii);

(xiii) Providing grant funds or loans to an enterprise owning, leasing or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiv);

(xiv) Providing grants, loans and payments to or for the benefit of an enterprise owning or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii);

(xv) Purchasing equipment for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(viii) subject to such terms and conditions as the authority considers necessary and appropriate;

(xvi) Providing grant funds to an enterprise developing or owning a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xx);

(xvii) Providing grants and loans for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(kk), (ll), (mm), (uu), (vv) or, in connection with a facility related to such a project, for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xviii) Providing grants for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(pp) for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xix) Providing grants and loans for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(qq);

(xx) Providing grants for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(rr);

(xxi) Providing grants, loans and payments as authorized in Section 57-75-11(ss);

(xxii) Providing grants and loans as authorized in Section 57-75-11(tt); and

(xxiii) Providing grants as authorized in Section 57-75-11(ww) for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate.

Such bonds shall be issued, from time to time, and in such principal amounts as shall be designated by the authority, not to exceed in aggregate principal amounts the amount authorized in subsection (3) of this section. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under this section may be invested, subject to federal limitations, pending their use, in such securities as may be specified in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or the trust indenture securing them, and the earning on such investment applied as provided in such resolution or trust indenture.

(b) (i) The proceeds of bonds issued after June 21, 2002, under this section for projects described in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority in providing assistance related to a project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(i) shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the aggregate. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(i) shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(ii) The proceeds of bonds issued after June 21, 2002, under this section for projects described in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Audit in providing services related to a project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Department of Audit shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. The Department of Audit may escalate its budget and expend such funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(ii) shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the aggregate. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(ii) shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(c) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceeds of bonds issued under this section for a project described in Section 57-75-5(f) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority in providing assistance related to the project for which funding is provided for the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each project.

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceeds of bonds issued under this section for a project described in Section 57-75-5(f) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Audit in providing services related to the project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Department of Audit shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. The Department of Audit may escalate its budget and expend such funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each project. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(5) The principal of and the interest on the bonds shall be payable in the manner hereinafter set forth. The bonds shall bear date or dates; be in such denomination or denominations; bear interest at such rate or rates; be payable at such place or places within or without the state; mature absolutely at such time or times; be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium; bear such registration privileges; and be substantially in such form; all as shall be determined by resolution of the State Bond Commission except that such bonds shall mature or otherwise be retired in annual installments beginning not more than five (5) years from the date thereof and extending not more than twenty-five (25) years from the date thereof. The bonds shall be signed by the Chairman of the State Bond Commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the State Bond Commission shall be imprinted on or affixed thereto, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of the State Bond Commission. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials herein designated to sign the bonds, who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until the delivery of the same to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear.

(6) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be and are hereby declared to have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code and in exercising the powers granted by this chapter, the State Bond Commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The State Bond Commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds. The State Bond Commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. The bonds shall bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101 as shall be fixed by the State Bond Commission. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any bonds shall be published at least one time, the first of which shall be made not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more

newspapers having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the State Bond Commission.

The State Bond Commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that the bonds, at the option of the state, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) State bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be the general obligations of the state and backed by the full faith and credit of the state. The Legislature shall appropriate annually an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due. All bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the foregoing provisions of this section.

(9) The State Treasurer is authorized to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants payable out of any funds appropriated by the Legislature under this section for such purpose, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of and interest on all bonds issued under the provisions of this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(10) The bonds may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this chapter. Any resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the State Bond Commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the State Bond Commission by a majority of its members.

(11) In anticipation of the issuance of bonds hereunder, the State Bond Commission is authorized to negotiate and enter into any purchase, loan, credit or other agreement with any bank, trust company or other lending institution or to issue and sell interim notes for the purpose of making any payments authorized under this section. All borrowings made under this provision shall be evidenced by notes of the state which shall be issued from time to time, for such amounts not exceeding the amount of bonds authorized herein, in such form and in such denomination and subject to such terms and conditions of sale and issuance, prepayment or redemption and maturity, rate or rates of interest not to exceed the maximum rate authorized herein for bonds, and time of payment of interest as the State Bond Commission shall agree to in such agreement. Such notes shall constitute general obligations of the state and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the state. Such notes may also be issued for the purpose of refunding previously issued notes. No note shall mature more than three (3) years following the date of its issuance. The State Bond Commission is authorized to provide for the compensation of any purchaser of the notes by payment of a fixed fee or commission and for all other costs and expenses of issuance and service, including paying agent costs. Such costs and expenses may be paid from the proceeds of the notes.

(12) The bonds and interim notes authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided now or hereafter by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The necessary papers for such validation proceedings shall be transmitted to the State Bond Attorney, and the required notice shall be published in a newspaper published in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(13) Any bonds or interim notes issued under the provisions of this chapter, a transaction relating to the sale or securing of such bonds or interim notes, their transfer and the income therefrom shall at all times be free from taxation by the state or any local unit or political subdivision or other instrumentality of the state, excepting inheritance and gift taxes.

(14) All bonds issued under this chapter shall be legal investments for trustees, other fiduciaries, savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi; and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of the state

and all municipalities and other political subdivisions thereof for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(15) The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall represent the State Bond Commission in issuing, selling and validating bonds herein provided for, and the Bond Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to expend from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds authorized hereunder all necessary administrative, legal and other expenses incidental and related to the issuance of bonds authorized under this chapter.

(16) There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Fund wherein shall be deposited the proceeds of the bonds issued under this chapter and all monies received by the authority to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Expenditures authorized herein shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants drawn from the fund, and the Department of Finance and Administration shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the director of the authority.

(17) (a) There is hereby created the Mississippi Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund from which the principal of and interest on such bonds shall be paid by appropriation. All monies paid into the sinking fund not appropriated to pay accruing bonds and interest shall be invested by the State Treasurer in such securities as are provided by law for the investment of the sinking funds of the state.

(b) In the event that all or any part of the bonds and notes are purchased, they shall be cancelled and returned to the loan and transfer agent as cancelled and paid bonds and notes and thereafter all payments of interest thereon shall cease and the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons, together with any other cancelled bonds, notes and coupons, shall be destroyed as promptly as possible after cancellation but not later than two (2) years after cancellation. A certificate evidencing the destruction of the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons shall be provided by the loan and transfer agent to the seller.

(c) The State Treasurer shall determine and report to the Department of Finance and Administration and Legislative Budget Office by September 1 of each year the amount of money necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on outstanding obligations for the following fiscal year and the times and amounts of the payments. It shall be the duty of the Governor to include in every executive budget submitted to the Legislature full information relating to the issuance of bonds and notes under the provisions of this chapter and the status of the sinking fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes.

(d) Any monies repaid to the state from loans authorized in Section 57-75-11(hh) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund unless the State Bond Commission, at the request of the authority, shall determine that such loan repayments are needed to provide additional loans as authorized under Section 57-75-11(hh). For purposes of providing additional loans, there is hereby created the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Revolving Loan Fund and loan repayments shall be deposited into the fund. The fund shall be maintained for such period as determined by the State Bond Commission for the sole purpose of making additional loans as authorized by Section 57-75-11(hh). Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest earned on amounts in such fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(e) Any monies repaid to the state from loans authorized in Section 57-75-11(ii) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund.

(f) Any monies repaid to the state from loans authorized in Section 57-75-11(jj) or Section 57-75-11(vv) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund.

(18) (a) Upon receipt of a declaration by the authority that it has determined that the state is a potential site for a project, the State Bond Commission is authorized and directed to authorize the State Treasurer to borrow money from any special fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to be utilized by the authority for the purposes provided for in this subsection.

(b) The proceeds of the money borrowed under this subsection may be utilized by the authority for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the costs incurred by the authority with respect to acquisition options and planning, design and environmental impact studies with respect to a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix). The authority may escalate its budget and expend the proceeds of the money borrowed under this subsection in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

(c) The authority shall request an appropriation or additional authority to issue general obligation bonds to repay the borrowed funds and establish a date for the repayment of the funds so borrowed.

(d) Borrowings made under the provisions of this subsection shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) at any one time.

[From and after July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

57-75-15. (1) Upon notification to the authority by the enterprise that the state has been finally selected as the site for the project, the State Bond Commission shall have the power and is hereby authorized and directed, upon receipt of a declaration from the authority as hereinafter provided, to borrow money and issue general obligation bonds of the state in one or more series for the purposes herein set out. Upon such notification, the authority may thereafter, from time to time, declare the necessity for the issuance of general obligation bonds as authorized by this section and forward such declaration to the State Bond Commission, provided that before such notification, the authority may enter into agreements with the United States government, private companies and others that will commit the authority to direct the State Bond Commission to issue bonds for eligible undertakings set out in subsection (4) of this section, conditioned on the siting of the project in the state.

(2) Upon receipt of any such declaration from the authority, the State Bond Commission shall verify that the state has been selected as the site of the project and shall act as the issuing agent for the series of bonds directed to be issued in such declaration pursuant to authority granted in this section.

(3) (a) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(i) shall not exceed an aggregate principal amount in the sum of Sixty-seven Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$67,350,000.00).

(b) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii) shall not exceed *** Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000.00). The authority, with the express direction of the State Bond Commission, is authorized to expend any remaining proceeds of bonds issued under the authority of this act prior to January 1, 1998, for the purpose of financing projects as then defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii) or for any other projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii), as it may be amended from time to time. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph (b) until the State Bond Commission by resolution adopts a finding that the issuance of such bonds will improve, expand or otherwise enhance the military installation, its support areas or military operations, or will provide employment opportunities to replace those lost by closure or reductions in operations at the military installation or will support critical studies or investigations authorized by Section 57-75-5(f)(ii).

(c) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iii) shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after December 31, 1996.

(d) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) shall not exceed Three Hundred Fifty-one Million Dollars (\$351,000,000.00). An additional amount of bonds in an amount not to exceed Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000.00) may be issued under the authority of this section for the purpose of defraying costs associated with the construction of surface water transmission lines for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) or for any facility related to the project. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2005.

(e) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(v) and for facilities related to such projects shall not exceed

Thirty-eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$38,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 1, 2005.

(f) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(vii) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2006.

(g) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(viii) shall not exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2008.

(h) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ix) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2007.

(i) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(x) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 1, 2005.

(j) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xii) shall not exceed Thirty-three Million Dollars (\$33,000,000.00). The amount of bonds that may be issued under this paragraph for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xii) may be reduced by the amount of any federal or local funds made available for such projects. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph until local governments in or near the county in which the project is located have irrevocably committed funds to the project in an amount of not less than Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in the aggregate; however, this irrevocable commitment requirement may be waived by the authority upon a finding that due to the unforeseen circumstances created by Hurricane Katrina, the local governments are unable to comply with such commitment. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2008.

(k) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiii) shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(l) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiv) shall not exceed Twenty-four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph until local governments in the county in which the project is located have irrevocably committed funds to the project in an amount of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(m) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xv) shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(n) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xvi) shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2011.

(o) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xvii) shall not exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2010.

(p) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii) shall not exceed Ninety-six Million Dollars (\$96,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2016.

(q) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xix) shall not exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2012.

(r) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xx) shall not exceed Twenty-three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 25, 2013.

(s) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) shall not exceed Two Hundred Ninety-three Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$293,900,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(t) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for Tier One suppliers shall not exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(u) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) shall not exceed Forty-eight Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$48,400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(v) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxiii) shall not exceed Eighty-eight Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$88,250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2009.

(w) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxiv) shall not exceed Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(x) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxv) shall not exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2017.

(y) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvi) shall not exceed Thirty-five Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$35,100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2021.

(z) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvii) shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 25, 2013.

(aa) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii) shall not exceed One Hundred Thirty Million Dollars (\$130,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2023.

(bb) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix) shall not exceed Two Hundred Sixty-three Million Dollars (\$263,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2034.

(cc) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxx) shall not exceed Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2025.

(4) (a) The proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under this section may be applied for the following purposes:

(i) Defraying all or any designated portion of the costs incurred with respect to acquisition, planning, design, construction, installation, rehabilitation, improvement, relocation and with respect to state-owned property, operation and maintenance of the project and any facility related to the project located within the project area, including costs of design and engineering, all costs incurred to provide land, easements and rights-of-way, relocation costs with respect to the project and with respect to any facility related to the project located within the project area, and costs associated with mitigation of environmental impacts and environmental impact studies;

(ii) Defraying the cost of providing for the recruitment, screening, selection, training or retraining of employees, candidates for employment or replacement employees of the project and any related activity;

(iii) Reimbursing the Mississippi Development Authority for expenses it incurred in regard to projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) prior to November 6, 2000. The Mississippi Development Authority shall submit an itemized list of expenses it incurred in regard to such projects to the Chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the Chairmen of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives;

(iv) Providing grants to enterprises operating projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1;

(v) Paying any warranty made by the authority regarding site work for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1;

(vi) Defraying the cost of marketing and promotion of a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii). The authority shall submit an itemized list of costs incurred for marketing and promotion of such project to the Chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the Chairmen of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives;

(vii) Providing for the payment of interest on the bonds;

(viii) Providing debt service reserves;

(ix) Paying underwriters' discount, original issue discount, accountants' fees, engineers' fees, attorneys' fees, rating agency fees and other fees and expenses in connection with the issuance of the bonds;

(x) For purposes authorized in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this subsection (4);

(xi) Providing grants to enterprises operating projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(v), or, in connection with a facility related to such a project, for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xii) Providing grant funds or loans to a public agency or an enterprise owning, leasing or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii);

(xiii) Providing grant funds or loans to an enterprise owning, leasing or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiv);

(xiv) Providing grants, loans and payments to or for the benefit of an enterprise owning or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii);

(xv) Purchasing equipment for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(viii) subject to such terms and conditions as the authority considers necessary and appropriate;

(xvi) Providing grant funds to an enterprise developing or owning a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xx);

(xvii) Providing grants and loans for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(kk), (ll), (mm), (uu), (vv) or, in connection with a facility related to such a project, for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xviii) Providing grants for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(pp) for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xix) Providing grants and loans for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(qq);

(xx) Providing grants for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(rr);

(xxi) Providing grants, loans and payments as authorized in Section 57-75-11(ss);

(xxii) Providing loans as authorized in Section 57-75-11(tt); and

(xxiii) Providing grants as authorized in Section 57-75-11(ww) for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate.

Such bonds shall be issued, from time to time, and in such principal amounts as shall be designated by the authority, not to exceed in aggregate principal amounts the amount authorized in subsection (3) of this section. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under this section may be invested, subject to federal limitations, pending their use, in such securities as may be specified in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or the trust indenture securing them, and the earning on such investment applied as provided in such resolution or trust indenture.

(b) (i) The proceeds of bonds issued after June 21, 2002, under this section for projects described in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority in providing assistance related to a project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought.

Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(i) shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the aggregate. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(i) shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(ii) The proceeds of bonds issued after June 21, 2002, under this section for projects described in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Audit in providing services related to a project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Department of Audit shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. The Department of Audit may escalate its budget and expend such funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(ii) shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the aggregate. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(ii) shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(c) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceeds of bonds issued under this section for a project described in Section 57-75-5(f) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority in providing assistance related to the project for which funding is provided for the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each project.

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceeds of bonds issued under this section for a project described in Section 57-75-5(f) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Audit in providing services related to the project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Department of Audit shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. The Department of Audit may escalate its budget and expend such funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each project. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(5) The principal of and the interest on the bonds shall be payable in the manner hereinafter set forth. The bonds shall bear date or dates; be in such denomination or denominations; bear interest at such rate or rates; be payable at such place or places within or without the state; mature absolutely at such time or times; be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium; bear such registration privileges; and be substantially in such form; all as shall be determined by resolution of the State Bond Commission except that such bonds shall mature or otherwise be retired in annual installments beginning not more than five (5) years from the date thereof and extending not more than twenty-five (25) years from the date thereof. The bonds shall be signed by the Chairman of the State Bond Commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the State Bond Commission shall be imprinted on or affixed thereto, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of the State Bond Commission. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials herein designated to sign the bonds, who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until the delivery of the same to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear.

(6) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be and are hereby declared to have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code and in exercising the powers granted by this

chapter, the State Bond Commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The State Bond Commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds, prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the bonds on sealed bids at public sale, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds. The State Bond Commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall be made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to date of delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. The bonds shall bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101 as shall be fixed by the State Bond Commission. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually; provided that the first interest payment may be for any period of not more than one (1) year.

Notice of the sale of any bonds shall be published at least one time, the first of which shall be made not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the State Bond Commission.

The State Bond Commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that the bonds, at the option of the state, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) State bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be the general obligations of the state and backed by the full faith and credit of the state. The Legislature shall appropriate annually an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due. All bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the foregoing provisions of this section.

(9) The State Treasurer is authorized to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants payable out of any funds appropriated by the Legislature under this section for such purpose, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of and interest on all bonds issued under the provisions of this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(10) The bonds may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this chapter. Any resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the State Bond Commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the State Bond Commission by a majority of its members.

(11) In anticipation of the issuance of bonds hereunder, the State Bond Commission is authorized to negotiate and enter into any purchase, loan, credit or other agreement with any bank, trust company or other lending institution or to issue and sell interim notes for the purpose of making any payments authorized under this section. All borrowings made under this provision shall be evidenced by notes of the state which shall be issued from time to time, for such amounts not exceeding the amount of bonds authorized herein, in such form and in such denomination and subject to such terms and conditions of sale and issuance, prepayment or redemption and maturity, rate or rates of interest not to exceed the maximum rate authorized herein for bonds, and time of payment of interest as the State Bond Commission shall agree to in such agreement. Such notes shall constitute general obligations of the state and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the state. Such notes may also be issued for the purpose of refunding previously issued notes. No note shall mature more than three (3) years following the date of its issuance. The State Bond Commission is authorized to provide for the compensation of any purchaser of the notes by payment of a fixed fee or commission and for all other costs and expenses of issuance and service, including paying agent costs. Such costs and expenses may be paid from the proceeds of the notes.

(12) The bonds and interim notes authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided now or hereafter by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The necessary papers for such validation proceedings shall be transmitted to the State Bond Attorney, and the required notice shall be published in a newspaper published in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(13) Any bonds or interim notes issued under the provisions of this chapter, a transaction relating to the sale or securing of such bonds or interim notes, their transfer and the income therefrom shall at all times be free from taxation by the state or any local unit or political subdivision or other instrumentality of the state, excepting inheritance and gift taxes.

(14) All bonds issued under this chapter shall be legal investments for trustees, other fiduciaries, savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi; and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of the state and all municipalities and other political subdivisions thereof for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(15) The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall represent the State Bond Commission in issuing, selling and validating bonds herein provided for, and the Bond Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to expend from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds authorized hereunder all necessary administrative, legal and other expenses incidental and related to the issuance of bonds authorized under this chapter.

(16) There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Fund wherein shall be deposited the proceeds of the bonds issued under this chapter and all monies received by the authority to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Expenditures authorized herein shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants drawn from the fund, and the Department of Finance and Administration shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the director of the authority.

(17) (a) There is hereby created the Mississippi Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund from which the principal of and interest on such bonds shall be paid by appropriation. All monies paid into the sinking fund not appropriated to pay accruing bonds and interest shall be invested by the State Treasurer in such securities as are provided by law for the investment of the sinking funds of the state.

(b) In the event that all or any part of the bonds and notes are purchased, they shall be cancelled and returned to the loan and transfer agent as cancelled and paid bonds and notes and thereafter all payments of interest thereon shall cease and the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons, together with any other cancelled bonds, notes and coupons, shall be destroyed as promptly as possible after cancellation but not later than two (2) years after cancellation. A certificate evidencing the destruction of the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons shall be provided by the loan and transfer agent to the seller.

(c) The State Treasurer shall determine and report to the Department of Finance and Administration and Legislative Budget Office by September 1 of each year the amount of money necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on outstanding obligations for the following fiscal year and the times and amounts of the payments. It shall be the duty of the Governor to include in every executive budget submitted to the Legislature full information relating to the issuance of bonds and notes under the provisions of this chapter and the status of the sinking fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes.

(d) Any monies repaid to the state from loans authorized in Section 57-75-11(hh) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund unless the State Bond Commission, at the request of the authority, shall determine that such loan repayments are needed to provide additional loans as authorized under Section 57-75-11(hh). For purposes of providing additional loans, there is hereby created the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Revolving Loan Fund and loan repayments shall be deposited into the fund. The fund shall be maintained for such period

as determined by the State Bond Commission for the sole purpose of making additional loans as authorized by Section 57-75-11(hh). Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest earned on amounts in such fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(e) Any monies repaid to the state from loans authorized in Section 57-75-11(ii) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund.

(f) Any monies repaid to the state from loans authorized in Section 57-75-11(jj) or Section 57-75-11(vv) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund.

(18) (a) Upon receipt of a declaration by the authority that it has determined that the state is a potential site for a project, the State Bond Commission is authorized and directed to authorize the State Treasurer to borrow money from any special fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to be utilized by the authority for the purposes provided for in this subsection.

(b) The proceeds of the money borrowed under this subsection may be utilized by the authority for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the costs incurred by the authority with respect to acquisition options and planning, design and environmental impact studies with respect to a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix). The authority may escalate its budget and expend the proceeds of the money borrowed under this subsection in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

(c) The authority shall request an appropriation or additional authority to issue general obligation bonds to repay the borrowed funds and establish a date for the repayment of the funds so borrowed.

(d) Borrowings made under the provisions of this subsection shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) at any one time.

SECTION 9. Section 65-4-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-4-25. The Mississippi Development Authority, acting through its executive director, is authorized, at one time or from time to time, to declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of negotiable general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the Economic Development Highway Fund established in Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, the executive director shall deliver a certified copy of his resolution or resolutions to the State Bond Commission. Upon receipt of the resolution, the State Bond Commission, in its discretion, shall act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for the sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The principal amount of bonds issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall not exceed *** Three Hundred Ninety-one Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$391,500,000.00) in the aggregate. However, an additional amount of bonds may be issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, in an amount not to exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00), and the proceeds of any such additional bonds issued shall be used to provide funding for a high economic benefit project as defined in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(vi), Mississippi Code of 1972. An additional amount of bonds may be issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the proceeds of which shall be used to provide funding for a high economic benefit project as defined in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(v).

SECTION 10. Section 25, Chapter 533, Laws of 2010, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 30, Laws of 2010 Second Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 301, Laws of 2011, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 480, Laws of 2011, as

amended by Section 1, Chapter 1, Laws of 2011 First Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, is amended as follows:

Section 25. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-221. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Four Hundred Seventy-eight Million Dollars (\$478,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-221. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale

of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund created in Section 57-1-221. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 11. Section 27-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-21. (a) Allowance of deductions. In the case of a resident individual, the exemptions provided by this section, as applicable to individuals, shall be allowed as deductions in computing taxable income.

(b) Single individuals. In the case of a single individual, a personal exemption of Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,250.00) for the 1979 and 1980 calendar years * * *, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for each calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2021, and Thirty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$37,700.00) for each calendar year thereafter.

(c) Married individuals. In the case of married individuals living together, a joint personal exemption of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the 1979 and 1980 calendar years and Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500.00) for the 1981 through 1997 calendar years, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the calendar year 1998, Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) for the calendar year 1999, * * * Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) for each calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2021, and Seventy-five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$75,400.00) for each calendar year thereafter. A husband and wife living together shall receive but one (1) personal exemption in the amounts provided for in this subsection for each calendar year against their aggregate income.

(d) Head of family individuals. In the case of a head of family individual, a personal exemption of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the 1979 and 1980 calendar years * * *, Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500.00) for each calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2021, and Thirty-six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$36,600.00) for each calendar year thereafter. The term "head of family" means an individual who is single, or married but not living with his spouse for the entire taxable year, who maintains a household which constitutes the principal place of abode of himself and one or more individuals who are dependents under the provisions of Section 152(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. The head of family individual shall be entitled to the additional dependent exemption as provided in subsection (e) of this section only to the extent of dependents in excess of the one (1) dependent needed to qualify as head of family.

(e) Additional exemption for dependents. In the case of any individual having a dependent, other than husband or wife, an additional personal exemption of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for each such dependent, except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section. The term "dependent" as used in this subsection shall mean any person or individual who qualifies as a dependent under the provisions of Section 152, Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

(f) Additional exemption for taxpayer or spouse aged sixty-five (65) or more. In the case of any taxpayer or the spouse of the taxpayer who has attained the age of sixty-five (65) before the close of his taxable year, an additional exemption of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

(g) Additional exemption for blindness of taxpayer or spouse. In the case of any taxpayer or the spouse of the taxpayer who is blind at the close of the taxable year, an additional exemption of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). For the

purpose of this subsection, an individual is blind only if his central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if his visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty (20) degrees.

(h) Husband and wife--claiming exemptions. In the case of husband and wife living together and filing combined returns, the personal and additional exemptions authorized and allowed by this section may be taken by either, or divided between them in any manner they may choose. If the husband and wife fail to choose, the commissioner shall divide the exemptions between husband and wife in an equitable manner. In the case of a husband and wife filing separate returns, the personal and additional exemptions authorized and allowed by this section shall be divided equally between the spouses.

(i) Nonresidents. A nonresident individual shall be allowed the same personal and additional exemptions as are authorized for resident individuals in subsection (a) of this section; however, the nonresident individual is entitled only to that proportion of the personal and additional exemptions as his net income from sources within the State of Mississippi bears to his total or entire net income from all sources.

A nonresident individual who is married and whose spouse has income from independent sources must declare the joint income of himself and his spouse from sources within and without Mississippi and claim as a personal exemption that proportion of the authorized personal and additional exemptions which the total net income from Mississippi sources bears to the total net income of both spouses from all sources. If both spouses have income from sources within Mississippi and wish to file separate returns, their combined personal and additional exemptions shall be that proration of the exemption which their combined net income from Mississippi sources is of their total combined net income from all sources. The amount of the personal and additional exemptions so computed may be divided between them in any manner they choose.

In the case of married individuals where one (1) spouse is a resident and the other is a nonresident, the personal exemption of the resident individual shall be prorated on the same basis as if both were nonresidents having net income from within and without the State of Mississippi.

For the purpose of this subsection, the term "net income" means gross income less business expenses incurred in the taxpayer's regular trade or business and computed in accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi Income Tax Law.

(j) Part-year residents. An individual who is a resident of Mississippi for only a part of his taxable year by reason of either moving into the state or moving from the state shall be allowed the same personal and additional exemptions as authorized for resident individuals in subsection (a) of this section; the part-year resident shall prorate his exemption on the same basis as nonresidents having net income from within and without the state.

(k) Estates. In the case of an estate, a specific exemption of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

(l) Trusts. In the case of a trust which, under its governing instrument, is required to distribute all of its income currently, a specific exemption of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). In the case of all other trusts, a specific exemption of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

(m) Corporations, foundations, joint ventures, associations. In the case of a corporation, foundation, joint venture or association taxable herein, there shall be allowed no specific exemption, except as provided under the Growth and Prosperity Act, Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7, and Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.

(n) Status. The status on the last day of the taxable year, except in the case of the head of family as provided in subsection (d) of this section, shall determine the right to the exemptions provided in this section; provided, that a taxpayer shall be entitled to such exemptions, otherwise allowable, if the husband or wife or dependent has died during the taxable year.

(o) Fiscal-year taxpayers. Individual taxpayers reporting on a fiscal year basis shall prorate their exemptions in a manner established by regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

(p) (i) On or before December 1, 2022, and on or before December 1 of each succeeding year, the Commissioner of Revenue shall calculate the amount of the

increases in the personal exemption for single individuals, the personal exemption for married individuals, and the personal exemption for head of family individuals, that will produce a reduction in revenue equal to the tax reduction growth amount calculated as provided in paragraph (ii) of this subsection (p). The commissioner shall increase each of the personal exemptions by the amount calculated in this paragraph (i), rounded down to the nearest One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) increment, and the revised personal exemption amounts calculated by the commissioner shall be effective for the next calendar year. From and after January 1 of the next succeeding year after the date that the Commissioner of Revenue certifies that the reduction in revenue mandated by this paragraph (i) equals or exceeds the remaining revenue produced by the individual income tax, the individual income tax shall stand repealed as provided in Section 27-7-5.

(ii) On or before October 1, 2022, and on or before October 1 of each succeeding year, the Legislative Budget Office shall provide to the Commissioner of Revenue the following amounts:

1. The amount of the actual general fund revenue collected during the most recent full fiscal year, excluding any funds received from a nonrecurring revenue source;

2. The amount of the actual general fund revenue collected during the fiscal year immediately preceding the most recent full fiscal year, excluding any funds received from a nonrecurring revenue source;

3. The inflation factor, which shall be determined by dividing the CPI-U for the most recent full fiscal year by the CPI-U for the fiscal year immediately preceding the most recent full fiscal year. As used in this paragraph (ii), "CPI-U" means the United States Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, South Region as defined and reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics;

4. The adjusted inflation factor, which is the lesser of 1.015 or the inflation factor determined under subparagraph 3 of this paragraph (ii); and

5. The tax reduction growth amount for the current fiscal year, which shall be determined by:

a. Multiplying the amount of the actual general fund revenue collected during the fiscal year immediately preceding the most recent full fiscal year by the adjusted inflation factor, and

b. Subtracting the amount determined under item a of this subparagraph 5 from the amount of the actual general fund revenue collected during the most recent full fiscal year.

(iii) For the purposes of paragraph (ii)1 of this subsection (p), the amount of the actual general fund revenue collected during Fiscal Year 2022 shall be reduced by the amount of income tax paid during the months of January through June of Fiscal Year 2022 for calendar year 2021 on amounts up to Thirty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$37,700.00) for single individuals, Seventy-five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$75,400.00) for married individuals, and Thirty-six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$36,600.00) for head of family individuals.

(q) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, with regard to the personal exemptions authorized under this section, a taxpayer may elect to have the taxpayer's individual income tax liability for any year after calendar year 2021 assessed with the personal exemptions authorized under this section as it existed on January 1, 2021, or with the personal exemptions authorized under this section, as amended by this act.

SECTION 12. Section 27-65-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-17. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, upon every person engaging or continuing within this state in the business of selling any tangible personal property whatsoever there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross proceeds of the retail sales of the business.

(b) Retail sales of farm tractors and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such tractors shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) when made to farmers for agricultural purposes.

(c) (i) Retail sales of farm implements sold to farmers and used directly in the production of poultry, ratite, domesticated fish as defined in Section 69-7-501, livestock, livestock products, agricultural crops or ornamental plant crops or used for other agricultural purposes, and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such implements, shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) when used on the farm.

(ii) The one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) rate shall also apply to all equipment used in logging, pulpwood operations or tree farming, and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such equipment, which is either:

1. Self-propelled, or
2. Mounted so that it is permanently attached to

other equipment which is self-propelled or attached to other equipment drawn by a vehicle which is self-propelled.

In order to be eligible for the rate of tax provided for in this subparagraph (ii), such sales must be made to a professional logger. For the purposes of this subparagraph (ii), a "professional logger" is a person, corporation, limited liability company or other entity, or an agent thereof, who possesses a professional logger's permit issued by the Department of Revenue and who presents the permit to the seller at the time of purchase. The department shall establish an application process for a professional logger's permit to be issued, which shall include a requirement that the applicant submit a copy of documentation verifying that the applicant is certified according to Sustainable Forestry Initiative guidelines. Upon a determination that an applicant is a professional logger, the department shall issue the applicant a numbered professional logger's permit.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, retail sales of aircraft, automobiles, trucks, truck-tractors, semitrailers and manufactured or mobile homes shall be taxed at the rate of * * * five and one-half percent (5-1/2%).

(e) Sales of manufacturing machinery or manufacturing machine parts when made to a manufacturer or custom processor for plant use only when the machinery and machine parts will be used exclusively and directly within this state in manufacturing a commodity for sale, rental or in processing for a fee shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%).

(f) Sales of machinery and machine parts when made to a technology intensive enterprise for plant use only when the machinery and machine parts will be used exclusively and directly within this state for industrial purposes, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or research and development activities, shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%). In order to be considered a technology intensive enterprise for purposes of this paragraph:

(i) The enterprise shall meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(ii) The enterprise shall employ at least ten (10) persons in full-time jobs;

(iii) At least ten percent (10%) of the workforce in the facility operated by the enterprise shall be scientists, engineers or computer specialists;

(iv) The enterprise shall manufacture plastics, chemicals, automobiles, aircraft, computers or electronics; or shall be a research and development facility, a computer design or related facility, or a software publishing facility or other technology intensive facility or enterprise as determined by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(v) The average wage of all workers employed by the enterprise at the facility shall be at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the state average annual wage; and

(vi) The enterprise must provide a basic health care plan to all employees at the facility.

(g) Sales of materials for use in track and track structures to a railroad whose rates are fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Mississippi Public Service Commission shall be taxed at the rate of * * * five and one-half percent (5-1/2%).

(h) Sales of tangible personal property to electric power associations for use in the ordinary and necessary operation of their generating or distribution systems shall be taxed at the rate of * * * three and one-half percent (3-1/2%).

(i) Wholesale sales of beer shall be taxed at the rate of seven percent (7%), and the retailer shall file a return and compute the retail tax on retail sales but may take credit for the amount of the tax paid to the wholesaler on said return covering the subsequent sales of same property, provided adequate invoices and records are maintained to substantiate the credit.

(j) Wholesale sales of food and drink for human consumption to full-service vending machine operators to be sold through vending machines located apart from and not connected with other taxable businesses shall be taxed at the rate of eight percent (8%).

(k) Sales of equipment used or designed for the purpose of assisting disabled persons, such as wheelchair equipment and lifts, that is mounted or attached to or installed on a private carrier of passengers or light carrier of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, at the time when the private carrier of passengers or light carrier of property is sold shall be taxed at the same rate as the sale of such vehicles under this section.

(l) Sales of the factory-built components of modular homes, panelized homes and precut homes, and panel constructed homes consisting of structural insulated panels, shall be taxed at the rate of * * * five and one-half percent (5-1/2%).

(m) Sales of materials used in the repair, renovation, addition to, expansion and/or improvement of buildings and related facilities used by a dairy producer shall be taxed at the rate of * * * six percent (6%). For the purposes of this paragraph (m), "dairy producer" means any person engaged in the production of milk for commercial use.

(n) From and after July 1, 2021, retail sales of food for human consumption not purchased with food stamps issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, or other federal agency, but which would be exempt under Section 27-65-111(o) from the taxes imposed by this chapter if the food items were purchased with food stamps, shall be taxed as follows:

(i) From and after July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, such sales shall be taxed at the rate of four and one-half percent (4-1/2%);

(ii) From and after July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, such sales shall be taxed at the rate of four percent (4%); and

(ii) From and after July 1, 2026, such sales shall be taxed at the rate of three and one-half percent (3-1/2%).

(2) From and after January 1, 1995, retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, shall be taxed an additional two percent (2%).

(3) A manufacturer selling at retail in this state shall be required to make returns of the gross proceeds of such sales and pay the tax imposed in this section.

SECTION 13. Section 27-65-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-19. (1) (a) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, upon every person selling to consumers, electricity, current, power, potable water, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross income of the business. Provided, gross income from sales to consumers of electricity, current, power, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel for residential heating, lighting or other residential noncommercial or nonagricultural use, and sales of potable water for residential, noncommercial or nonagricultural use shall be excluded from taxable gross income of the business. Provided further, upon every such seller using electricity, current, power, potable water, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel for nonindustrial purposes, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the cost or value of the product or service used.

(ii) Gross income from sales to a church that is exempt from federal income taxation under 26 USCS Section 501(c)(3) of electricity, current, power, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel for heating, lighting or other use,

and sales of potable water to such a church shall be excluded from taxable gross income of the business if the electricity, current, power, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or potable water is utilized on property that is primarily used for religious or educational purposes.

(b) (i) There is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the gross income of the business from the sale of naturally occurring carbon dioxide and anthropogenic carbon dioxide lawfully injected into the earth for:

1. Use in an enhanced oil recovery project, including, but not limited to, use for cycling, repressuring or lifting of oil; or
2. Permanent sequestration in a geological formation.

(ii) The one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) rate provided for in this subsection shall apply to electricity, current, power, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel that is sold to a producer of oil and gas for use directly in enhanced oil recovery using carbon dioxide and/or the permanent sequestration of carbon dioxide in a geological formation.

(c) The one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) rate provided for in this subsection shall not apply to sales of fuel for automobiles, trucks, truck-tractors, buses, farm tractors or airplanes.

(d) (i) Upon every person providing services in this state, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected:

1. A tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross income received from all charges for intrastate telecommunications services.
2. A tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross income received from all charges for interstate telecommunications services.
3. A tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross income received from all charges for international telecommunications services.
4. A tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross income received from all charges for ancillary services.
5. A tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross income received from all charges for products delivered electronically, including, but not limited to, software, music, games, reading materials or ring tones.

(ii) A person, upon proof that he has paid a tax in another state on an event described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed in this paragraph (d) on interstate telecommunications service charges to the extent that the amount of such tax is properly due and actually paid in such other state and to the extent that the rate of sales tax imposed by and paid in such other state does not exceed the rate of sales tax imposed by this paragraph (d).

(iii) Charges by one (1) telecommunications provider to another telecommunications provider holding a permit issued under Section 27-65-27 for services that are resold by such other telecommunications provider, including, but not limited to, access charges, shall not be subject to the tax levied pursuant to this paragraph (d).

(iv) For purposes of this paragraph (d):

1. "Telecommunications service" means the electronic transmission, conveyance or routing of voice, data, audio, video or any other information or signals to a point, or between points. The term "telecommunications service" includes such transmission, conveyance or routing in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, code or protocol of the content for purposes of transmission, conveyance or routing without regard to whether such service is referred to as voice over Internet protocol services or is classified by the Federal Communications Commission as enhanced or value added. The term "telecommunications service" shall not include:

a. Data processing and information services that allow data to be generated, acquired, stored, processed or retrieved and delivered by an electronic transmission to a purchaser where such purchaser's primary purpose for the underlying transaction is the processed data or information;

b. Installation or maintenance of wiring or equipment on a customer's premises;

c. Tangible personal property;

d. Advertising, including, but not limited to, directory advertising;

e. Billing and collection services provided to third parties;

f. Internet access service;

g. Radio and television audio and video programming services regardless of the medium, including the furnishing of transmission, conveyance and routing of such services by the programming service provider. Radio and television audio and video programming services shall include, but not be limited to, cable service as defined in 47 USCS 522(6) and audio and video programming services delivered by commercial mobile radio service providers, as defined in 47 CFR 20.3;

h. Ancillary services; or

i. Digital products delivered electronically, including, but not limited to, software, music, video, reading materials or ring tones.

2. "Ancillary services" means services that are associated with or incidental to the provision of telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, detailed telecommunications billing, directory assistance, vertical service and voice mail service.

a. "Conference bridging" means an ancillary service that links two (2) or more participants of an audio or video conference call and may include the provision of a telephone number. Conference bridging does not include the telecommunications services used to reach the conference bridge.

b. "Detailed telecommunications billing service" means an ancillary service of separately stating information pertaining to individual calls on a customer's billing statement.

c. "Directory assistance" means an ancillary service of providing telephone number information and/or address information.

d. "Vertical service" means an ancillary service that is offered in connection with one or more telecommunications services, which offers advanced calling features that allow customers to identify callers and to manage multiple calls and call connections, including conference bridging services.

e. "Voice mail service" means an ancillary service that enables the customer to store, send or receive recorded messages. Voice mail service does not include any vertical services that the customer may be required to have in order to utilize the voice mail service.

3. "Intrastate" means telecommunications service that originates in one (1) United States state or United States territory or possession, and terminates in the same United States state or United States territory or possession.

4. "Interstate" means a telecommunications service that originates in one (1) United States state or United States territory or possession, and terminates in a different United States state or United States territory or possession.

5. "International" means a telecommunications service that originates or terminates in the United States and terminates or originates outside the United States, respectively.

(v) For purposes of paragraph (d), the following sourcing rules shall apply:

1. Except for the defined telecommunications services in item 3 of this subparagraph, the sales of telecommunications services sold on a call-by-call basis shall be sourced to:

a. Each level of taxing jurisdiction where the call originates and terminates in that jurisdiction, or
b. Each level of taxing jurisdiction where the call either originates or terminates and in which the service address is also located.

2. Except for the defined telecommunications services in item 3 of this subparagraph, a sale of telecommunications services sold on a basis other than a call-by-call basis, is sourced to the customer's place of primary use.

3. The sale of the following telecommunications services shall be sourced to each level of taxing jurisdiction as follows:

a. A sale of mobile telecommunications services other than air-to-ground radiotelephone service and prepaid calling service is sourced to the customer's place of primary use as required by the Mobile Telecommunication Sourcing Act.

A. A home service provider shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining the customer's place of primary use. The home service provider shall be entitled to rely on the applicable residential or business street address supplied by such customer, if the home service provider's reliance is in good faith; and the home service provider shall be held harmless from liability for any additional taxes based on a different determination of the place of primary use for taxes that are customarily passed on to the customer as a separate itemized charge. A home service provider shall be allowed to treat the address used for purposes of the tax levied by this chapter for any customer under a service contract in effect on August 1, 2002, as that customer's place of primary use for the remaining term of such service contract or agreement, excluding any extension or renewal of such service contract or agreement. Month-to-month services provided after the expiration of a contract shall be treated as an extension or renewal of such contract or agreement.

B. If the commissioner determines that the address used by a home service provider as a customer's place of primary use does not meet the definition of the term "place of primary use" as defined in subitem a.A. of this item 3, the commissioner shall give binding notice to the home service provider to change the place of primary use on a prospective basis from the date of notice of determination; however, the customer shall have the opportunity, prior to such notice of determination, to demonstrate that such address satisfies the definition.

C. The department has the right to collect any taxes due directly from the home service provider's customer that has failed to provide an address that meets the definition of the term "place of primary use" which resulted in a failure of tax otherwise due being remitted.

b. A sale of postpaid calling service is sourced to the origination point of the telecommunications signal as first identified by either:

A. The seller's telecommunications system; or

B. Information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport such signals is not that of the seller.

c. A sale of a prepaid calling service or prepaid wireless calling service shall be subject to the tax imposed by this paragraph if the sale takes place in this state. If the customer physically purchases a prepaid calling service or prepaid wireless calling service at the vendor's place of business, the sale is deemed to take place at the vendor's place of business. If the customer does not physically purchase the service at the vendor's place of business, the sale of a prepaid calling card or prepaid wireless calling card is deemed to take place at the first of the following locations that applies to the sale:

A. The customer's shipping address, if the sale involves a shipment;

address;
customer that is known by the vendor; or
D. The address of the vendor, or alternatively, in the case of a prepaid wireless calling service, the location associated with the mobile telephone number.

4. A sale of a private communication service is sourced as follows:

a. Service for a separate charge related to a customer channel termination point is sourced to each level of jurisdiction in which such customer channel termination point is located.

b. Service where all customer termination points are located entirely within one (1) jurisdiction or levels of jurisdiction is sourced in such jurisdiction in which the customer channel termination points are located.

c. Service for segments of a channel between two (2) customer channel termination points located in different jurisdictions and which segments of a channel are separately charged is sourced fifty percent (50%) in each level of jurisdiction in which the customer channel termination points are located.

d. Service for segments of a channel located in more than one (1) jurisdiction or levels of jurisdiction and which segments are not separately billed is sourced in each jurisdiction based on the percentage determined by dividing the number of customer channel termination points in such jurisdiction by the total number of customer channel termination points.

5. A sale of ancillary services is sourced to the customer's place of primary use.

(vi) For purposes of subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (d):

1. "Air-to-ground radiotelephone service" means a radio service, as that term is defined in 47 CFR 22.99, in which common carriers are authorized to offer and provide radio telecommunications service for hire to subscribers in aircraft.

2. "Call-by-call basis" means any method of charging for telecommunications services where the price is measured by individual calls.

3. "Communications channel" means a physical or virtual path of communications over which signals are transmitted between or among customer channel termination points.

4. "Customer" means the person or entity that contracts with the seller of telecommunications services. If the end user of telecommunications services is not the contracting party, the end user of the telecommunications service is the customer of the telecommunications service. Customer does not include a reseller of telecommunications service or for mobile telecommunications service of a serving carrier under an agreement to serve the customer outside the home service provider's licensed service area.

5. "Customer channel termination point" means the location where the customer either inputs or receives the communications.

6. "End user" means the person who utilizes the telecommunications service. In the case of an entity, "end user" means the individual who utilizes the service on behalf of the entity.

7. "Home service provider" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 124(5) of Public Law 106-252 (Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act).

8. "Mobile telecommunications service" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 124(7) of Public Law 106-252 (Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act).

9. "Place of primary use" means the street address representative of where the customer's use of the telecommunications service primarily occurs, which must be the residential street address or the primary business

street address of the customer. In the case of mobile telecommunications services, the place of primary use must be within the licensed service area of the home service provider.

10. "Post-paid calling service" means the telecommunications service obtained by making a payment on a call-by-call basis either through the use of a credit card or payment mechanism such as a bank card, travel card, credit card or debit card, or by charge made to a telephone number which is not associated with the origination or termination of the telecommunications service. A post-paid calling service includes a telecommunications service, except a prepaid wireless calling service that would be a prepaid calling service except it is not exclusively a telecommunications service.

11. "Prepaid calling service" means the right to access exclusively telecommunications services, which must be paid for in advance and which enables the origination of calls using an access number or authorization code, whether manually or electronically dialed, and that is sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.

12. "Prepaid wireless calling service" means a telecommunications service that provides the right to utilize mobile wireless service as well as other nontelecommunications services, including the download of digital products delivered electronically, content and ancillary service, which must be paid for in advance that is sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.

13. "Private communication service" means a telecommunications service that entitles the customer to exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or group of channels between or among termination points, regardless of the manner in which such channel or channels are connected, and includes switching capacity, extension lines, stations and any other associated services that are provided in connection with the use of such channel or channels.

14. "Service address" means:

a. The location of the telecommunications equipment to which a customer's call is charged and from which the call originates or terminates, regardless of where the call is billed or paid.

b. If the location in subitem a of this item 14 is not known, the origination point of the signal of the telecommunications services first identified by either the seller's telecommunications system or in information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport such signals is not that of the seller.

c. If the location in subitems a and b of this item 14 are not known, the location of the customer's place of primary use.

(vii) 1. For purposes of this subparagraph (vii), "bundled transaction" means a transaction that consists of distinct and identifiable properties or services which are sold for a single nonitemized price but which are treated differently for tax purposes.

2. In the case of a bundled transaction that includes telecommunications services, ancillary services, Internet access, or audio or video programming services taxed under this chapter in which the price of the bundled transaction is attributable to properties or services that are taxable and nontaxable, the portion of the price that is attributable to any nontaxable property or service shall be subject to the tax unless the provider can reasonably identify that portion from its books and records kept in the regular course of business.

3. In the case of a bundled transaction that includes telecommunications services, ancillary services, Internet access, audio or video programming services subject to tax under this chapter in which the price is attributable to properties or services that are subject to the tax but the tax revenue from the different properties or services are dedicated to different funds or purposes, the provider shall allocate the price among the properties or services:

a. By reasonably identifying the portion of the price attributable to each of the properties and services from its books and records kept in the regular course of business; or

b. Based on a reasonable allocation methodology approved by the department.

4. This subparagraph (vii) shall not create a right of action for a customer to require that the provider or the department, for purposes of determining the amount of tax applicable to a bundled transaction, allocate the price to the different portions of the transaction in order to minimize the amount of tax charged to the customer. A customer shall not be entitled to rely on the fact that a portion of the price is attributable to properties or services not subject to tax unless the provider elects, after receiving a written request from the customer in the form required by the provider, to provide verifiable data based upon the provider's books and records that are kept in the regular course of business that reasonably identifies the portion of the price attributable to the properties or services not subject to the tax.

(2) Persons making sales to consumers of electricity, current, power, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel for residential heating, lighting or other residential noncommercial or nonagricultural use or sales of potable water for residential, noncommercial or nonagricultural use shall indicate on each statement rendered to customers that such charges are exempt from sales taxes.

(3) There is hereby levied, assessed and shall be paid on transportation charges on shipments moving between points within this state when paid directly by the consumer, a tax equal to the rate applicable to the sale of the property being transported. Such tax shall be reported and paid directly to the Department of Revenue by the consumer.

SECTION 14. Section 27-65-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-20. Upon every person engaging or continuing within this state in the business of selling machinery, machine parts and/or equipment to an operator or lessee of any structures, facilities and lands acquired and operated or leased pursuant to any of the provisions of Chapter 9, Title 59, Mississippi Code of 1972, which machinery, machine parts and/or equipment is to be located on and used exclusively and directly in the operation of such structures, facilities and lands, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to * * * four percent (4%) of the gross proceeds of such retail sales of the business.

SECTION 15. Section 27-65-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-22. (1) Upon every person engaging or continuing in any amusement business or activity, which shall include all manner and forms of entertainment and amusement, all forms of diversion, sport, recreation or pastime, shows, exhibitions, contests, displays, games or any other and all methods of obtaining admission charges, donations, contributions or monetary charges of any character, from the general public or a limited or selected number thereof, directly or indirectly in return for other than tangible property or specific personal or professional services, whether such amusement is held or conducted in a public or private building, hotel, tent, pavilion, lot or resort, enclosed or in the open, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross income received as admission, except as otherwise provided herein. In lieu of the rate set forth above, there is hereby imposed, levied and assessed, to be collected as hereinafter provided, a tax of three percent (3%) of gross revenue derived from sales of admission to publicly owned enclosed coliseums and auditoriums (except admissions to athletic contests between colleges and universities). There is hereby imposed, levied and assessed a tax of * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of gross revenue derived from sales of admission to events conducted on property managed by the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, which tax shall be administered in the manner prescribed in this chapter, subject, however, to the provisions of Sections 55-23-3 through 55-23-11.

(2) The operator of any place of amusement in this state shall collect the tax imposed by this section, in addition to the price charged for admission to any place of amusement, and under all circumstances the person conducting the amusement shall be liable for, and pay the tax imposed based upon the actual charge for such admission. Where permits are obtained for conducting temporary amusements by persons who are not the owners, lessees or custodians of the buildings, lots or places where the

amusements are to be conducted, or where such temporary amusement is permitted by the owner, lessee or custodian of any place to be conducted without the procurement of a permit as required by this chapter, the tax imposed by this chapter shall be paid by the owner, lessee or custodian of such place where such temporary amusement is held or conducted, unless paid by the person conducting the amusement, and the applicant for such temporary permit shall furnish with the application therefor, the name and address of the owner, lessee or custodian of the premises upon which such amusement is to be conducted, and such owner, lessee or custodian shall be notified by the commission of the issuance of such permit, and of the joint liability for such tax.

(3) The tax imposed by this section shall not be levied or collected upon:

(a) Any admissions charged at any place of amusement operated by a religious, charitable or educational organization, or by a nonprofit civic club or fraternal organization (i) when the net proceeds of such admissions do not inure to any one or more individuals within such organization and are to be used solely for religious, charitable, educational or civic purposes; or (ii) when the entire net proceeds are used to defray the normal operating expenses of such organization, such as loan payments, maintenance costs, repairs and other operating expenses;

(b) Any admissions charged to hear gospel singing when promoted by a duly constituted local, bona fide nonprofit charitable or religious organization, irrespective of the fact that the performers and promoters are paid out of the proceeds of admissions collected, provided the program is composed entirely of gospel singing and not generally mixed with hillbilly or popular singing;

(c) Any admissions charged at any athletic games or contests between high schools or between grammar schools;

(d) Any admissions or tickets to or for baseball games between teams operated under a professional league franchise;

(e) Any admissions to county, state or community fairs, or any admissions to entertainments presented in community homes or houses which are publicly owned and controlled, and the proceeds of which do not inure to any individual or individuals;

(f) Any admissions or tickets to organized garden pilgrimages and to antebellum and historic houses when sponsored by an organized civic or garden club;

(g) Any admissions to any golf tournament held under the auspices of the Professional Golf Association or United States Golf Association wherein touring professionals compete, if such tournament is sponsored by a nonprofit association incorporated under the laws of the State of Mississippi where no dividends are declared and the proceeds do not inure to any individual or group;

(h) Any admissions to university or community college conference, state, regional or national playoffs or championships;

(i) Any admissions or fees charged by any county or municipally owned and operated swimming pools, golf courses and tennis courts other than sales or rental of tangible personal property;

(j) Any admissions charged for the performance of symphony orchestras, operas, vocal or instrumental artists in which professional or amateur performers are compensated out of the proceeds of such admissions, when sponsored by local music or charity associations, or amateur dramatic performances or professional dramatic productions when sponsored by a children's dramatic association, where no dividends are declared, profits received, nor any salary or compensation paid to any of the members of such associations, or to any person for procuring or producing such performance;

(k) Any admissions or tickets to or for hockey games between teams operated under a professional league franchise;

(l) Any admissions or tickets to or for events sanctioned by the Mississippi Athletic Commission that are held within publicly owned enclosed coliseums and auditoriums;

(m) Guided tours on any navigable waters of this state, which include providing accommodations, guide services and/or related equipment operated by or under the direction of the person providing the tour, for the purposes of outdoor tourism;

(n) Any admissions to events held solely for religious or charitable purposes at livestock facilities, agriculture facilities or other facilities constructed, renovated or expanded with funds from the grant program authorized under Section 18 of Chapter 530, Laws of 1995; and

(o) (i) Any admissions charged at events, activities or entertainments:

1. Which are open to the public and held in or on parks, lands or buildings which are publicly owned, leased, used and/or controlled by a municipality, or any agency thereof;

2. Which are created and sponsored by the municipality, or an agency thereof; and

3. The proceeds of which do not inure to the benefit of any individual or individuals; however,

(ii) The governing authorities of a municipality may require the tax imposed by this section to be levied and collected at events, activities or entertainments described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph by:

1. Adopting an ordinance requiring the levy and collection of the tax;

2. Providing the Department of Revenue with a certified copy of the ordinance requiring the tax to be levied and assessed at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the ordinance;

(iii) If the ordinance described in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph is repealed, the municipality shall provide the Department of Revenue with a certified copy of the repeal of the ordinance at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the repeal.

SECTION 16. Section 27-65-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-23. (1) Upon every person engaging or continuing in any of the following businesses or activities there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross income of the business, except as otherwise provided:

Air-conditioning installation or repairs;
Automobile, motorcycle, boat or any other vehicle repairing or servicing;

Billiards, pool or domino parlors;
Bowling or tenpin alleys;
Burglar and fire alarm systems or services;
Car washing — automatic, self-service, or manual;
Computer software sales and services;
Cotton compresses or cotton warehouses;
Custom creosoting or treating, custom planing, custom sawing;
Custom meat processing;
Electricians, electrical work, wiring, all repairs or installation of electrical equipment;

Elevator or escalator installing, repairing or servicing;
Film developing or photo finishing;
Foundries, machine or general repairing;
Furniture repairing or upholstering;
Grading, excavating, ditching, dredging or landscaping;
Hotels (as defined in Section 41-49-3), motels, tourist courts or camps, trailer parks;

Insulating services or repairs;
Jewelry or watch repairing;
Laundering, cleaning, pressing or dyeing;
Marina services;
Mattress renovating;
Office and business machine repairing;
Parking garages and lots;
Plumbing or pipe fitting;

Public storage warehouses (There shall be no tax levied on gross income of a public storage warehouse derived from the temporary storage of tangible personal property in this state pending shipping or mailing of the property to another state.);

Refrigerating equipment repairs;
Radio or television installing, repairing, or servicing;
Renting or leasing personal property used within this state;
Services performed in connection with geophysical surveying,
exploring, developing, drilling, producing, distributing, or testing of oil, gas, water and other mineral resources;

Shoe repairing;
Storage lockers;
Telephone answering or paging services;
Termite or pest control services;
Tin and sheet metal shops;
TV cable systems, subscription TV services, and other similar activities;

Vulcanizing, repairing or recapping of tires or tubes;
Welding; and
Woodworking or wood-turning shops.

(2) Income from services taxed herein performed for electric power associations in the ordinary and necessary operation of their generating or distribution systems shall be taxed at the rate of * * * three and one-half percent (3-1/2%).

(3) Income from services taxed herein performed on materials for use in track or track structures to a railroad whose rates are fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Mississippi Public Service Commission shall be taxed at the rate of * * * five and one-half percent (5-1/2%).

(4) Income from renting or leasing tangible personal property used within this state shall be taxed at the same rates as sales of the same property.

(5) Persons doing business in this state who rent transportation equipment with a situs within or without the state to common, contract or private commercial carriers are taxed on that part of the income derived from use within this state. If specific accounting is impracticable, a formula may be used with approval of the commissioner.

(6) A lessor may deduct from the tax computed on the rental income from tangible personal property a credit for sales or use tax paid to this state at the time of purchase of the specific personal property being leased or rented until such credit has been exhausted.

(7) Charges for custom processing and repairing services may be excluded from gross taxable income when the property on which the service was performed is delivered to the customer in another state either by common carrier or in the seller's equipment.

(8) When a taxpayer performs unitary services covered by this section, which are performed both in intrastate and interstate commerce, the commissioner is hereby invested with authority to formulate in each particular case and to fix for such taxpayer in each instance formulae of apportionment which will apportion to this state, for taxation, that portion of the services which are performed within the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 17. Section 27-65-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-25. Upon every person engaging or continuing within this state in the business of selling alcoholic beverages, the sales of which are legal under the provisions of Chapter 1 of Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross proceeds of the retail sales of the business. All sales at wholesale to retailers shall be taxed at the same rate as provided in this section for retail sales. A retailer in computing the tax on sales may take credit for the amount of the tax paid to the wholesaler at the rates provided herein and remit the difference to the commissioner, provided adequate records and all invoices are maintained to substantiate the credit claimed.

SECTION 18. Section 27-65-26, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-26. (1) Upon every person engaging or continuing within this state in the business of selling, renting or leasing specified digital products, there shall be levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) of the gross income of the business. The sale of a digital code that allows the purchaser to obtain a specified digital product shall be taxed in the same manner as the sale of a specified digital product. The tax is imposed when:

- (a) The sale is to an end user;
- (b) The seller grants the right of permanent or less than permanent use of the products transferred electronically; or
- (c) The sale is conditioned or not conditioned upon continued payment.

(2) Charges by one (1) specified digital products provider to another specified digital products provider holding a permit issued under Section 27-65-27 for services that are resold by such other specified digital products provider shall not be subject to the tax levied pursuant to this section.

(3) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Specified digital products" means electronically transferred digital audio-visual works, digital audio works and digital books.

(b) "Digital audio-visual works" means a series of related images which, when shown in succession, impart an impression of motion, together with accompanying sounds, if any.

(c) "Digital audio works" means works that result from the fixation of a series of musical, spoken or other sounds, including ringtones. "Ringtones" means digitized sound files that are downloaded onto a device and that may be used to alert the customer with respect to a communication.

(d) "Digital books" means works that are generally recognized in the ordinary and usual sense as "books."

(e) "Electronically transferred" means obtained by the purchaser by means other than tangible storage media.

(f) "End user" means any person other than a person who receives by contract a product transferred electronically for further commercial broadcast, rebroadcast, transmission, retransmission, licensing, relicensing, distribution, redistribution or exhibition of the product, in whole or in part, to another person or persons.

(g) "Permanent use" means for purposes of this section for perpetual or for an indefinite or unspecified length of time.

(h) "Digital code" means a code that permits a purchaser to obtain a specified digital product at a later date.

SECTION 19. Section 27-65-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-201. (1) For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, the term "motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle required to be registered or licensed by the county tax collectors pursuant to Section 27-19-43.

(2) Upon every person, firm or corporation purchasing other than at wholesale within this state any motor vehicle required to be registered or licensed with the tax collector of any county in this state from any person, firm or corporation which is not a licensed dealer engaged in selling motor vehicles, there shall be levied and collected a sales tax at the rate of * * * seven and one-half percent (7-1/2%) of the true value of the motor vehicle as calculated by using the most current official motor vehicle assessment schedule supplied by the Department of Revenue.

(3) Upon every person, firm or corporation purchasing other than at wholesale outside the state any motor vehicle required to be registered or licensed with the tax collector of any county in this state from any person, firm or corporation which is not a licensed dealer engaged in selling motor vehicles, for use, storage or other consumption within this state there is levied a use tax at the rate of * * * seven and one-half percent (7-1/2%) of the true value of the motor vehicle as calculated by using the most current official motor vehicle assessment schedule supplied by the Department of Revenue.

(4) Where any motor vehicle is taken in trade as a credit or part payment on the sale of a motor vehicle taxable under this section, the tax levied by this section shall

be paid on the net difference, that is, the true value of the motor vehicle sold less the credit for the motor vehicle taken in trade.

(5) The tax levied by this section shall be collected by the tax collector at the time of, and as a prerequisite to, the registration of or licensing of any such motor vehicle. The tax collector shall give to the person registering the vehicle a receipt in a form prescribed and furnished by the Department of Revenue for the amount of tax collected.

(6) County tax collectors shall be liable for the tax they are required to collect, and taxes which are in fact collected, under this section and failure to properly collect or maintain proper records shall not relieve them of liability for payment to the Department of Revenue. Deficiencies in collection or payment shall be assessed against the tax collector, or his successor, in the same manner and subject to the same penalties and provisions for appeal as are deficiencies assessed against taxpayers under Chapter 65, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Each tax collector of the several counties shall, on or before the twentieth day of each month, file a report with and pay to the Department of Revenue all funds collected under the provisions of this section, less a commission of three percent (3%) which shall be retained by the tax collector as a commission for collecting such tax, and such commission shall be deposited in the county general fund. The report required to be filed shall cover all collections made during the calendar month next preceding the date on which the report is due and filed.

Any error in the report and remittance to the Department of Revenue may be adjusted on a subsequent report. If the error was in the collection by the tax collector, it shall be adjusted through the tax collector with the taxpayer before credit is allowed by the Department of Revenue.

All information relating to the collection of this tax by tax collectors and such records as the Department of Revenue may require shall be preserved in the tax collector's office for a period of three (3) years for audit by the Department of Revenue.

(7) The tax levied by this section shall not apply to the following:

(a) Transfers of legal ownership of motor vehicles currently registered or licensed in the transferor's name between husband and wife, parent and child, or grandparents and grandchildren, unless the transferor is a licensed dealer of motor vehicles and the transfer of the motor vehicle is made in the regular course of business.

(b) Transfers of legal ownership of motor vehicles pursuant to a will or pursuant to any law providing for the distribution of the property of one dying intestate.

(c) Transfers of legal ownership of motor vehicles ten (10) or more years after the date of the manufacture of such vehicle.

(d) Transfers of legal ownership of motor vehicles between siblings, unless the transferor is a licensed dealer of motor vehicles and the transfer of the motor vehicle is made in the regular course of business.

SECTION 20. Section 27-65-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-75. On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the revenue collected under the provisions of this chapter during the preceding month shall be paid and distributed as follows:

(1) (a) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 1993, eighteen percent (18%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (a), on or before August 15, 1993, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2021, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. On or before September 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2024, (i) eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during

the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-17(1)(n), 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within a municipal corporation and (ii) twenty-eight and eight-tenths percent (28-8/10%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. On or before September 15, 2024, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2026, (i) eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-17(1)(n), 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within a municipal corporation and (ii) thirty-two and four-tenths percent (32-4/10%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. On or before September 15, 2026, and each succeeding month thereafter, (i) eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-17(1)(n), 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within a municipal corporation and (ii) thirty-seven percent (37%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. However, in the event the State Auditor issues a certificate of noncompliance pursuant to Section 21-35-31, the Department of Revenue shall withhold ten percent (10%) of the allocations and payments to the municipality that would otherwise be payable to the municipality under this paragraph (a) until such time that the department receives written notice of the cancellation of a certificate of noncompliance from the State Auditor.

A municipal corporation, for the purpose of distributing the tax under this subsection, shall mean and include all incorporated cities, towns and villages.

Monies allocated for distribution and credited to a municipal corporation under this paragraph may be pledged as security for a loan if the distribution received by the municipal corporation is otherwise authorized or required by law to be pledged as security for such a loan.

In any county having a county seat that is not an incorporated municipality, the distribution provided under this subsection shall be made as though the county seat was an incorporated municipality; however, the distribution to the municipality shall be paid to the county treasury in which the municipality is located, and those funds shall be used for road, bridge and street construction or maintenance in the county.

(b) On or before August 15, 2006, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2021, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning or community or junior college whose campus is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality, shall be allocated for distribution to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college and paid to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college. On or before September 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2024, (i) eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-17(1)(n), 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning or community or junior college whose campus is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality and (ii) twenty-eight and eight-tenths percent (28-8/10%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) on business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning or community or junior college whose campus is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality, shall be allocated for distribution to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college and paid to the state institution

of higher learning or community or junior college. On or before September 15, 2024, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2026, (i) eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-17(1)(n), 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning or community or junior college whose campus is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality and (ii) thirty-two and four-tenths percent (32-4/10%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) on business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning or community or junior college whose campus is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality, shall be allocated for distribution to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college and paid to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college. On or before September 15, 2026, and each succeeding month thereafter, (i) eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-17(1)(n), 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning or community or junior college whose campus is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality and (ii) thirty-seven percent (37%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) on business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning or community or junior college whose campus is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality, shall be allocated for distribution to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college and paid to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college.

(c) On or before August 15, 2018, and each succeeding month thereafter until August 14, 2019, two percent (2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before August 15, 2019, and each succeeding month thereafter until August 14, 2020, four percent (4%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2021, six percent (6%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before September 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2024, (i) six percent (6%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-17(1)(n), 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and (ii) nine and three-tenths percent (9-3/10%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before September 15, 2024, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2026, (i) six percent (6%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-17(1)(n), 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and (ii) ten and one-half percent (10-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson,

Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before September 15, 2026, and each succeeding month thereafter, (i) six percent (6%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-17(1)(n), 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and (ii) twelve percent (12%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215.

(d) (i) On or before the fifteenth day of the month that the diversion authorized by this section begins, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities within a redevelopment project area developed under a redevelopment plan adopted under the Tax Increment Financing Act (Section 21-45-1 et seq.) shall be allocated for distribution to the county in which the project area is located if:

1. The county borders on the Mississippi Sound and the State of Alabama;
2. The county has issued bonds under Section 21-45-9 to finance all or a portion of a redevelopment project in the redevelopment project area;
3. Any debt service for the indebtedness incurred is outstanding; and
4. A development with a value of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or more is, or will be, located in the redevelopment area.

(ii) Before any sales tax revenue may be allocated for distribution to a county under this paragraph, the county shall certify to the Department of Revenue that the requirements of this paragraph have been met, the amount of bonded indebtedness that has been incurred by the county for the redevelopment project and the expected date the indebtedness incurred by the county will be satisfied.

(iii) The diversion of sales tax revenue authorized by this paragraph shall begin the month following the month in which the Department of Revenue determines that the requirements of this paragraph have been met. The diversion shall end the month the indebtedness incurred by the county is satisfied. All revenue received by the county under this paragraph shall be deposited in the fund required to be created in the tax increment financing plan under Section 21-45-11 and be utilized solely to satisfy the indebtedness incurred by the county.

(2) On or before September 15, 1987, and each succeeding month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, One Million One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) shall be allocated for distribution to municipal corporations as defined under subsection (1) of this section in the proportion that the number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and retailers in each such municipality during the preceding fiscal year bears to the total gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and retailers in municipalities statewide during the preceding fiscal year. The Department of Revenue shall require all distributors of gasoline and diesel fuel to report to the department monthly the total number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by them to consumers and retailers in each municipality during the preceding month. The Department of Revenue shall have the authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as is necessary to determine the number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and retailers in each municipality. In determining the percentage allocation of funds under this subsection for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1988, the Department of Revenue may consider gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold for a period of less than one (1) fiscal year. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "fiscal year" means the fiscal year beginning July 1 of a year.

(3) On or before September 15, 1987, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month, until the date specified in Section 65-39-35, the proceeds derived

from contractors' taxes levied under Section 27-65-21 on contracts for the construction or reconstruction of highways designated under the highway program created under Section 65-3-97 shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 31-17-127, be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be used to fund that highway program. The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall provide to the Department of Revenue such information as is necessary to determine the amount of proceeds to be distributed under this subsection.

(4) On or before August 15, 1994, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month through July 15, 1999, from the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes as provided in Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund designated as the "State Aid Road Fund," created by Section 65-9-17. On or before August 15, 1999, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month, from the total amount of the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes apportioned by Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) or an amount equal to twenty-three and one-fourth percent (23-1/4%) of those funds, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the "State Aid Road Fund," created by Section 65-9-17. Those funds shall be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on state aid road bonds heretofore issued under Sections 19-9-51 through 19-9-77, in lieu of and in substitution for the funds previously allocated to counties under this section. Those funds may not be pledged for the payment of any state aid road bonds issued after April 1, 1981; however, this prohibition against the pledging of any such funds for the payment of bonds shall not apply to any bonds for which intent to issue those bonds has been published for the first time, as provided by law before March 29, 1981. From the amount of taxes paid into the special fund under this subsection and subsection (9) of this section, there shall be first deducted and paid the amount necessary to pay the expenses of the Office of State Aid Road Construction, as authorized by the Legislature for all other general and special fund agencies. The remainder of the fund shall be allocated monthly to the several counties in accordance with the following formula:

(a) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to all counties in equal shares;

(b) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the total number of rural road miles in a county bears to the total number of rural road miles in all counties of the state; and

(c) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the rural population of the county bears to the total rural population in all counties of the state, according to the latest federal decennial census.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term "gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes" means such taxes as defined in paragraph (f) of Section 27-5-101.

The amount of funds allocated to any county under this subsection for any fiscal year after fiscal year 1994 shall not be less than the amount allocated to the county for fiscal year 1994.

Any reference in the general laws of this state or the Mississippi Code of 1972 to Section 27-5-105 shall mean and be construed to refer and apply to subsection (4) of Section 27-65-75.

(5) One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$1,666,666.00) each month shall be paid into the special fund known as the "State Public School Building Fund" created and existing under the provisions of Sections 37-47-1 through 37-47-67. Those payments into that fund are to be made on the last day of each succeeding month hereafter.

(6) An amount each month beginning August 15, 1983, through November 15, 1986, as specified in Section 6, Chapter 542, Laws of 1983, shall be paid into the special fund known as the Correctional Facilities Construction Fund created in Section 6, Chapter 542, Laws of 1983.

(7) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2000, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited by the department into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35. On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month

thereafter, through August 15, 2021 two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2), shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33. On or before September 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2024, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2), and three and fifty-two one hundredths percent (3.52%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33. On or before September 15, 2024, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2026, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2), and four percent (4%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33. On or before September 15, 2026, and each succeeding month thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2), and four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33.

(8) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter, through August 15, 2021 nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2), shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33. On or before September 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2024, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2), and

fourteen and eleven one-hundredths percent (14.11%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33. On or before September 15, 2024, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 2026, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2), and fifteen and nine tenths percent (15.9%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33. On or before September 15, 2026, and each succeeding month thereafter, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) and (2), and eighteen and one-tenths percent (18.1%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1)(n) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33.

(9) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be paid into the State Aid Road Fund.

(10) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 1995, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before February 15, 1995, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2) and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before August 15, 1995, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1) on retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101 and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of these vehicles, shall be deposited, after diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(13) On or before July 15, 1994, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-22 that is derived from activities held on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex shall be paid into a special fund that is created in the State Treasury and shall be expended upon legislative appropriation solely to defray the costs of repairs and renovation at the Trade Mart and Coliseum.

(14) On or before August 15, 1998, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2005, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39. On or before August 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2010, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until all debts or other obligations incurred by the Certified Cotton Growers Organization under the Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Act before January 1, 2007, are satisfied in full. On or before August 15, 2010, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2011, fifty percent (50%) of that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would

otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). On or before August 15, 2011, and each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

(15) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before September 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-19(1)(d)(i)2, and 27-65-19(1)(d)(i)3 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Telecommunications Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-38-7.

(16) (a) On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter on the gross proceeds of sales of a project as defined in Section 57-30-1 shall be deposited, after all diversions except the diversion provided for in subsection (1) of this section, into the Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-30-3.

(b) On or before August 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighty percent (80%) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter from the operation of a tourism project under the provisions of Sections 57-26-1 through 57-26-5, shall be deposited, after the diversions required in subsections (7) and (8) of this section, into the Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-26-3.

(17) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before April 15, 2002, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under Section 27-65-23 on sales of parking services of parking garages and lots at airports shall be deposited, without diversion, into the special fund created under Section 27-5-101(d).

(18) [Repealed]

(19) (a) On or before August 15, 2005, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter on the gross proceeds of sales of a business enterprise located within a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, and the revenue collected on the gross proceeds of sales from sales made to a business enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 (provided that such sales made to a business enterprise are made on the premises of the business enterprise), shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection (19), be deposited, after all diversions, into the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund as created in Section 57-91-9.

(b) For a municipality participating in the Economic Redevelopment Act created in Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, the diversion provided for in subsection (1) of this section attributable to the gross proceeds of sales of a business enterprise located within a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, and attributable to the gross proceeds of sales from sales made to a business enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 (provided that such sales made to a business enterprise are made on the premises of the business enterprise), shall be deposited into the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund as created in Section 57-91-9, as follows:

(i) For the first six (6) years in which payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, one hundred percent (100%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(ii) For the seventh year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, eighty percent (80%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(iii) For the eighth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, seventy percent (70%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(iv) For the ninth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, sixty percent (60%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund; and

(v) For the tenth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, fifty percent (50%) of the funds shall be deposited into the fund.

(20) On or before January 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighty percent (80%) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter from the operation of a tourism project under the provisions of Sections 57-28-1 through 57-28-5 shall be deposited, after the diversions required in subsections (7) and (8) of this section, into the Tourism Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-28-3.

(21) (a) On or before April 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter through June 15, 2013, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the MMEIA Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-101-3.

(b) On or before July 15, 2013, and each succeeding month thereafter, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the Mississippi Development Authority Job Training Grant Fund created in Section 57-1-451.

(22) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before August 15, 2009, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-201 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(23) (a) On or before August 15, 2019, and each month thereafter through July 15, 2020, one percent (1%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. On or before August 15, 2020, and each month thereafter through July 15, 2021, two percent (2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. On or before August 15, 2021, and each month thereafter, three percent (3%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. The revenue diverted pursuant to this subsection shall not be available for expenditure until February 1, 2020.

(b) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) must provide an annual report to the Legislature indicating the amount of funds deposited into the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, and a detailed record of how the funds are spent.

(24) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before September 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through February 15, 2022, (a) the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Sections 27-65-17(1)(a), 27-65-19, 27-65-22, 27-65-23(1), 27-65-25 and 27-65-26, from the amount of the increases to tax rates under such sections as provided in Senate Bill No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session, shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Budget Stabilization Fund created in Section 26 of this act, and (b) the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Sections 27-65-17(1)(d), (g), (h), (l) and (m), 27-65-20, 27-65-23(2) and (3) and 27-65-201, from the amount of the increases to tax rates under such sections as provided in Senate Bill No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session, shall be deposited, without diversion, into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before March 15, 2022, and each succeeding month thereafter, the

total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Sections 27-65-17, 27-65-19, 27-65-20, 27-65-22, 27-65-23, 27-65-25, 27-65-26 and 27-65-201, from the amount of the increases to tax rates under such sections as provided in Senate Bill No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session, shall be deposited, without diversion, into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund.

(b) The provisions of this subsection (24) shall supersede and control over any other provisions of this section providing for the distribution of revenue under this section.

(** *25) The remainder of the amounts collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund.

(** *26) (a) It shall be the duty of the municipal officials of any municipality that expands its limits, or of any community that incorporates as a municipality, to notify the commissioner of that action thirty (30) days before the effective date. Failure to so notify the commissioner shall cause the municipality to forfeit the revenue that it would have been entitled to receive during this period of time when the commissioner had no knowledge of the action.

(b) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if any funds have been erroneously disbursed to any municipality or any overpayment of tax is recovered by the taxpayer, the commissioner may make correction and adjust the error or overpayment with the municipality by withholding the necessary funds from any later payment to be made to the municipality.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of Sections 27-65-51 and 27-65-53, if any funds have been erroneously disbursed to a municipality under subsection (1) of this section for a period of three (3) years or more, the maximum amount that may be recovered or withheld from the municipality is the total amount of funds erroneously disbursed for a period of three (3) years beginning with the date of the first erroneous disbursement. However, if during such period, a municipality provides written notice to the Department of Revenue indicating the erroneous disbursement of funds, then the maximum amount that may be recovered or withheld from the municipality is the total amount of funds erroneously disbursed for a period of one (1) year beginning with the date of the first erroneous disbursement.

SECTION 21. Section 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-67-31. All administrative provisions of the sales tax law, and amendments thereto, including those which fix damages, penalties and interest for failure to comply with the provisions of said sales tax law, and all other requirements and duties imposed upon taxpayer, shall apply to all persons liable for use taxes under the provisions of this article. The commissioner shall exercise all power and authority and perform all duties with respect to taxpayers under this article as are provided in said sales tax law, except where there is conflict, then the provisions of this article shall control.

The commissioner may require transportation companies to permit the examination of waybills, freight bills, or other documents covering shipments of tangible personal property into this state.

On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the amount received from taxes, damages and interest under the provisions of this article during the preceding month shall be paid and distributed as follows:

(a) On or before July 15, 1994, through July 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited in the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created pursuant to Section 37-61-35. On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this paragraph (a) during the fiscal year in excess of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and

shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33.

(b) On or before July 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created pursuant to Section 37-61-33.

(c) On or before July 15, 1997, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter, the revenue collected under the provisions of this article imposed and levied as a result of Section 27-65-17(2) and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created pursuant to Section 27-51-105.

(d) On or before July 15, 1997, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter and after the deposits required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section are made, the remaining revenue collected under the provisions of this article imposed and levied as a result of Section 27-65-17(1) and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created pursuant to Section 27-51-105.

(e) On or before August 15, 2019, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2020, three and three-fourths percent (3-3/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(1). On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2021, seven and one-half percent (7-1/2%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(1). On or before August 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2022, eleven and one-fourth percent (11-1/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(1). On or before August 15, 2022, and each succeeding month thereafter, fifteen percent (15%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(1).

(f) On or before August 15, 2019, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2020, three and three-fourths percent (3-3/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(2). On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2021, seven and one-half percent (7-1/2%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(2). On or before August 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2022, eleven and one-fourth percent (11-1/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(2). On or before August 15, 2022, and each succeeding month thereafter, fifteen percent (15%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the special fund created in Section 27-67-35(2).

(g) On or before August 15, 2019, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2020, Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents (\$416,666.67) or one and one-fourth percent (1-1/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13. On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2021, Eight Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-three Dollars and Thirty-four Cents (\$833,333.34) or two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13. On or before August 15, 2021, and each succeeding

month thereafter through July 15, 2022, One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000.00) or three and three-fourths percent (3-3/4%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13. On or before August 15, 2022, and each succeeding month thereafter, One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents (\$1,666,666.67) or five percent (5%) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13.

(h) On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2022, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article shall be deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund created in Section 65-37-13. Amounts deposited into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund under this paragraph (h) shall be in addition to amounts deposited into the fund under paragraph (g) of this section.

(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before September 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through February 15, 2022, (i) the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article as a result of the increases to tax rates under Sections 27-65-17(1)(a), 27-65-25 and 27-65-26, as provided in Senate Bill No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session, shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Budget Stabilization Fund created in Section 26 of this act, and (ii) the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article as a result of the increases to tax rates under Sections 27-65-17(1)(d), (g), (h), (l) and (m) and 27-65-20, as provided in Senate Bill No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session, shall be deposited, without diversion, into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before March 15, 2022, and each succeeding month thereafter, the total use tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this article as a result of the increases to tax rates under Sections 27-65-17, 27-65-20, 27-65-25 and 27-65-26, as provided in Senate Bill No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session, shall be deposited, without diversion, into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund.

The provisions of this paragraph (i) shall supersede and control over any other provisions of this section providing for the distribution of revenue under this section.

SECTION 22. Section 27-65-241, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-241. (1) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context in which they are used:

(a) "Hotel" or "motel" means and includes a place of lodging that at any one time will accommodate transient guests on a daily or weekly basis and that is known to the trade as such. Such terms shall not include a place of lodging with ten (10) or less rental units.

(b) "Municipality" means any municipality in the State of Mississippi with a population of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) or more according to the most recent federal decennial census.

(c) "Restaurant" means and includes all places where prepared food is sold and whose annual gross proceeds of sales or gross income for the preceding calendar year equals or exceeds One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). The term "restaurant" shall not include any nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. For the purpose of calculating gross proceeds of sales or gross income, the sales or income of all establishments owned, operated or controlled by the same person, persons or corporation shall be aggregated.

(2) (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the governing authorities of a municipality may impose upon all persons as a privilege for engaging or continuing in business or doing business within such municipality, a special sales tax at the rate of not

more than one percent (1%) of the gross proceeds of sales or gross income of the business, as the case may be, derived from any of the activities taxed at the rate of * * * nine and one-half percent (9-1/2%) or more under the Mississippi Sales Tax Law, Section 27-65-1 et seq.

(b) The tax levied under this section shall apply to every person making sales of tangible personal property or services within the municipality but shall not apply to:

(i) Sales exempted by Sections 27-65-19, 27-65-101, 27-65-103, 27-65-105, 27-65-107, 27-65-109 and 27-65-111 of the Mississippi Sales Tax Law;

(ii) Gross proceeds of sales or gross income of restaurants derived from the sale of food and beverages;

(iii) Gross proceeds of sales or gross income of hotels and motels derived from the sale of hotel rooms and motel rooms for lodging purposes;

(iv) Retail sales of food for human consumption not purchased with food stamps issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, or other federal agency, but which would be exempt under Section 27-65-111(o) from the taxes imposed by this chapter if the food items were purchased with food stamps;

(v) Gross income of businesses engaging or continuing in the business of TV cable systems, subscription TV services, and other similar activities, including, but not limited to, cable Internet services;

(vi) Wholesale sales of food and drink for human consumption sold to full service vending machine operators; and

(vii) Wholesale sales of light wine, light spirit product, beer and alcoholic beverages.

(3) (a) Before any tax authorized under this section may be imposed, the governing authorities of the municipality shall adopt a resolution declaring its intention to levy the tax, setting forth the amount of the tax to be imposed, the purposes for which the revenue collected pursuant to the tax levy may be used and expended, the date upon which the tax shall become effective, the date upon which the tax shall be repealed, and calling for an election to be held on the question. The date of the election shall be set in the resolution. Notice of the election shall be published once each week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the municipality, with the first publication of the notice to be made not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date fixed in the resolution for the election and the last publication to be made not more than seven (7) days before the election. At the election, all qualified electors of the municipality may vote. The ballots used at the election shall have printed thereon a brief description of the sales tax, the amount of the sales tax levy, a description of the purposes for which the tax revenue may be used and expended and the words "FOR THE LOCAL SALES TAX" and "AGAINST THE LOCAL SALES TAX" and the voter shall vote by placing a cross (X) or check mark (✓) opposite his choice on the proposition. When the results of the election have been canvassed by the election commissioners of the municipality and certified by them to the governing authorities, it shall be the duty of such governing authorities to determine and adjudicate whether at least three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified electors who voted in the election voted in favor of the tax. If at least three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified electors who voted in the election voted in favor of the tax, the governing authorities shall adopt a resolution declaring the levy and collection of the tax provided in this section and shall set the first day of the second month following the date of such adoption as the effective date of the tax levy. A certified copy of this resolution, together with the result of the election, shall be furnished to the Department of Revenue not less than thirty (30) days before the effective date of the levy.

(b) A municipality shall not hold more than two (2) elections under this subsection.

(4) The revenue collected pursuant to the tax levy imposed under this section may be expended to pay the cost of road and street repair, reconstruction and resurfacing projects based on traffic patterns, need and usage, and to pay the costs of water, sewer and drainage projects in accordance with a master plan adopted by the department established pursuant to subsection (7).

(5) (a) The special sales tax authorized by this section shall be collected by the Department of Revenue, shall be accounted for separately from the amount of sales tax collected for the state in the municipality and shall be paid to the municipality. The Department of Revenue may retain one percent (1%) of the proceeds of such tax for the purpose of defraying the costs incurred by the department in the collection of the tax. Payments to the municipality shall be made by the Department of Revenue on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month in which the tax was collected.

(b) The proceeds of the special sales tax shall be placed into a special municipal fund apart from the municipal general fund and any other funds of the municipality, and shall be expended by the municipality solely for the purposes authorized in subsection (4) of this section. The records reflecting the receipts and expenditures of the revenue from the special sales tax shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant. The accountant shall make a report of his findings to the governing authorities of the municipality and file a copy of his report with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. The audit shall be made and completed as soon as practical after the close of the fiscal year of the municipality, and expenses of the audit shall be paid from the funds derived by the municipality pursuant to this section.

(c) All provisions of the Mississippi Sales Tax Law applicable to filing of returns, discounts to the taxpayer, remittances to the Department of Revenue, enforced collection, rights of taxpayers, recovery of improper taxes, refunds of overpaid taxes or other provisions of law providing for imposition and collection of the state sales tax shall apply to the special sales tax authorized by this section, except where there is a conflict, in which case the provisions of this section shall control. Any damages, penalties or interest collected for the nonpayment of taxes imposed under this section, or for noncompliance with the provisions of this section, shall be paid to the municipality on the same basis and in the same manner as the tax proceeds. Any overpayment of tax for any reason that has been disbursed to a municipality or any payment of the tax to a municipality in error may be adjusted by the Department of Revenue on any subsequent payment to the municipality pursuant to the provisions of the Mississippi Sales Tax Law. The Department of Revenue may, from time to time, make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with this section as may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, and such rules and regulations shall have the full force and effect of law.

(6) If a municipality expands its corporate boundaries, the governing authorities of the municipality may not impose the special sales tax in the annexed area unless the tax is approved at an election conducted, as far as is practicable, in the manner provided in subsection (3) of this section, except that only qualified electors in the annexed area may vote in the election.

(7) (a) Any municipality that levies the special sales tax authorized under this section shall establish a commission as provided for in this section. Expenditures of revenue from the special sales tax authorized by this section shall be in accordance with a master plan adopted by the commission pursuant to this subsection.

(b) The commission shall be composed of ten (10) voting members who shall be known as commissioners appointed as follows:

(i) Four (4) members representing the business community in the municipality appointed by the local chamber of commerce for initial terms of one (1), two (2), four (4) and five (5) years respectively. The members appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall be persons who represent businesses located within the city limits of the municipality.

(ii) Three (3) members shall be appointed at large by the mayor of the municipality, with the advice and consent of the legislative body of the municipality, for initial terms of two (2), three (3) and four (4) years respectively. All appointments made by the mayor pursuant to this paragraph shall be residents of the municipality.

(iii) One (1) member shall be appointed at large by the Governor for an initial term of four (4) years. All appointments made by the Governor pursuant to this paragraph shall be residents of the municipality.

(iv) One (1) member shall be appointed at large by the Lieutenant Governor for an initial term of four (4) years. All appointments made by the Lieutenant Governor pursuant to this paragraph shall be residents of the municipality.

(v) One (1) member shall be appointed at large by the Speaker of the House of Representatives for a term of four (4) years. All appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to this paragraph shall be residents of the municipality.

(c) The terms of all appointments made subsequent to the initial appointment shall be made for five (5) years. Any vacancy which may occur shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and shall be made for the unexpired term. Each member of the commission shall serve until his successor is appointed and qualified.

(d) The mayor of the municipality shall designate a chairman of the commission from among the membership of the commission. The vice chairman and secretary shall be elected by the commission from among the membership of the commission for a term of two (2) years. The vice chairman and secretary may be reelected, and the chairman may be reappointed.

(e) The commissioners shall serve without compensation.

(f) Any commissioner shall be disqualified and shall be removed from office for either of the following reasons:

(i) Conviction of a felony in any state court or in federal court; or

(ii) Failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without just cause.

If a commissioner is removed for any of the above reasons, the vacancy shall be filled in the manner prescribed in this section and shall be made for the unexpired term.

(g) A quorum shall consist of six (6) voting members of the commission. The commission shall adopt such rules and regulations as may govern the time and place for holding meetings, regular and special.

(h) The commission shall, with input from the municipality, establish a master plan for road and street repair, reconstruction and resurfacing projects based on traffic patterns, need and usage, and for water, sewer and drainage projects. Expenditures of the revenue from the tax authorized to be imposed pursuant to this section shall be made at the discretion of the governing authorities of the municipality if the expenditures comply with the master plan. The commission shall monitor the compliance of the municipality with the master plan.

(8) The governing authorities of any municipality that levies the special sales tax authorized under this section are authorized to incur debt, including bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, for the purpose of paying the costs of road and street repair, reconstruction and resurfacing projects based on traffic patterns, need and usage, and to pay the costs of water, sewer and drainage projects in accordance with a master plan adopted by the commission established pursuant to subsection (7) of this section. Any bonds or notes issued to pay such costs may be secured by the proceeds of the special sales tax levied pursuant to this section or may be general obligations of the municipality and shall satisfy the requirements for the issuance of debt provided by Sections 21-33-313 through 21-33-323.

(9) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2035.

SECTION 23. Section 27-69-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-69-3. When used in this chapter:

(a) "State" means the State of Mississippi as geographically defined, and any and all waters under the jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi.

(b) "State Auditor" means the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Mississippi, or his legally appointed deputy, clerk or agent.

(c) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue of the Department of Revenue, and his authorized agents and employees.

(d) "Person" means any individual, company, corporation, partnership, association, joint venture, estate, trust, or any other group, or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular, unless the intention to give a more limited meaning is disclosed by the context.

(e) "Consumer" means a person who comes into possession of tobacco for the purpose of consuming it, giving it away, or disposing of it in any way by sale, barter or exchange.

(f) "Tobacco" means any cigarettes, cigars, cheroots, stogies, smoking tobacco (including granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other kinds and forms of tobacco, or substitutes therefor, prepared in such manner as to be suitable for smoking in a pipe or cigarette) and including plug and twist chewing tobacco and snuff, when such "tobacco" is manufactured and prepared for sale or personal consumption, or any other product containing, made of, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any means; any substances that may be aerosolized or vaporized by any device, including any component, part, or accessory thereof, whether or not any of these contain tobacco or nicotine, including, but not limited to, filters, rolling papers, blunt or hemp wraps, and pipes. The term "tobacco" also means and includes alternative nicotine products and electronic cigarettes as defined in Section 97-32-51. All words used herein shall be given the meaning as defined in the regulations of the Treasury Department of the United States of America.

(g) "First sale" means and includes the first sale, or distribution of such tobacco in intrastate commerce, or the first use or consumption of such tobacco within this state.

(h) "Drop shipment" means and includes any delivery of tobacco received by any person within this state, when payment for such tobacco is made to the shipper, or seller by or through a person other than a consignee.

(i) "Distributor" includes every person, except retailers as defined herein, in the state who manufactures or produces tobacco or who ships, transports, or imports into this state, or in any manner acquires or possesses tobacco, and makes a first sale of the same in the state.

(j) "Wholesaler" includes dealers, whose principal business is that of a wholesale dealer or jobber, who is known to the retail trade as such, and whose place of business is located in Mississippi or in a state which affords reciprocity to wholesalers domiciled in Mississippi, who shall sell any taxable tobacco to retail dealers only for the purpose of resale.

(k) "Retailer" includes every person, other than a wholesale dealer, as defined above, whose principal business is that of selling merchandise at retail, who shall sell, or offer for sale tobacco to the consumer. The sale of tobacco in quantity lots by retailers to other retailers, transient vendors, or other persons, shall not be construed as wholesale and shall not qualify such retailer for a permit as a wholesaler.

(l) "Dealer" includes every person, firm, corporation or association of persons, except retailers as defined herein, who manufacture tobacco for distribution, for sale, for use or for consumption in the State of Mississippi.

The word "dealer" is further defined to mean any person, firm, corporation or association of persons, except retailers as defined herein, who imports tobacco from any state or foreign country for distribution, sale, use, or consumption in the State of Mississippi.

(m) "Distributing agent" includes every person in the state who acts as an agent of any person outside the State of Mississippi, by receiving tobacco in interstate commerce, and storing such tobacco in this state subject to distribution, or delivery upon order from the person outside the state to distributors, wholesalers, retailers and dealers.

(n) "Transient vendor" means and includes every person commonly and generally termed "peddlers" and every person acting for himself, or as an agent, employee, salesman, or in any capacity for another, whether as owner, bailee, or other custodian of tobacco, and going from person to person, dealer to dealer, house to house, or place to place, and selling or offering for sale at retail or wholesale tobacco, and every person who does not keep a regular place of business open at all times in regular hours, and every person who goes from person to person, dealer to dealer, house to house, or place to place, and sells or offers for sale tobacco which he carries with him, and who delivers the same at the time of, or immediately after the sale, or without returning to the

place of business operations (a permanent place of business within the state) between the taking of the order and the delivery of the tobacco, or

All persons who go from person to person, house to house, place to place, or dealer to dealer, soliciting orders by exhibiting samples, or taking orders, and thereafter making delivery of tobacco, or filling the order without carrying or sending the order to the permanent place of business, and thereafter making delivery of the tobacco pursuant to the terms of the order, or

All persons who go from person to person, place to place, house to house, or dealer to dealer, carrying samples and selling tobacco from samples, and afterwards making delivery without taking and sending an order therefor to a permanent place of business for the filling of the order, and delivery of the tobacco, or the exchange of tobacco having become damaged or unsalable, or the purchase by tobacco of advertising space, or

All persons who have in their possession, or under their control, any tobacco offered, or to be offered for sale or to be delivered, unless the sale or delivery thereof is to be made in pursuance of a bona fide order for the tobacco, to be sold or delivered, the order to be evidenced by an invoice or memorandum.

(o) "Contraband tobacco" means all tobacco found in the possession of any person whose permit to engage in dealing in tobacco has been revoked by the commissioner; and any cigarettes found in the possession of any person to which the proper tax stamps have not been affixed; and any cigarettes improperly stamped when found in the possession of any person; and all other tobacco upon which the excise tax has not been paid.

(p) "Sale" means an exchange for money or goods, giving away, or distributing any tobacco as defined in this chapter.

(q) "Forty-eight (48) hours" and "seventy-two (72) hours" means two (2) calendar days and three (3) calendar days, respectively, excluding Sundays and legal holidays.

(r) "Stamp" or "stamping," or the import of such word, when used in this chapter, means any manner of stamp or impression permitted by the commissioner that carries out the purposes of the chapter in clearly indicating upon the packages of cigarettes taxed the due payment of the tax and clearly identifying, by serial number or otherwise, the permittee who affixed the stamp to the particular package.

(s) "Manufacturer's list price" means the full sales price at which tobacco is sold or offered for sale by a manufacturer to the wholesaler or distributor in this state without any deduction for freight, trade discount, cash discounts, special discounts or deals, cash rebates, or any other reduction from the regular selling price. In the event freight charges on shipments to wholesalers or distributors are not paid by the manufacturer, then such freight charges required to be paid by the wholesalers and distributors shall be added to the amount paid to the manufacturer in order to determine "manufacturer's list price." In the case of a wholesaler or distributor whose place of business is located outside this state, the "manufacturer's list price" for tobacco sold in this state by such wholesaler or distributor shall in all cases be considered to be the same as that of a wholesaler or distributor located within this state.

SECTION 24. Section 27-69-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-69-13. There is hereby imposed, levied and assessed, to be collected and paid as hereinafter provided in this chapter, an excise tax on each person or dealer in cigarettes, cigars, stogies, snuff, chewing tobacco, and smoking tobacco, or substitutes therefor, upon the sale, use, consumption, handling or distribution in the State of Mississippi, as follows:

(a) On cigarettes, the rate of tax shall be * * * Five and nine-tenths Cents (5.9¢) on each cigarette sold with a maximum length of one hundred twenty (120) millimeters; any cigarette in excess of this length shall be taxed as if it were two (2) or more cigarettes. Provided, however, if the federal tax rate on cigarettes in effect on June 1, 1985, is reduced, then the rate as provided herein shall be increased by the amount of the federal tax reduction. Such tax increase shall take effect on the first day of the month following the effective date of such reduction in the federal tax rate.

(b) On cigars, cheroots, stogies, snuff, chewing and smoking tobacco and all other tobacco products except cigarettes, the rate of tax shall be * * * twenty-five percent (25%) of the manufacturer's list price.

No stamp evidencing the tax herein levied on cigarettes shall be of a denomination of less than One Cent (1¢), and whenever the tax computed at the rates herein prescribed on cigarettes shall be a specified amount, plus a fractional part of One Cent (1¢), the package shall be stamped for the next full cent; however, the additional face value of stamps purchased to comply with taxes imposed by this section after June 1, 1985, shall be subject to a four percent (4%) discount or compensation to dealers for their services rather than the eight percent (8%) discount or compensation allowed by Section 27-69-31.

Every wholesaler shall purchase stamps as provided in this chapter, and affix the same to all packages of cigarettes handled by him as herein provided.

The above tax is levied upon the sale, use, gift, possession or consumption of tobacco within the State of Mississippi, and the impact of the tax levied by this chapter is hereby declared to be on the vendee, user, consumer or possessor of tobacco in this state; and when said tax is paid by any other person, such payment shall be considered as an advance payment and shall thereafter be added to the price of the tobacco and recovered from the ultimate consumer or user.

SECTION 25. Section 27-69-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-69-75. All taxes levied by this chapter shall be payable to the commissioner in cash, or by personal check, cashier's check, bank exchange, post office money order or express money order, and shall be deposited by the commissioner in the State Treasury on the same day collected. No remittance other than cash shall be a final discharge of liability for the tax herein assessed and levied, unless and until it has been paid in cash to the commissioner.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, all tobacco taxes collected, including tobacco license taxes, shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund. On or before September 15, 2021, and each succeeding month thereafter through February 15, 2022, tobacco taxes collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter from the increases to tax rates under Section 27-69-13 and as a result of the amendment to Section 27-69-3, as provided in Senate Bill No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session, shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Budget Stabilization Fund created in Section 26 of this act.

Wholesalers who are entitled to purchase stamps at a discount, as provided by Section 27-69-31, may have consigned to them, without advance payment, such stamps, if and when such wholesaler shall give to the commissioner a good and sufficient bond executed by some surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned to secure the payment for the stamps so consigned. The commissioner shall require payment for such stamps not later than thirty (30) days from the date the stamps were consigned.

SECTION 26. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Budget Stabilization Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall only be appropriated by the Legislature to further the purposes of Sections 1 through 69 of this act.

SECTION 27. Section 27-70-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-70-5. (1) (a) In addition to the tax imposed under Section 27-69-13, and except as provided by subsection (2) of this section, there is imposed a tobacco equity tax in the amount of * * * Three and Nine One-Hundredths Cents (3.09¢) per cigarette on all cigarettes subject to the tax imposed under Section 27-69-13.

(b) On July 1 of each year, the tax prescribed by subsection (1) of this section shall increase by the greater of:

(i) Three percent (3%); or

(ii) The percentage increase in the most recent annual revised Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, as published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

(c) The revenue collected from the tax imposed by this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

(d) The cigarettes manufactured by any manufacturer which is a party to the tobacco settlement agreement shall be exempt from the imposition of the tobacco equity tax provided for herein.

(2) The tax imposed by this chapter does not apply to cigarettes that are sold, purchased or otherwise distributed in this state for sale outside of this state. A person may not transport or cause to be transported from this state such cigarettes for retail sale in another state without first affixing to the cigarettes the stamp required by the state in which the cigarettes are to be sold or by paying any other excise tax on the cigarettes imposed by the state in which the cigarettes are to be sold; however, a person shall not be required to affix a tax stamp of another state or pay the excise tax of another state prior to transporting the cigarettes out of this state if the other state prohibits that action or if the cigarettes are being sold to a wholesaler licensed by that state.

(3) The tax imposed by this chapter is in addition to any other privilege, license, fee, assessment or tax required or imposed by state law, including, but not limited to, the taxes levied by Section 27-69-13.

(4) The tax imposed by this chapter is imposed, levied and assessed on each distributor of cigarettes. The tax shall be due and payable on or before the fifteenth day of the month next succeeding the month in which the stamp is required to be affixed to the cigarettes under the Tobacco Tax Law. The distributor shall make a return showing the number of such cigarettes, the brand family, and the manufacturer. The return shall also include the quantity of cigarettes, by brand family, transported or caused to be transported outside of Mississippi in the preceding month as well as the name and address of the recipient of the cigarettes transported outside of Mississippi.

(5) The distributor is eligible for a credit if cigarettes for which the distributor had previously paid the tax under this chapter were returned to the distributor.

SECTION 28. Section 27-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until January 1 of the next succeeding year after the date that the Commissioner of Revenue certifies that the reduction in revenue mandated by Section 27-7-21(p)(i) equals or exceeds the remaining revenue produced by the individual income tax, this section shall read as follows:]

27-7-5. (1) There is hereby assessed and levied, to be collected and paid as hereinafter provided, for the calendar year 1983 and fiscal years ending during the calendar year 1983 and all taxable years thereafter, upon the entire net income of every resident individual, corporation, association, trust or estate, in excess of the credits provided, a tax at the following rates:

(a) (i) Through calendar year 2017, on the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

(ii) For calendar year 2018, on the first One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

(iii) For calendar year 2019, on the first Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

(iv) For calendar year 2020, on the first Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

(v) For calendar year 2021, on the first Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next One

Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

(vi) For calendar year 2022 and all taxable years thereafter, there shall be no tax levied on the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of taxable income;

(b) On taxable income in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) up to and including Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or any part thereof, the rate shall be four percent (4%); and

(c) On all taxable income in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), the rate shall be five percent (5%).

(2) An S corporation, as defined in Section 27-8-3(1)(g), shall not be subject to the income tax imposed under this section.

(3) A like tax is hereby imposed to be assessed, collected and paid annually, except as hereinafter provided, at the rate specified in this section and as hereinafter provided, upon and with respect to the entire net income, from all property owned or sold, and from every business, trade or occupation carried on in this state by individuals, corporations, partnerships, trusts or estates, not residents of the State of Mississippi.

(4) In the case of taxpayers having a fiscal year beginning in a calendar year with a rate in effect that is different than the rate in effect for the next calendar year and ending in the next calendar year, the tax due for that taxable year shall be determined by:

(a) Computing for the full fiscal year the amount of tax that would be due under the rates in effect for the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins; and

(b) Computing for the full fiscal year the amount of tax that would be due under the rates in effect for the calendar year in which the fiscal year ends; and

(c) Applying to the tax computed under paragraph (a) the ratio which the number of months falling within the earlier calendar year bears to the total number of months in the fiscal year; and

(d) Applying to the tax computed under paragraph (b) the ratio which the number of months falling within the later calendar year bears to the total number of months within the fiscal year; and

(e) Adding to the tax determined under paragraph (c) the tax determined under paragraph (d) the sum of which shall be the amount of tax due for the fiscal year.

[From and after January 1 of the next succeeding year after the date that the Commissioner of Revenue certifies that the reduction in revenue mandated by Section 27-7-21(p)(i) equals or exceeds the remaining revenue produced by the individual income tax, the individual income tax shall stand repealed and this section shall read as follows:]

27-7-5. (1) There is hereby assessed and levied, to be collected and paid as hereinafter provided, for the calendar year 1983 and fiscal years ending during the calendar year 1983 and all taxable years thereafter, upon the entire net income of every resident *** corporation *** or association, *** in excess of the credits provided, a tax at the following rates:

(a) (i) Through calendar year 2017, on the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

(ii) For calendar year 2018, on the first One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

(iii) For calendar year 2019, on the first Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

(iv) For calendar year 2020, on the first Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

(v) For calendar year 2021, on the first Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next One

Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

(vi) For calendar year 2022 and all taxable years thereafter, there shall be no tax levied on the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of taxable income;

(b) On taxable income in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) up to and including Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or any part thereof, the rate shall be four percent (4%); and

(c) On all taxable income in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), the rate shall be five percent (5%).

(2) An S corporation, as defined in Section 27-8-3(1)(g), shall not be subject to the income tax imposed under this section.

(3) A like tax is hereby imposed to be assessed, collected and paid annually, except as hereinafter provided, at the rate specified in this section and as hereinafter provided, upon and with respect to the entire net income, from all property owned or sold, and from every business, trade or occupation carried on in this state by * * * corporations, * * * not residents of the State of Mississippi.

(4) In the case of taxpayers having a fiscal year beginning in a calendar year with a rate in effect that is different than the rate in effect for the next calendar year and ending in the next calendar year, the tax due for that taxable year shall be determined by:

(a) Computing for the full fiscal year the amount of tax that would be due under the rates in effect for the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins; and

(b) Computing for the full fiscal year the amount of tax that would be due under the rates in effect for the calendar year in which the fiscal year ends; and

(c) Applying to the tax computed under paragraph (a) the ratio which the number of months falling within the earlier calendar year bears to the total number of months in the fiscal year; and

(d) Applying to the tax computed under paragraph (b) the ratio which the number of months falling within the later calendar year bears to the total number of months within the fiscal year; and

(e) Adding to the tax determined under paragraph (c) the tax determined under paragraph (d) the sum of which shall be the amount of tax due for the fiscal year.

SECTION 29. Section 27-7-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-3. When used in this article:

(a) "Taxpayer" includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association, trust or estate, subject to a tax imposed hereunder, or whose income is, in whole or in part, subject to a tax imposed hereunder.

(b) "Domestic," when applied to any corporation or association, including partnerships, means created or organized in the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Foreign," when applied to any corporation or association, including partnerships, means created or organized outside the State of Mississippi.

(d) "Fiduciary" means a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, conservator, or any person, whether individual or corporate, acting in any fiduciary capacity, for any person, trust, or estate.

(e) "Resident" means a natural person and includes, for the purpose of determining liability for the tax imposed by this article upon or with reference to the income of any taxable year, any person domiciled in the State of Mississippi and any other person who maintains a legal or actual residence within the state.

(f) "Nonresident," when used in connection with this article, shall apply to any natural person whose domicile and place of abode is without the State of Mississippi.

(g) "Foreign country" or "foreign government" means any jurisdiction other than the one embraced within the United States. The words "United States" includes the states, the District of Columbia, and the territorial possessions of the United States.

(h) "State Tax Commission" or "Tax Commission" means the Department of Revenue. "Commission" or "department" also means the Department of Revenue except where such words are specifically given other meanings.

(i) "Commissioner," "Chairman of the Mississippi State Tax Commission," "Chairman of the State Tax Commission," "chairman of the commission" or "chairman" means the Commissioner of Revenue of the Department of Revenue.

(j) "Taxable year" means the calendar year, or fiscal year ending during such calendar year, upon the basis of which the net income is computed hereunder. "Fiscal year" means an accounting period of twelve (12) months, ending on the last day of any month other than December.

(k) "Paid or accrued" means paid or accrued, or paid or incurred, and these terms, "paid or incurred" or "paid or accrued," shall be construed according to the method of accounting or the basis on which the net income is computed. The term "received for the purpose of computation of net income" means received or accrued, and the term "received or accrued" shall be construed according to the method of accounting or the basis on which the net income is computed.

(l) "Dividend" means any distribution made by a corporation, association, trust or estate, to its shareholders or members, whether in cash, other property, or its own stock.

SECTION 30. Section 27-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-27. (1) The tax imposed under the income tax laws of the State of Mississippi shall apply to the income of estates of any kind or property held in trust except:

(a) That a trust forming part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death benefit plan or profit-sharing plan of an employer for the exclusive benefit of some or all of his or its employees, or their beneficiaries, to which contributions are made by such employer, or employees, or both, for the purpose of distributing to such employees, or their beneficiaries, the earnings and principal of the fund accumulated by the trust in accordance with such plan, shall not be taxable under the income tax laws of the State of Mississippi provided that the trust is irrevocable and no part of the trust corpus or income can be used for purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of employees, or their beneficiaries; but any amount actually distributed or made available to any distributee shall be taxable to him in the year in which so distributed or made available to the extent that it exceeds amounts paid in by him.

(b) That all trusts of real or personal property, or real and personal property combined, created under a retirement plan for which provision has been made under the laws of the United States of America exempting such trust from federal income tax, shall be exempt from income taxation by the State of Mississippi.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a taxpayer shall include any Mississippi unrelated business taxable income in computing its taxable income under this chapter. As used in this subsection "Mississippi unrelated business taxable income" includes:

(a) "Unrelated business taxable income" as defined under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and not otherwise inconsistent with other provisions of this chapter, and

(b) Any income attributable to an ownership interest in an S corporation.

(3) A trust required to include the activity of a disregarded entity for federal income tax purposes shall do likewise for the purpose of computing income for this state.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the gross and net income shall be determined in the same manner as is provided by law for any other taxpayer.

SECTION 31. Section 27-7-22.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-22.5. (1) For any manufacturer, distributor, wholesale or retail merchant who pays to a county, municipality, school district, levee district or any other taxing authority of the state or a political subdivision thereof, ad valorem taxes imposed on commodities, raw materials, works-in-process, products, goods, wares and merchandise held for resale, a credit against the income taxes imposed under this chapter shall be allowed for the portion of the ad valorem taxes so paid in the amounts prescribed in subsection (2).

(2) The tax credit allowed by this section shall not exceed the amounts set forth in paragraphs (a) through (g) of this subsection; and may be claimed for each location

where such commodities, raw material, works-in-process, products, goods, wares and merchandise are found and upon which the ad valorem taxes have been paid. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credit was earned.

(a) For the 1994 taxable year, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(b) For the 1995 taxable year, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(c) For the 1996 taxable year, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(d) For the 1997 taxable year and each taxable year thereafter through taxable year 2013, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(e) For the 2014 taxable year, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(f) For the 2015 taxable year, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(g) For the 2016 taxable year and each taxable year thereafter, the tax credit of the taxpayer shall be the lesser of the amount of the ad valorem taxes described in subsection (1) paid or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(3) Any amount of ad valorem taxes paid by a taxpayer that is applied toward the tax credit allowed in this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes. In the case of a taxpayer that is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the credit may be applied only to the tax attributable to partnership, limited liability company or S corporation income derived from the taxpayer.

SECTION 32. Section 27-7-22.15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-22.15. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to herein unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Approved reforestation practices" means the following practices for establishing a crop of trees suitable for manufacturing into forest products:

(i) "Pine and hardwood tree planting practices" including the cost of seedlings, planting by hand or machine, and site preparation.

(ii) "Mixed-stand regeneration practices" to establish a mixed-crop of pine and hardwood trees by planting or direct seeding, or both, including the cost of seedlings, seed/acorns, planting, seeding and site preparation.

(iii) "Direct seeding practices" to establish a crop of pine or oak trees by directly applying seed/acorns to the site including the cost of seed/acorns, seeding and site preparation.

(iv) "Post-planting site preparation practices" to reduce or control undesirable competition within the first growing season of an established crop of trees.

Approved reforestation practices shall not include the establishment of orchards, Christmas trees or ornamental trees.

(b) "Eligible tree species" means pine and hardwood commercial tree species suitable for manufacturing into forest products.

(c) "Cost-share assistance" means partial financial payment for approved reforestation practices from the state government as authorized under Sections 49-19-201 through 49-19-227, or the federal government.

(d) "Eligible owner" means a private individual, group or association, but the term shall not mean private corporations which manufacture products or provide public utility services of any type or any subsidiary of such corporations.

(e) "Eligible lands" means nonindustrial private lands owned by a private individual, group or association, but shall not mean lands owned by private corporations which manufacture products or provide public utility services of any type or any subsidiary of such corporations.

(f) "Reforestation prescription or plan" means a written description of the approved reforestation practices that the eligible owner plans to use and includes a legal description and map of the area to be reforested, a list of the tree seedling or seed species to be used in the reforestation and the site preparation practices that will be utilized.

(2) Subject to the limitations provided in subsection (3) of this section, upon submission to the State Tax Commission of the written verification provided for in subsection (5) of this section and such other documentation as the State Tax Commission may require, any eligible owner who incurs costs for approved reforestation practices for eligible tree species on eligible lands shall be allowed a credit, in an amount equal to the lesser of fifty percent (50%) of the actual costs of the approved reforestation practices or fifty percent (50%) of the average cost of approved practices as established by the Mississippi Forestry Commission under Section 49-19-219, against the taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter for the tax year in which the costs are incurred.

(3) The maximum amount of the credit provided for in subsection (2) of this section that may be utilized in any one (1) taxable year shall not exceed the lesser of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or the amount of income tax imposed upon the eligible owner for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all other credits allowable to the eligible owner under this chapter, except credit for tax payments made by or on behalf of the eligible owner. Any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for succeeding tax years. The maximum dollar amount of the credit provided for in subsection (2) of this section that an eligible owner may utilize during his lifetime shall be Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the aggregate.

(4) If an eligible owner receives any state or federal cost share assistance funds to defray the cost of an approved reforestation practice, the cost of that practice on the same acre or acres within the same tax year is not eligible for the credit provided in this section unless the eligible owner's adjusted gross income is less than the federal earned income credit level.

(5) To be eligible for the tax credit, an eligible owner must have a reforestation prescription or plan prepared for the eligible lands by a graduate forester of a college, school or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters or by a registered forester under the Foresters Registration Law of 1977. The forester must verify in writing that the reforestation practices were completed and that the reforestation prescription or plan was followed.

SECTION 33. Section 27-7-22.21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-22.21. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Eligible land" means nonindustrial private lands in the state that are adjacent to and along a stream which is fully nominated to the Mississippi Scenic Streams Stewardship Program, or nonindustrial private lands in the state which are considered to be priority sites for conservation under the Mississippi Natural Heritage Program.

(b) "Eligible owner" means a private individual, group or association other than a private corporation, or any subsidiary thereof, which manufactures products or provides public utility services of any type.

(c) "Interest in land" means any right in real property, including access thereto or improvements thereon, or water, including, but not limited to, a fee simple easement, a conservation easement, provided such interest complies with the requirements of the United States Internal Revenue Code Section 170(h), partial interest, mineral right, remainder or future interest, or other interest or right in real property.

(d) "Land" or "lands" means real property, with or without improvements thereon, rights-of-way, water and riparian rights, easements, privileges and all other rights or interests of any land or description in, relating to, or connected with real property.

(e) "Allowable transaction costs" mean the costs of the appraisal of the lands or interests in lands, including conservation easements, that are being donated, of the baseline survey of the natural features, animals and plants present on the site, of engineering and surveying fees, of maintenance fees, of monitoring fees and of legal fees, including the costs of document preparation, title review and title insurance.

(f) "Specified conservation purposes" mean the preservation of stream bank habitats and the stability of stream banks, or the protection of land necessary because of high biodiversity significance or high protection urgency due to the presence of exemplary natural communities or species of special concern, including threatened or endangered species.

(2) For the taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, for any income taxpayer who is an eligible owner, a credit against the taxes imposed by this chapter shall be allowed in the amounts provided in this section upon the donation of land or an interest in land for specified conservation purposes.

(3) The credit provided for in this section shall be fifty percent (50%) of the allowable transaction costs involved in the donation for the tax year in which the allowable transaction costs occur. The aggregate amount of the credit provided in this section for allowable transaction costs shall not exceed the lesser of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or the amount of tax imposed upon the taxpayer for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all other credits allowable to such taxpayer under this chapter, except credit for tax payments made by or on behalf of the taxpayer. Any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for ten (10) succeeding tax years. The maximum dollar amount of the credit provided for in this section that an eligible owner may utilize during his lifetime shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the aggregate.

(4) To be eligible for the credit provided for in this section, an eligible owner must demonstrate that the donation qualifies as a conservation contribution under Section 170(h) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, by means of being a donation in perpetuity, for conservation purposes and made to a qualified holder or donee. A letter from the donee indicating acceptance and a completed copy of the appropriate United States Internal Revenue Service form shall constitute proof of acceptance. The eligible owner also must submit any other documentation that the State Tax Commission may require.

SECTION 34. Section 27-7-22.22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-22.22. (1) A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this chapter to a taxpayer for allowing land owned by the taxpayer to be used as a natural area preserve, a wildlife refuge or habitat area, a wildlife management area, or for the purpose of providing public outdoor recreational opportunities, as authorized under Section 49-1-29, 49-5-71 or 49-5-155, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) The land may not be under lease to the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and the commission must approve the land as being suitable for the uses described in this section.

(b) The amount of the tax credit allowed by this section shall be Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$5.50) per acre of land in each taxable year.

(c) In no event shall the amount of the tax credits allowed by this section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's liability for those taxes. Any unused credit amount shall be allowed to be carried forward for five (5) years from the close of the taxable year in which the land was approved for such a use. No such credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(2) To claim a credit allowed by this section, the taxpayer shall provide any information required by the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks or the Mississippi Commissioner of Revenue. Every taxpayer claiming a credit under this section shall maintain and make available for inspection by the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks or the Mississippi Commissioner of Revenue any records that either entity considers necessary to determine and verify the amount of the credit to which the taxpayer is entitled. The burden of proving eligibility for a credit and the amount of the credit rests upon the taxpayer, and no credit may be allowed to a taxpayer that fails to maintain adequate records or to make them available for inspection.

(3) Upon approval of the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks under subsection (1)(a), a taxpayer seeking to claim any tax credit provided for under this section must submit an application to the Mississippi Commissioner of Revenue for approval of the tax credit. The Mississippi Commissioner of Revenue shall promulgate the rules and forms on which the application is to be submitted. The Mississippi Commissioner of Revenue shall review the application and may approve such application upon determining that it meets the requirements of this section within sixty (60) days after receiving the application.

SECTION 35. Section 27-7-22.31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-22.31. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Certified historic structure" means a property located in Mississippi that has been:

(i) Listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places; or

(ii) Determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and will be listed within thirty (30) months of claiming the credit authorized by this section; or

(iii) Property designated a Mississippi Landmark by the Department of Archives and History pursuant to Section 39-7-3 et seq.

(b) "Eligible property" means property located in Mississippi and offered or used for residential or business purposes; however, the term "eligible property" shall not include a single-family dwelling unless:

(i) A certificate evidencing the eligible credit has been issued to the taxpayer by the department prior to July 1, 2016, that applies to such dwelling; or

(ii) The dwelling is designated as a National Historic Landmark under the National Historic Landmarks Program.

(c) "Structure in a certified historic district" means a structure (and its structural components) located in Mississippi which:

(i) Is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; or

(ii) Has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and will be listed within thirty (30) months of claiming the credit authorized by this section; or

(iii) Is located in a registered historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places or located in a potential district that has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and will be listed within thirty (30) months of claiming the credit authorized by this section, and is certified by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior as being of historic significance to the district; or

(iv) Is certified by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History as contributing to the historic significance of:

1. A certified historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places; or

2. A potential district that has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and will be listed within thirty (30) months of claiming the credit authorized by this section; or

3. A local district that has been certified by the United States Department of the Interior.

(d) "Department" means the Department of Archives and History.

(2) Any taxpayer incurring costs and expenses for the rehabilitation of eligible property, which is a certified historic structure or a structure in a certified historic district, shall be entitled to a credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter in an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total costs and expenses of rehabilitation incurred after January 1, 2006, which shall include, but not be limited to, qualified rehabilitation expenditures as defined under Section 47(c)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the related regulations thereunder:

(a) If the costs and expenses associated with rehabilitation exceed:

(i) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in the case of an owner-occupied dwelling; or

(ii) Fifty percent (50%) of the total basis in the property in the case of all other properties; and

(b) The rehabilitation is consistent with the standards of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior as determined by the department.

(3) Any taxpayer eligible for the credit authorized by this section may claim the credit in phases if:

(a) There is a written set of architectural plans and specifications for all phases of the rehabilitation (written plans outlining and describing all phases of the rehabilitation shall be accepted as written plans and specifications);

(b) The written set of architectural plans and specifications are completed before the physical work on the rehabilitation begins; and

(c) It can reasonably be expected that all phases of the rehabilitation will be completed.

(4) (a) (i) If the amount of the tax credit established by this section exceeds the total state income tax liability for the year in which the rehabilitated property is placed in service, the amount that exceeds the total state income tax liability may be carried forward for the ten (10) succeeding tax years.

(ii) The taxpayer may elect to claim a refund in the amount of seventy-five percent (75%) of the excess credit in lieu of the ten-year carryforward. The election must be made in the year in which the rehabilitated property is placed in service. Refunds will be paid in equal installments over a two-year period and shall be made from current collections.

(iii) Refund requests shall be submitted to the Department of Revenue on forms prescribed by the department. Refunds shall be made from current tax collections.

(b) Not-for-profit entities, including, but not limited to, nonprofit corporations organized under Section 79-11-101 et seq. shall be ineligible for the credit authorized by this section. Credits granted to a partnership, a limited liability company taxed as a partnership or multiple owners of property shall be passed through to the partners, members or owners on a pro rata basis or pursuant to an executed agreement among the partners, members or owners documenting an alternative distribution method. Partners, members or other owners of a pass-through entity are not eligible to elect a refund of excess credit in lieu of a carryforward of the credit. However, a partnership or limited liability company taxed as a partnership may elect to claim a refund of excess credit at the entity level on a form prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Additionally, excess tax credits that are attributable to rehabilitated property that was placed in service by a pass-through entity prior to January 1, 2011, and that have previously been allocated to and are held by another pass-through entity prior to January 1, 2011, may be refunded to such other pass-through entity.

(5) (a) To claim the credit authorized pursuant to this section, the taxpayer shall apply to the department which shall determine the amount of eligible rehabilitation costs and expenses and whether the rehabilitation is consistent with the standards of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior. The department shall issue a certificate evidencing the eligible credit if the taxpayer is found to be eligible for the tax credit. The taxpayer shall attach the certificate to all income tax returns on which the credit is claimed. The department shall not issue certificates evidencing the eligible credit which, when combined with certificates of eligible credits issued prior to July 1, 2016, will result in credits being awarded in excess of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) in any one (1) state fiscal year.

(b) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be awarded under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Eighty Million Dollars (\$180,000,000.00). A taxpayer who was issued a certificate evidencing the eligible credit by the department prior to July 1, 2020, but who was unable to be awarded the credit due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits authorized under this section prior to July 1, 2020:

(i) May be awarded the credit so long as the award does not cause the aggregate amount of tax credits awarded to exceed the amount authorized in this paragraph; and

(ii) Shall be given priority for tax credits awarded after July 1, 2020.

(6) (a) The credit received by a taxpayer pursuant to this section is subject to recapture if:

(i) The property is one that has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places but is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places within thirty (30) months of claiming the credit authorized by this section;

(ii) The potential district in which the property is located is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places within thirty (30) months of claiming the credit authorized by this section; or

(iii) The rehabilitation of the property for which the credit was granted is abandoned.

(b) The taxpayer shall notify the department and the Department of Revenue if any of the situations that subject the credit to recapture occur.

(7) (a) The board of trustees of the department shall establish fees to be charged for the services performed by the department under this section and shall publish the fee schedule. The fees contained in the schedule shall be in amounts reasonably calculated to recover the costs incurred by the department for the administration of this section. Any taxpayer desiring to participate in the tax credits authorized by this section shall pay the appropriate fee as contained in the fee schedule to the department, which shall be used by the department, without appropriation, to offset the administrative costs of the department associated with its duties under this section.

(b) There is hereby created within the State Treasury a special fund into which shall be deposited all the fees collected by the department pursuant to this section. Money deposited into the fund shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal year and investment earnings on the proceeds in such special fund shall be deposited into such fund. Money from the fund shall be disbursed upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer upon requisitions signed by the executive director of the department to assist the department in carrying out its duties under this section.

(8) This section shall only apply to taxpayers:

(a) Who have been issued a certificate evidencing the eligible credit before December 31, 2030; or

(b) Who, before December 31, 2030, have received a determination in writing from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, in accordance with the department's Historic Preservation Certificate Application, Part 2, that the rehabilitation is consistent with the historic character of the property and that the property meets the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, or will meet the standards if certain specified conditions are met, and, who are issued a certificate evidencing the eligible credit on or after December 31, 2030.

SECTION 36. Section 27-7-22.32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

[Through December 31, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

27-7-22.32. (1) (a) There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter the amount of the qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred, not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), for each dependent child legally adopted by a taxpayer under the laws of this state during calendar year 2006 or during any calendar year thereafter through calendar year 2017, and not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each dependent child legally adopted by a taxpayer under the laws of this state during any calendar year thereafter. A taxpayer claiming a credit under this paragraph (a) may not claim a credit under paragraph (b) of this subsection for the adoption of the same child.

(b) There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each dependent child legally adopted by a taxpayer under the laws of this state through the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services during calendar year 2018 or during any calendar year

thereafter. A taxpayer claiming a credit under this paragraph (b) may not claim a credit under paragraph (a) of this subsection for the adoption of the same child.

(2) The tax credit under this section may be claimed for the taxable year in which the adoption becomes final under the laws of this state. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for the five (5) succeeding tax years. A tax credit is allowed under this section for any child for which an exemption is claimed during the same taxable year under Section 27-7-21(e). For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified adoption expenses" means and has the same definition as that term has in 26 USCS 36C.

[From and after January 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

27-7-22.32. There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter the amount of the qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred, not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), for each dependent child legally adopted by a taxpayer under the laws of this state during calendar year 2006 or during any calendar year thereafter. The tax credit under this section may be claimed for the taxable year in which the adoption becomes final under the laws of this state. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for the three (3) succeeding tax years. A tax credit is allowed under this section for any child for which an exemption is claimed during the same taxable year under Section 27-7-21(e). For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified adoption expenses" means and has the same definition as that term has in 26 USCS 36C.

SECTION 37. Section 27-7-22.33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-22.33. (1) A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the income taxes imposed under this chapter in an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the premium costs paid during the taxable year for a qualified long-term care insurance policy as defined in Section 7702B of the Internal Revenue Code that offers coverage to either the individual, the individual's spouse, the individual's parent or parent-in-law, or the individual's dependent as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) No taxpayer shall be entitled to the credit with respect to the same expended amounts for qualified long-term care insurance which are claimed by another taxpayer.

(3) The credit allowed by this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or the taxpayer's income tax liability, whichever is less, for each qualified long-term care insurance policy. Any unused tax credit shall not be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's succeeding year's tax liability.

(4) No credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to any premium for qualified long-term care insurance either deducted or subtracted by the taxpayer in arriving at his net taxable income under this section or with respect to any premiums for qualified long-term care insurance which were excluded from his net taxable income.

SECTION 38. Section 27-7-22.37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-22.37. (1) There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by Section 27-7-5 the amount of the qualified prekindergarten program support contributions paid to approved providers, lead partners or collaboratives, not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), by any individual, corporation or other entity having taxable income under the laws of this state during calendar year 2013 or during any calendar year thereafter. In order to qualify for a tax credit, such contributions may support the local match requirement of approved providers, lead partners or collaboratives as is necessary to match state-appropriated funds, and any such providers, lead partners or collaboratives shall be approved by the State Department of Education.

(2) Any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for three (3) tax years.

(3) Any prekindergarten program support contribution shall be verified by submission to the Mississippi Department of Revenue of a copy of the receipt provided to the donor taxpayer by the prekindergarten program recipient or such other written verification as may be required by the Department of Revenue.

(4) The maximum amount of donations accepted by the Department of Revenue in calendar year 2014 shall not exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00), in calendar year 2015 shall not exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00), and in

calendar year 2016 and calendar years thereafter shall not exceed Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00), or what is appropriated by the Legislature to fund Chapter 493, Laws of 2013 each year.

(5) The Mississippi Department of Revenue shall promulgate rules necessary to effectuate the purposes of Chapter 493, Laws of 2013. Such rules shall include a means of informing the public of the existence of the prekindergarten support program and the application process for provider, lead partner and collaborative candidates.

SECTION 39. Section 27-7-22.39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-22.39. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Low-income residents" means persons whose household income is less than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty level.

(b) "Qualifying charitable organization" means a charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or is a designated community action agency that receives community services block grant program monies pursuant to 42 USC 9901. The organization must spend at least fifty percent (50%) of its budget on services to residents of this state who receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits or low-income residents of this state and their households or to children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability who are residents of this state. A charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that meets all other requirements of this paragraph except that it does not spend at least fifty percent (50%) of its overall budget in Mississippi may be a qualifying charitable organization if it spends at least fifty percent (50%) of its Mississippi budget on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi and it certifies to the department that one hundred percent (100%) of the voluntary cash contributions from the taxpayer will be spent on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi. Taxpayers choosing to make donations through an umbrella charitable organization that collects donations on behalf of member charities shall designate that the donation be directed to a member charitable organization that would qualify under this section on a stand-alone basis. Qualifying charitable organization does not include any entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions or that financially supports any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions.

(c) "Qualifying foster care charitable organization" means a qualifying charitable organization that each operating year provides services to at least one hundred (100) qualified individuals in this state and spends at least fifty percent (50%) of its budget on services to qualified individuals in this state. A charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that meets all other requirements of this paragraph except that it does not spend at least fifty percent (50%) of its overall budget in Mississippi may be a qualifying foster care charitable organization if it spends at least fifty percent (50%) of its Mississippi budget on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi and it certifies to the department that one hundred percent (100%) of the voluntary cash contributions from the taxpayer will be spent on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi. For the purposes of this paragraph, "qualified individual" means a child in a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, a child placed under the Safe Families for Children model, or a child at significant risk of entering a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services.

(d) "Services" means:

(i) Cash assistance, medical care, child care, food, clothing, shelter, and job-placement services or any other assistance that is reasonably necessary to meet immediate basic needs and that is provided and used in this state;

(ii) Job-training or education services or funding for parents, foster parents or guardians; or

(iii) Job-training or education services or funding provided as part of a foster care independent living program.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this chapter for voluntary cash contributions by the

taxpayer during the taxable year to a qualifying charitable organization, other than a qualifying foster care charitable organization, not to exceed:

(a) The lesser of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a single individual or a head of household.

(b) The lesser of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a married couple filing a joint return.

(3) A separate credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this chapter for voluntary cash contributions during the taxable year to a qualifying foster care charitable organization. A contribution to a qualifying foster care charitable organization does not qualify for, and shall not be included in, any credit amount under subsection (2) of this section. If the voluntary cash contribution by the taxpayer is to a qualifying foster care charitable organization, the credit shall not exceed:

(a) The lesser of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a single individual or a head of household.

(b) The lesser of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a married couple filing a joint return.

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section provide separate credits against taxes imposed by this chapter depending on the recipients of the contributions. A taxpayer, including a married couple filing a joint return, in the same taxable year, may either or both:

(a) Contribute to a qualifying charitable organization, other than a qualifying foster care charitable organization, and claim a credit under subsection (2) of this section.

(b) Contribute to a qualifying foster care charitable organization and claim a credit under subsection (3) of this section.

(5) A husband and wife who file separate returns for a taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half (1/2) of the tax credit that would have been allowed for a joint return.

(6) If the allowable tax credit exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this chapter on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this chapter, the taxpayer may carry forward the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this chapter for not more than five (5) consecutive taxable years' income tax liability.

(7) The credit allowed by this section is in lieu of a deduction pursuant to Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code and taken for state tax purposes.

(8) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section shall provide the name of the qualifying charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(9) A qualifying charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered a qualifying charitable organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect the qualifications under this section.

(10) The charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(a) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or verification that the organization is a designated community action agency that receives community services block grant program monies pursuant to 42 USC 9901.

(b) Financial data indicating the organization's budget for the organization's prior operating year and the amount of that budget spent on services to residents of this state who either:

(i) Receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits;

(ii) Are low-income residents of this state;

(iii) Are children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability; or

(iv) Are children in a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, children placed under the

Safe Families for Children model or children at significant risk of entering a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services.

(c) A statement that the organization plans to continue spending at least fifty percent (50%) of its budget on services to residents of this state who receive temporary assistance for needy families benefits, who are low-income residents of this state, who are children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability or who are children in a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families for Children model or children at significant risk of entering a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services. A charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that meets all other requirements for a qualifying charitable organization or qualifying foster care charitable organization except that it does not spend at least fifty percent (50%) of its overall budget in Mississippi shall submit a statement that it spends at least fifty percent (50%) of its Mississippi budget on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi and that one hundred percent (100%) of the voluntary cash contributions it receives from Mississippi taxpayers will be spent on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi.

(d) In the case of a foster care charitable organization, a statement that each operating year it provides services to at least one hundred (100) qualified individuals in this state.

(e) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions.

(f) Any other information that the department requires to administer this section.

(11) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered a qualifying charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of the qualifying charitable organizations.

(12) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be awarded under this section in any calendar year shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). However, for calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be awarded under this section in any calendar year shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). In addition, any tax credits not awarded under this section before June 1, 2020, may be allocated during calendar year 2020 under Section 27-7-22.41 for contributions by taxpayers to eligible charitable organizations described in Section

27-7-22.41(1)(b)(ii) as provided under such section, notwithstanding any limitation on the percentage of tax credits that may be allocated for such contributions.

(13) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section.

(14) This section shall be repealed from and after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 40. Section 27-7-22.41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-22.41. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(b) "Eligible charitable organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is:

(i) Licensed by or under contract or agreement with the Department of Child Protection Services and provides services for:

1. The prevention and diversion of children from custody with the Department of Child Protection Services,
2. The safety, care and well-being of children in custody with the Department of Child Protection Services, or
3. The express purpose of creating permanency for children through adoption; or

(ii) Certified by the department as a job training, workforce development or educational services charitable organization and provides services to:

1. Children in a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families for Children model, or children at significant risk of entering a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services,
2. Children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability, or
3. Children eligible for free or reduced price meals programs under Section 37-11-7, or selected for participation in the Promise Neighborhoods Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

(2) (a) The tax credit authorized in this section shall be available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(b) A contribution to an eligible charitable organization for which a credit is claimed under this section does not qualify for and shall not be included in any credit that may be claimed under Section 27-7-22.39.

(c) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes.

(3) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(4) An eligible charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this section.

(5) The eligible charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(a) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions;

(c) Any other information that the department requires to administer this section.

(6) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of eligible charitable organizations.

(7) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

(8) (a) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section.

(b) A taxpayer who applied for a tax credit under this section during calendar year 2020, but who was unable to be awarded the credit due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits authorized for calendar year 2020, shall be given priority for tax credits authorized to be allocated to taxpayers under this section by Section 27-7-22.39.

(9) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), and not more than fifty percent (50%) of tax credits allocated during a calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. However, for calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section and fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, no more than five percent (5%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization.

SECTION 41. Section 27-7-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-207. (1) Subject to the limitations provided for in this section, through calendar year 2023 a taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Chapter 7, Title 27, in an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of a qualified

contribution to an endowed fund at a qualified community foundation, subject to the following:

(a) The minimum amount of a qualified contribution shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(b) The maximum amount of a qualified contribution shall be Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).

(c) The total qualified contributions from any qualified taxpayer eligible for the tax credit authorized under this section shall be Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) per year.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the aggregate amount of tax credits authorized under this article shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in any one (1) calendar year. The credits shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. If the tax credits authorized for used in any calendar year are not utilized, the amount not utilized may be awarded or carried forward in up to five (5) subsequent calendar years from the year in which such credits are made available.

(3) If the amount allowable as a credit exceeds the tax imposed by Chapter 7, Title 27, the amount of such excess may be carried forward for not more than five (5) subsequent taxable years.

(4) From and after January 1, 2024, no additional credits shall be authorized under this section; however, any tax credits authorized prior to January 1, 2024, and not used, may be carried forward for not more than five (5) taxable years subsequent to calendar year 2023.

SECTION 42. Section 27-7-312, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-7-312. (1) Of the revenue collected under the provisions of this article from the new direct jobs of a qualified business or industry as defined in Section 57-62-5 of the Mississippi Advantage Jobs Act, an amount equal to the estimated amount of the quarterly incentive payment for which such qualified business or industry is eligible shall be deposited into the Mississippi Advantage Jobs Incentive Payment Fund created pursuant to Section 57-62-1 et seq., on or before the twentieth day of the month following the close of each calendar quarter.

(2) Of the revenue collected under the provisions of this article from the qualified jobs of a qualified business or industry as defined in Section 57-99-1, an amount equal to the estimated amount of the quarterly incentive payment for which such qualified business or industry is eligible shall be deposited into the MMEIA Withholding Rebate Fund created pursuant to Section 57-99-5, on or before the twentieth day of the month following the close of each calendar quarter.

(3) Of the revenue collected under the provisions of this article from the qualified jobs of a qualified business or industry as defined in Section 57-100-1, an amount equal to the estimated amount of the quarterly incentive payment for which such qualified business or industry is eligible shall be deposited into the Existing Industry Withholding Rebate Fund created pursuant to Section 57-100-5, on or before the twentieth day of the month following the close of each calendar quarter.

(4) Of the revenue collected under the provisions of this article from the qualified jobs of a qualified business or industry as defined in Section 57-99-21, an amount equal to the estimated amount of the quarterly incentive payment for which such qualified business or industry is eligible shall be deposited into the MMEIA Rebate Fund created pursuant to Section 57-99-25, on or before the twentieth day of the month following the close of each calendar quarter.

SECTION 43. Section 57-62-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments prior to July 1, 2005, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income

taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business;

(b) "New direct job" means full-time employment in this state in a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to this chapter, which employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. "New direct job" shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased to the qualified business or industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment;

(c) "Full-time job" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week;

(d) "Estimated direct state benefits" means the tax revenues projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry;

(e) "Estimated direct state costs" means the costs projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry;

(f) "Estimated net direct state benefits" means the estimated direct state benefits less the estimated direct state costs;

(g) "Net benefit rate" means the estimated net direct state benefits computed as a percentage of gross payroll, provided that:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (g), the net benefit rate may be variable and shall not exceed four percent (4%) of the gross payroll; and shall be set in the sole discretion of the MDA;

(ii) In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits;

(h) "Gross payroll" means wages for new direct jobs of the qualified business or industry; and

(i) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2005, but prior to July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which:

(i) Is a data/information processing enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred percent (100%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than two hundred (200) new direct jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier One or Tier Two area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), or which creates not less than one hundred (100) new jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier Three area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21);

(ii) Is a manufacturing or distribution enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or

the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, invests not less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) in land, buildings and equipment, and creates not less than fifty (50) new direct jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier One or Tier Two area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), or which creates not less than twenty (20) new jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier Three area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21);

(iii) Is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than twenty-five (25) new direct jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier One or Tier Two area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), or which creates not less than ten (10) new jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier Three area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21). An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business; or

(iv) Is a research and development or a technology intensive enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than ten (10) new direct jobs.

An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business.

(b) "New direct job" means full-time employment in this state in a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to this chapter, which employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. "New direct job" shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased to the qualified business or industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment.

(c) "Full-time job" or "full-time employment" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(d) "Estimated direct state benefits" means the tax revenues projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry.

(e) "Estimated direct state costs" means the costs projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry.

(f) "Estimated net direct state benefits" means the estimated direct state benefits less the estimated direct state costs.

(g) "Net benefit rate" means the estimated net direct state benefits computed as a percentage of gross payroll, provided that:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (g), the net benefit rate may be variable and shall not exceed four percent (4%) of the gross payroll; and shall be set in the sole discretion of the MDA;

(ii) In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits.

(h) "Gross payroll" means wages for new direct jobs of the qualified business or industry.

(i) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

[For businesses or industries that apply for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which:

(i) Is a data/information processing enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred percent (100%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than two hundred (200) new direct jobs;

(ii) Is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than twenty-five (25) new direct jobs; or

(iii) Is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which is a manufacturer that:

1. Provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser;

2. Has a minimum of five thousand (5,000) existing employees as of the last day of the previous calendar year; and

3. MDA determines will create not less than three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within forty-eight (48) months of the date the MDA determines that the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments.

An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business.

(b) "New direct job" means full-time employment in this state in a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to this chapter, which employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. "New direct job" shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased to the qualified business or

industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment.

(c) "Full-time job" or "full-time employment" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(d) "Gross payroll" means wages for new direct jobs of the qualified business or industry.

(e) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

SECTION 44. Section 57-62-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments prior to July 1, 2005, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-9. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in this chapter may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of this chapter in an amount which shall be equal to the net benefit rate multiplied by the actual gross payroll of new direct jobs for a calendar quarter as verified by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, but not to exceed the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer. A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments.

(2) (a) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the initial ten-year period if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production;

(ii) Within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production, the average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (a) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 and qualified to receive incentive payments for the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed ten (10) years beyond the expiration date of the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least four thousand (4,000) new direct jobs after qualifying for the additional incentive period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) but before the expiration of the additional period. For purposes of determining whether the business or industry meets the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i), the number of jobs the business or industry created in order to meet the minimum jobs requirement of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) shall be subtracted from the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i);

(ii) The average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual

wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (b) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(3) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(4) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to:

(a) Be engaged in a qualified business or industry;

(b) Provide an average salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for this requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of application, and the threshold established upon application will remain constant for the duration of the project;

(c) The business or industry must create and maintain a minimum of ten (10) full-time jobs in counties that have an average unemployment rate over the previous twelve-month period which is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state unemployment rate, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security or in Tier Three counties as determined under Section 57-73-21. In all other counties, the business or industry must create and maintain a minimum of twenty-five (25) full-time jobs. The criteria for this requirement shall be based on the designation of the county at the time of the application. The threshold established upon the application will remain constant for the duration of the project. The business or industry must meet its job creation commitment within twenty-four (24) months of the application approval. However, if the qualified business or industry is applying for incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the business or industry must comply with the applicable job and wage requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(5) The MDA shall determine if the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments. If the applicant is determined to be qualified by the MDA, the MDA shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the estimated net direct state benefits and the net benefit rate applicable for a period not to exceed ten (10) years and to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the period. If the applicant is determined to be qualified to receive incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the MDA shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the estimated net direct state benefits and the net benefit rate applicable for the appropriate additional period and to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the additional period. In conducting such cost/benefit analysis, the MDA shall consider quantitative factors, such as the anticipated level of new tax revenues to the state along with the cost to the state of the qualified business or industry, and such other criteria as deemed appropriate by the MDA, including the adequacy of retirement benefits that the business or industry provides to individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state. In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits. Once the qualified business or industry is approved by the MDA, an agreement shall be deemed to exist between the qualified business or industry and the State of Mississippi, requiring the continued incentive payment to be made as long as the qualified business or industry retains its eligibility.

(6) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application and the estimated net direct state benefits. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. The qualified business or industry shall report to the

Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility. In addition, the State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(7) If the qualified business or industry is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a result of the disaster the business or industry is unable to create or maintain the full-time jobs required by this section:

(a) The Commissioner of Revenue may extend the period of time that the business or industry may receive incentive payments for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years;

(b) The Commissioner of Revenue may waive the requirement that a certain number of jobs be maintained for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months; and

(c) The MDA may extend the period of time within which the jobs must be created for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2005, but prior to July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-9. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in this chapter may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of this chapter in an amount which shall be equal to the net benefit rate multiplied by the actual gross payroll of new direct jobs for a calendar quarter as verified by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, but not to exceed:

(i) Ninety percent (90%) of the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer if the employer provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred seventy-five percent (175%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser;

(ii) Eighty percent (80%) of the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer if the employer provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) but less than one hundred seventy-five percent (175%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser; or

(iii) Seventy percent (70%) of the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer if the employer provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of less than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments.

(2) (a) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the initial ten-year period if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production;

(ii) Within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production, the average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (a) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 and qualified to receive incentive payments for the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed ten (10) years beyond the expiration date of the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least four thousand (4,000) new direct jobs after qualifying for the additional incentive period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) but before the expiration of the additional period. For purposes of determining whether the business or industry meets the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i), the number of jobs the business or industry created in order to meet the minimum jobs requirement of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) shall be subtracted from the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i);

(ii) The average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (b) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(3) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(4) (a) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to meet the definition of the term "qualified business or industry";

(b) The criteria for the average annual salary requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of application, and the threshold established upon application will remain constant for the duration of the project;

(c) The business or industry must meet its job creation commitment within twenty-four (24) months of the application approval. However, if the qualified business or industry is applying for incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the business or industry must comply with the applicable job and wage requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(5) (a) The MDA shall determine if the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments.

(b) If the applicant is determined to be qualified to receive incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the MDA shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the estimated net direct state benefits and the net benefit rate applicable for the appropriate additional period and to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the additional period. In conducting such cost/benefit analysis, the MDA shall consider quantitative factors, such as the anticipated level of new tax

revenues to the state along with the cost to the state of the qualified business or industry, and such other criteria as deemed appropriate by the MDA, including the adequacy of retirement benefits that the business or industry provides to individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state. In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits. Once the qualified business or industry is approved by the MDA, an agreement shall be deemed to exist between the qualified business or industry and the State of Mississippi, requiring the continued incentive payment to be made as long as the qualified business or industry retains its eligibility.

(6) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application and the estimated net direct state benefits. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. The qualified business or industry shall report to the Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility. In addition, the State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(7) If the qualified business or industry is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a result of the disaster the business or industry is unable to create or maintain the full-time jobs required by this section:

(a) The Commissioner of Revenue may extend the period of time that the business or industry may receive incentive payments for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years;

(b) The Commissioner of Revenue may waive the requirement that a certain number of jobs be maintained for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months; and

(c) The MDA may extend the period of time within which the jobs must be created for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

[For businesses or industries that apply for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-9. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in this chapter may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of this chapter in an amount which shall be equal to ninety percent (90%) of the amount of actual income tax withheld for employees with new direct jobs, but in no event more than four percent (4%) of the total annual salary paid for new direct jobs during such period, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments.

(c) A qualified business or industry as defined in Section 57-62-5(a)(iii) may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin and may elect to begin receiving incentive payments as early as the second quarter after that date. Incentive payments will be calculated on all jobs above the existing number of jobs as of the date the MDA determines that the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments. In the event that the qualified business or industry falls below the number of existing jobs at the time of determination that the applicant is qualified to receive the incentive payment, the incentive payment shall cease until the qualified business or industry once again exceeds that number. If after forty-eight (48) months, the qualified business or industry has failed to create at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs, incentive payments shall cease and the qualified business or industry shall not be qualified to receive further incentive payments.

(2) (a) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the initial ten-year period if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production;

(ii) Within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production, the average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (a) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 and qualified to receive incentive payments for the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed ten (10) years beyond the expiration date of the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least four thousand (4,000) new direct jobs after qualifying for the additional incentive period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) but before the expiration of the additional period. For purposes of determining whether the business or industry meets the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i), the number of jobs the business or industry created in order to meet the minimum jobs requirement of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) shall be subtracted from the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i);

(ii) The average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (b) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(3) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(4) (a) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to meet the definition of the term "qualified business or industry";

(b) The criteria for the average annual salary requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of application, and the threshold established upon application will remain constant for the duration of the project;

(c) Except as otherwise provided for a qualified business or industry as defined in Section 57-62-5(a)(iii), the business or industry must meet its job creation commitment within twenty-four (24) months of the application approval. However, if the qualified business or industry is applying for incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the business or industry must comply with the applicable job and wage requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(5) (a) The MDA shall determine if the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments.

(b) If the applicant is determined to be qualified to receive incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the MDA shall

conduct an analysis to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the appropriate additional period. Incentive payments, cumulatively, shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the amount of actual income tax withheld for employees with new direct jobs, but in no event more than four percent (4%) of the total annual salary paid for new direct jobs during the additional period, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes. Once the qualified business or industry is approved by the MDA, an agreement shall be deemed to exist between the qualified business or industry and the State of Mississippi, requiring the continued incentive payment to be made as long as the qualified business or industry retains its eligibility.

(6) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application and the minimum job and salary requirements. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. The qualified business or industry shall report to the Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility. In addition, the State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(7) If the qualified business or industry is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a result of the disaster the business or industry is unable to create or maintain the full-time jobs required by this section:

(a) The Commissioner of Revenue may extend the period of time that the business or industry may receive incentive payments for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years;

(b) The Commissioner of Revenue may waive the requirement that a certain number of jobs be maintained for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months; and

(c) The MDA may extend the period of time within which the jobs must be created for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

SECTION 45. Section 57-62-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-62-11. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Mississippi Advantage Jobs Incentive Payment Fund, into which shall be deposited withholding tax revenue required to be deposited into such fund pursuant to Section 27-7-312. The money in the fund shall be used for the purpose of making the incentive payments authorized under this chapter.

(2) The Mississippi Advantage Jobs Incentive Payment Fund shall be administered by the Department of Revenue, and monies in the fund, less three percent (3%) to be retained by the Department of Revenue to pay the reasonable and necessary expenses of the Department of Revenue in administering its duties under this chapter, shall be expended pursuant to the approved application. Amounts in the fund at the end of any fiscal year that are not necessary to make future incentive payments shall be paid into the General Fund.

(3) The liability of the State of Mississippi to make the incentive payments authorized under this chapter shall be limited to the balance contained in the fund.

SECTION 46. Section 57-62-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-62-13. (1) As soon as practicable after the end of a calendar quarter for which a qualified business or industry has qualified to receive an incentive payment, the qualified business or industry shall file a claim for the payment with the Department of Revenue and shall specify the actual number of new direct jobs created and maintained by the business or industry for the calendar quarter and the gross payroll thereof. The Department of Revenue shall verify the actual number of new direct jobs created and maintained by the business or industry and compliance with the average annual wage requirements for such business or industry under this chapter. If the qualified business or industry files a claim for an incentive payment during an additional incentive period provided under Section 57-62-9(2), the Department of Revenue shall verify the actual number of new direct jobs created and maintained by the business or industry and

compliance with the average annual wage requirements for such business or industry under this chapter. If the Department of Revenue is not able to provide such verification utilizing all available resources, the Department of Revenue may request such additional information from the business or industry as may be necessary.

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the business or industry must meet the salary and job requirements of this chapter for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters prior to payment of the first incentive payment. Except as otherwise provided in Section 57-62-9, if the business or industry does not maintain the salary or job requirements of this chapter at any other time during the ten-year period after the date the first payment was made, the incentive payments shall not be made and shall not be resumed until such time as the actual verified number of new direct jobs created and maintained by the business or industry equals or exceeds the requirements of this chapter for one (1) calendar quarter.

(b) If the business or industry is qualified to receive incentive payments for an additional period provided under Section 57-62-9(2), the business or industry must meet the wage and job requirements of Section 57-62-9(2), for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters prior to payment of the first incentive payment. If the business or industry does not maintain the wage or job requirements of Section 57-62-9(2), at any other time during the appropriate additional period after the date the first payment was made, the incentive payments shall not be made and shall not be resumed until such time as the actual verified number of new direct jobs created and maintained by the business or industry equals or exceeds the amounts specified in Section 57-62-9(2), for one (1) calendar quarter.

(3) An establishment that has qualified pursuant to this chapter may receive payments only in accordance with the provision under which it initially applied and was approved. If an establishment that is receiving incentive payments expands, it may apply for additional incentive payments based on the new gross payroll for new direct jobs anticipated from the expansion only, pursuant to this chapter.

(4) As soon as practicable after verification of the qualified business or industry meeting the requirements of this chapter and all rules and regulations, the Department of Finance and Administration, upon requisition of the Department of Revenue, shall issue a warrant drawn on the Mississippi Advantage Jobs Incentive Payment Fund to the establishment in the amount of the incentive payment as determined pursuant to subsection (1) of this section for the calendar quarter.

SECTION 47. Section 57-89-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-89-3. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Base investment" means the actual investment made and expended in Mississippi by a motion picture production company in connection with the production of a state-certified production in the state. The term "base investment" includes amounts expended in Mississippi by a motion picture production company as per diem and housing allowances in connection with the production of a state-certified production in the state. The term "base investment" shall not include payroll. However, in the case of a motion picture production company, or its owner, principal, member, production partner, independent contractor director or producer, or subsidiary company that (i) is designated and pre-qualified by the Mississippi Development Authority as Mississippi-based or a Mississippi resident; (ii) has filed income taxes in the State of Mississippi during each of the previous three (3) years; and (iii) has engaged in activities related to the production of at least two (2) motion pictures in Mississippi during the past ten (10) years, base investment may include payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is not a resident and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968, if so requested by the motion picture production company. A motion picture production company must submit such a request to the Mississippi Development Authority at the time the company submits an application for approval as a state-certified production. In addition, if base investment includes payroll and fringes, and the payroll and fringes paid for an employee exceeds Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), then only the first Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) of such payroll and fringes may be included in base investment.

(b) "Employee" means an individual directly involved in the physical production and/or post-production of a motion picture produced in the state and who is employed by a:

(i) Motion picture production company that is directly involved in the physical production and/or post-production of a motion picture in the state;

(ii) Personal service corporation retained by a motion picture production company to provide persons used directly in the physical production and/or post-production of a motion picture in the state; or

(iii) Payroll service or loan-out company that is retained by a motion picture production company to provide employees who work directly in the physical production and/or post-production of a motion picture in the state.

(c) "Fringes" means costs paid by a motion picture production company on or after September 1, 2013, for employee benefits that are not subject to state income tax. Fringes may include, but are not limited to, payments by an employer for unemployment insurance, Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA), workers' compensation insurance, pension and welfare benefits and health insurance premiums.

(d) "Motion picture" means a nationally distributed feature-length film, video, DVD, television program or series, commercial, or computer or video game made in Mississippi, in whole or in part, for theatrical or DVD release or television viewing or as a television pilot or viewing through streaming video or internet delivery, or for playing on a video game console, personal computer or handheld device. The term "motion picture" shall not include the production of television coverage of news and athletic events, or a film, video, DVD, television program, series, or commercial that contains any material or performance defined in Section 97-29-103.

(e) "Motion picture production company" means a company engaged in the business of producing nationally distributed motion pictures, videos, DVDs, television programs or series, commercials, or computer or video games intended for a theatrical release, for television viewing or for playing on a video game console, personal computer or handheld device. The term "motion picture production company" includes a company engaged in the business of making such productions through the use of animation, interactive media, preproduction and post-production 3D applications, video game cinematics, virtual production, visual effects, and motion capture within the fields of feature film, television, commercials and games. The term "motion picture production company" shall not mean or include any company owned, affiliated, or controlled, in whole or in part, by any company or person which is in default on a loan made by the state or a loan guaranteed by the state, or any company or person who has ever declared bankruptcy under which an obligation of the company or person to pay or repay public funds or monies was discharged as a part of such bankruptcy.

(f) "Payroll" means salary, wages or other compensation including related benefits paid to employees upon which Mississippi income tax is due and has been withheld.

(g) "Resident" or "resident of Mississippi" means a natural person, and for the purpose of determining eligibility for the rebate provided by Section 57-89-7, any person domiciled in the State of Mississippi and any other person who maintains a permanent place of abode within the state and spends in the aggregate more than six (6) months of each year within the state.

(h) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(i) "State-certified production" means a motion picture approved by the Mississippi Development Authority produced by a motion picture production company in the state. An application for approval as a state-certified production must be submitted to the Mississippi Development Authority before production of the project begins.

SECTION 48. Section 57-89-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-89-7. (1) (a) A motion picture production company that expends at least Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in base investment, payroll and/or fringes, in the state shall be entitled to a rebate of a portion of the base investment made by the motion picture production company. Subject to the provisions of this section, the amount of the rebate shall be equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the base investment made by the motion picture production company.

(b) In addition to the rebates authorized under paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of this subsection, a motion picture production company may receive a rebate equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is not a resident and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968. However, if the payroll and fringes paid for an employee exceeds Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), then the rebate is authorized only for the first Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) of such payroll and fringes.

(c) In addition to the rebates authorized under paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of this subsection, a motion picture production company may receive a rebate equal to thirty percent (30%) of payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is a resident and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968. However, if the payroll and fringes paid for an employee exceeds Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), then the rebate is authorized only for the first Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) of such payroll and fringes.

(d) In addition to the rebates authorized in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subsection, a motion picture production company may receive an additional rebate equal to five percent (5%) of the payroll and fringes paid for any employee who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces and whose wages are subject to the Mississippi Income Tax Withholding Law of 1968.

(e) If a motion picture has physical production activities and/or post-production activities both inside and outside the state, then the motion picture production company shall be required to provide an itemized accounting for each employee regarding such activities inside and outside the state for the purposes of proration of eligible payroll based on the percentage of activities performed in the state.

(f) The total amount of rebates authorized for a motion picture project shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in the aggregate.

(g) The total amount of rebates authorized in any fiscal year shall not exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) in the aggregate.

(2) A motion picture production company desiring a rebate under this section must submit a rebate request to the Department of Revenue upon completion of the project. The request must include a detailed accounting of the base investment made by the motion picture production company and any other information required by the Department of Revenue. Rebates made by the Department of Revenue under this section shall be made from current income tax collections. The Department of Revenue shall not approve any application for a rebate under subsection (1)(b) of this section after July 1, 2017.

(3) The Department of Revenue shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section, and the Department of Revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(4) The State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

SECTION 49. Section 57-99-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-99-1. As used in Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any company and affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which is:

(i) A project that has been certified by the MMEIA as a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) and creates at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) jobs within sixty (60) months of the beginning of the project;

(ii) A project that has been certified by the MMEIA as a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) and creates at least five hundred (500) jobs within seventy-two (72) months of the beginning of the project;

(iii) A project:

1. That has been certified by the MMEIA as a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii);

2. Creates at least twenty-five (25) jobs within sixty (60) months of the beginning of the project; and

3. In which the average annual wages and taxable benefits of the jobs created by such project are at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published average annual wage of the state or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the project is located, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser; or

(iv) A project:

1. That has been certified by the MMEIA as a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix);

2. That creates at least twenty-five (25) jobs within sixty (60) months following the date required by the MMEIA and prescribed by written agreement between the MMEIA and the enterprise establishing the project described in item 1 of this subparagraph (iv); and

3. In which the average annual wages of the jobs created by such project are at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published average annual wage of the state, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

(b) "Qualified job" means full-time employment in this state within the project site of a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9, which employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9. "Qualified job" also shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment such as employees who are leased to and managed by the qualified business or industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment; provided, however, that in order for a qualified business or industry to receive incentive payments for such employees, the actual employer of the employees must agree to such payments being made to the qualified business or industry.

(c) "Full-time employment" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(d) "Rebate amount" means the amount of Mississippi income taxes withheld from employees in qualified jobs that is available for rebate to the qualified business or industry, provided that:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (d), the rebate amount shall be three and one-half percent (3-1/2%) of the wages and taxable benefits for qualified jobs; and

(ii) In no event shall incentive payments exceed the actual Mississippi income taxes withheld from employees in qualified jobs that are available for rebate to the qualified business or industry.

(e) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(f) "MMEIA" means the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority.

SECTION 50. Section 57-99-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-99-3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 in an amount which shall be equal to the lesser of three and one-half percent (3-1/2%) of the wages and taxable benefits for qualified jobs or the actual amount of Mississippi income tax withheld by the employer for the qualified jobs. A qualified business or industry may elect the date upon which the incentive rebate period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments; however, in the case of a qualified business or industry described in Section 57-99-1(a)(ii), such date may not be later than seventy-two (72) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments, or for a

qualified business or industry described in Section 57-99-1(a)(iv), such date may not be later than the date that is sixty (60) months after the earlier of:

(a) The date the qualified business or industry applied for incentive payments; or

(b) The start of commercial production as defined in a definitive agreement between such qualified business or industry and the MDA.

(2) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(3) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to:

(a) Be engaged in a qualified business or industry; and

(b) The business or industry must create and maintain the minimum number of qualified jobs as set forth in Section 57-99-1. Establishments that are approved as a qualified business or industry under Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 may not receive incentive payments under Section 57-62-1 et seq.

(4) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9. The qualified business or industry shall report to the Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility.

SECTION 51. Section 57-99-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-99-5. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "MMEIA Withholding Rebate Fund," into which shall be deposited withholding tax revenue required to be deposited into such fund pursuant to Section 27-7-312. The money in the fund shall be used for the purpose of making the incentive payments authorized under Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9.

(2) The liability of the State of Mississippi to make the incentive payments authorized under Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 shall be limited to the balance contained in the fund.

SECTION 52. Section 57-99-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-99-7. (1) As soon as practicable after the end of a calendar quarter for which a qualified business or industry has qualified to receive an incentive payment, the qualified business or industry shall file a claim for the payment with the State Tax Commission and shall specify the actual number of qualified jobs created and maintained by the business or industry for the calendar quarter and the wages and taxable benefits thereof. The State Tax Commission shall verify the actual number of qualified jobs created and maintained by the business or industry. If the State Tax Commission is not able to provide such verification utilizing all available resources, the State Tax Commission may request such additional information from the business or industry as may be necessary.

(2) (a) The business or industry must meet the job requirements of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters prior to payment of the first incentive payment. If the business or industry does not maintain the job requirements of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 at any other time during the twenty-five-year period after the date the first payment was made, the incentive payments shall not be made and shall not be resumed until such time as the actual verified number of qualified jobs created and maintained by the business or industry equals or exceeds the requirements of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 for one (1) calendar quarter.

(3) An establishment that has qualified pursuant to Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 may receive payments only in accordance with the provision under which it initially applied and was approved. If an establishment that is receiving incentive payments expands, it may apply for additional incentive payments based on the wages and taxable benefits for qualified jobs anticipated from the expansion only, pursuant to Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9.

(4) As soon as practicable after verification of the qualified business or industry meeting the requirements of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 and all rules and regulations, the Department of Finance and Administration, upon requisition of the State Tax Commission, shall issue a warrant drawn on the MMEIA Withholding Rebate Fund to the establishment in the amount of the rebate as determined pursuant to subsection (1) of this section for the calendar quarter.

SECTION 53. Section 57-99-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-99-21. As used in Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any enterprise which is a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority (MMEIA) as a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxiv).

(b) "Qualified job" means full-time employment at the location of the manufacturing plant in this state of a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29, which employment existed in this state at the location of the manufacturing plant on July 1, 2009.

(c) "Full-time employment" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(d) "Rebate amount" means the amount of Mississippi income taxes withheld from employees in qualified jobs that is available for rebate to the qualified business or industry, provided that:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (d), the rebate amount shall be one percent (1%) of the wages and taxable benefits for qualified jobs;

(ii) In no event shall incentive payments exceed the actual Mississippi income taxes withheld from employees in qualified jobs that are available for rebate to the qualified business or industry; and

(iii) In no event shall the aggregate amount of incentive payments authorized under Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29 exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00).

(e) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

SECTION 54. Section 57-99-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-99-23. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29 may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the State Tax Commission pursuant to the provisions of Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29 in an amount which shall be equal to the lesser of one percent (1%) of the wages and taxable benefits for qualified jobs or the actual amount of Mississippi income tax withheld by the employer for the qualified jobs.

(2) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA by not later than July 1, 2010. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(3) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to:

(a) Be engaged in a qualified business or industry; and

(b) The business or industry must maintain a minimum of one thousand two hundred (1,200) qualified jobs.

(4) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the State Tax Commission and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application. The State Tax Commission may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29. The qualified business or industry shall report to the State Tax Commission periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the State Tax Commission to verify such eligibility.

SECTION 55. Section 57-99-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-99-25. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "MMEIA Rebate Fund" into which shall be deposited withholding tax revenue required to be deposited into such fund pursuant to Section 27-7-312. The money in the fund shall be used for the purpose of making the incentive payments authorized under Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29.

(2) The liability of the State of Mississippi to make the incentive payments authorized under Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29 shall be limited to the balance contained in the fund.

SECTION 56. Section 57-99-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-99-27. (1) As soon as practicable after the end of a calendar quarter for which a qualified business or industry has qualified to receive an incentive payment, the qualified business or industry shall file a claim for the payment with the State Tax Commission and shall specify the actual number of qualified jobs created and maintained by the business or industry for the calendar quarter and the wages and taxable benefits thereof. The State Tax Commission shall verify the actual number of qualified jobs maintained by the business or industry. If the State Tax Commission is not able to provide such verification utilizing all available resources, the State Tax Commission may request such additional information from the business or industry as may be necessary.

(2) If the business or industry does not maintain the job requirements of Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29 at any other time during the ten-year period after the date the first payment was made, the incentive payments shall not be made and shall not be resumed until such time as the actual verified number of qualified jobs created and maintained by the business or industry equals or exceeds the requirements of Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29 for one (1) calendar quarter.

(3) An establishment that has qualified pursuant to Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29 may receive payments only in accordance with the provision under which it initially applied and was approved.

(4) As soon as practicable after verification of the qualified business or industry meeting the requirements of Sections 57-99-21 through 57-99-29 and all rules and regulations, the Department of Finance and Administration, upon requisition of the State Tax Commission, shall issue a warrant drawn on the MMEIA Withholding Rebate Fund to the establishment in the amount of the rebate as determined pursuant to subsection (1) of this section for the calendar quarter.

SECTION 57. Section 37-148-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-148-3. As used in this act, the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "College" means the state institutions of higher learning in Mississippi which are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

(b) "Investor" means a natural person, partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation, business trust or other business entity, not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the rebate offered, which is subject to Mississippi income tax or franchise tax.

(c) "Qualified research" means the systematic investigative process that is undertaken for the purpose of discovering information. The term "qualified research" does not include research conducted outside the State of Mississippi or research to the extent funded by any grant, contract or otherwise by another person or governmental entity.

(d) "Research agreement" means a written contract, grant or cooperative agreement entered into between a person and a college or research corporation for the performance of qualified research; however, all qualified research costs generating a rebate must be spent by the college or research corporation on qualified research undertaken according to a research agreement.

(e) "Research corporation" means any research corporation formed under Section 37-147-15 if the corporation is wholly owned by a college and all income and profits of the corporation inure to the benefit of the college.

(f) "Qualified research costs" means costs paid or incurred by an investor to a college or research corporation for qualified research undertaken according to a research agreement.

(g) "State" means the State of Mississippi or a governmental entity of the State of Mississippi.

(h) "IHL" means the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi.

(i) "SMART Business" means Strengthening Mississippi Academic Research Through Business.

SECTION 58. Section 37-148-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-148-5. (1) (a) Subject to the provisions of this chapter, an investor incurring qualified research costs subject to a research agreement is eligible for a rebate equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the investor's qualified research costs.

(b) An investor incurring research costs may not claim a rebate pursuant to this chapter greater than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in any fiscal year.

(c) The total amount of rebates issued under this chapter by the state in any fiscal year may not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

(2) Investors desiring to apply for the rebate authorized by this chapter shall submit an application to IHL which must contain, at a minimum, the following:

(a) A description of the qualified research to be conducted by the college or research corporation;

(b) A proposed budget;

(c) An estimated date for completion of the qualified research; and

(d) Such additional information as may be requested by IHL.

(3) IHL shall review each application to determine if the investor has satisfied all of the requirements of this section.

(4) Within sixty (60) days of receiving an application, IHL shall issue or refuse to issue a SMART Business certificate. The SMART Business certificate must include the amount of the rebate the investor is eligible to claim, subject to subsection (1) of this section. IHL must notify the Department of Revenue when a SMART Business certificate is issued.

(5) To claim a rebate, the investor must submit a rebate allocation claim to the Department of Revenue. The rebate allocation claim must include, at a minimum, the SMART Business certificate issued by IHL and proof of payment to the college or research corporation for qualified research conducted according to the research agreement.

(6) The Department of Revenue may request an audit from the investor submitting a rebate allocation claim, at the investor's expense, to verify the investor has satisfied the requirements of this chapter.

(7) The Department of Revenue shall issue rebates available under this section from current income tax collections.

(8) Rebates must be allocated to investors by the Department of Revenue in the order that SMART Business certificates are issued by IHL.

SECTION 59. Section 57-105-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-105-1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Adjusted purchase price" means the investment in the qualified community development entity for the qualified equity investment, substantially all of the proceeds of which are used to make qualified low-income community investments in Mississippi.

For the purposes of calculating the amount of qualified low-income community investments held by a qualified community development entity, an investment will be considered held by a qualified community development entity even if the investment has been sold or repaid; provided that the qualified community development entity reinvests an amount equal to the capital returned to or recovered by the qualified community development entity from the original investment, exclusive of any profits realized, in another qualified low-income community investment in Mississippi, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of Mississippi within twelve

(12) months of the receipt of such capital. A qualified community development entity will not be required to reinvest capital returned from the qualified low-income community investments after the sixth anniversary of the issuance of the qualified equity investment, the proceeds of which were used to make the qualified low-income community investment, and the qualified low-income community investment will be considered held by the qualified community development entity through the seventh anniversary of the qualified equity investment's issuance.

(b) "Applicable percentage" means:

(i) For any equity investment issued prior to July 1, 2008, four percent (4%) for each of the second through seventh credit allowance dates for purposes of the taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 and one and one-third percent (1-1/3%) for each of the second through seventh credit allowance dates for purposes of the taxes imposed by Sections 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123.

(ii) For any equity investment issued from and after July 1, 2008, eight percent (8%) for each of the first through third credit allowance dates for purposes of the taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 or the taxes imposed by Sections 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123.

(c) "Credit allowance date" means, with respect to any qualified equity investment:

(i) The later of:

1. The date upon which the qualified equity investment is initially made; or

2. The date upon which the Mississippi Development Authority issues a certificate under subsection (4) of this section; and

(ii) 1. For equity investments issued prior to July 1, 2008, each of the subsequent six (6) anniversary dates of the date upon which the investment is initially made; or

2. For equity investments issued from and after July 1, 2008, each of the subsequent two (2) anniversary dates of the date determined as provided for in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

(d) "Qualified community development entity" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, if the entity has entered into an Allocation Agreement with the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund of the United States Department of the Treasury with respect to credits authorized by Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(e) "Qualified active low-income community business" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(f) "Qualified equity investment" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The investment does not have to be designated as a qualified equity investment by the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund of the United States Treasury to be considered a qualified equity investment under this section but otherwise must meet the definition under the Internal Revenue Code. In addition to meeting the definition in Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code such investment must also:

(i) Have been acquired after January 1, 2007, at its original issuance solely in exchange for cash; and

(ii) Have been allocated by the Mississippi Development Authority.

For the purposes of this section, such investment shall be deemed a qualified equity investment on the later of the date such qualified equity investment is made or the date on which the Mississippi Development Authority issues a certificate under subsection (4) of this section allocating credits based on such investment.

(g) "Qualified low-income community investment" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; provided, however, that the maximum amount of qualified low-income community investments issued for a single qualified active low-income community business, on an aggregate basis with all of its affiliates, that may be included for purposes

of allocating any credits under this section shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), in the aggregate, whether issued by one (1) or several qualified community development entities.

(2) A taxpayer that holds a qualified equity investment on the credit allowance date shall be entitled to a credit applicable against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123 during the taxable year that includes the credit allowance date. The amount of the credit shall be equal to the applicable percentage of the adjusted purchase price paid to the qualified community development entity for the qualified equity investment. The amount of the credit that may be utilized in any one (1) tax year shall be limited to an amount not greater than the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by the above-referenced sections. The credit shall not be refundable or transferable. Any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for seven (7) taxable years beyond the credit allowance date on which the credit was earned. The maximum aggregate amount of qualified equity investments that may be allocated by the Mississippi Development Authority may not exceed an amount that would result in taxpayers claiming in any one (1) state fiscal year credits in excess of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00), exclusive of credits that might be carried forward from previous taxable years; however, a maximum of one-third (1/3) of this amount may be allocated as credits for taxes imposed by Sections 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123. Any taxpayer claiming a credit under this section against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123 shall not be required to pay any additional tax under Section 27-15-123 as a result of claiming such credit. The Mississippi Development Authority shall allocate credits within this limit as provided for in subsection (4) of this section.

(3) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document. Such allocation shall be made each taxable year of such pass-through entity which contains a credit allowance date.

(4) The qualified community development entity shall apply for credits with the Mississippi Development Authority on forms prescribed by the Mississippi Development Authority. The qualified community development entity must pay an application fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Mississippi Development Authority at the time the application is submitted. In the application the qualified community development entity shall certify to the Mississippi Development Authority the dollar amount of the qualified equity investments made or to be made in this state, including in any federal Indian reservation located within the state's geographical boundary, during the first twelve-month period following the initial credit allowance date. The Mississippi Development Authority shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of qualified equity investments as certified in the application. Once the Mississippi Development Authority has allocated credits to a qualified community development entity, if the corresponding qualified equity investment has not been issued as of the date of such allocation, then the corresponding qualified equity investment must be issued not later than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of such allocation. If the qualified equity investment is not issued within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the Mississippi Development Authority for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the qualified low-income community investments, if the actual dollar amount of the investments is lower than the amount estimated, the Mississippi Development Authority shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section. The Department of Revenue may recapture all of the credit allowed under this section if:

(a) Any amount of federal tax credits available with respect to a qualified equity investment that is eligible for a tax credit under this section is recaptured under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; or

(b) The qualified community development entity redeems or makes any principal repayment with respect to a qualified equity investment prior to the seventh anniversary of the issuance of the qualified equity investment; or

(c) The qualified community development entity fails to maintain at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the proceeds of the qualified equity investment in

qualified low-income community investments in Mississippi at any time prior to the seventh anniversary of the issuance of the qualified equity investment.

Any credits that are subject to recapture under this subsection shall be recaptured from the taxpayer that actually claimed the credit.

The Mississippi Development Authority shall not allocate any credits under this section after July 1, 2021.

(5) Each qualified community development entity that receives qualified equity investments to make qualified low-income community investments in Mississippi must annually report to the Mississippi Development Authority the North American Industry Classification System Code, the county, the dollars invested, the number of jobs assisted and the number of jobs assisted with wages over one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level for a family of four (4) of each qualified low-income community investment.

(6) The Mississippi Development Authority shall file an annual report on all qualified low-income community investments with the Governor, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate and the Secretary of State describing the North American Industry Classification System Code, the county, the dollars invested, the number of jobs assisted and the number of jobs assisted with wages over one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level for a family of four (4) of each qualified low-income community investment. The annual report will be posted on the Mississippi Development Authority's internet website.

(7) (a) The purpose of this subsection is to authorize the creation and establishment of public benefit corporations for financing arrangements regarding public property and facilities.

(b) As used in this subsection:

(i) "New Markets Tax Credit transaction" means any financing transaction which utilizes either this section or Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(ii) "Public benefit corporation" means a nonprofit corporation formed or designated by a public entity to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

(iii) "Public entity or public entities" includes utility districts, regional solid waste authorities, regional utility authorities, community hospitals, regional airport authorities, municipal airport authorities, community and junior colleges, educational building corporations established by or on behalf of the state institutions of higher learning, school districts, planning and development districts, county economic development districts, urban renewal agencies, any other regional or local economic development authority, agency or governmental entity, and any other regional or local industrial development authority, agency or governmental entity.

(iv) "Public property or facilities" means any property or facilities owned or leased by a public entity or public benefit corporation.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, public entities are authorized pursuant to this subsection to create one or more public benefit corporations or designate an existing corporation as a public benefit corporation for the purpose of entering into financing agreements and engaging in New Markets Tax Credit transactions, which shall include, without limitation, arrangements to plan, acquire, renovate, construct, lease, sublease, manage, operate and/or improve new or existing public property or facilities located within the boundaries or service area of the public entity. Any financing arrangement authorized under this subsection shall further any purpose of the public entity and may include a term of up to fifty (50) years.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and in order to facilitate the acquisition, renovation, construction, leasing, subleasing, management, operating and/or improvement of new or existing public property or facilities to further any purpose of a public entity, public entities are authorized to enter into financing arrangements in order to transfer public property or facilities to and/or from public benefit corporations, including, without limitation, sales, sale-leasebacks, leases and lease-leasebacks, provided such transfer is related to any New Markets Tax Credit transaction furthering any purpose of the public entity. Any such transfer under this paragraph (d) and the public property or facilities transferred in connection therewith shall

be exempted from any limitation or requirements with respect to leasing, acquiring, and/or constructing public property or facilities.

(e) With respect to a New Markets Tax Credit transaction, public entities and public benefit corporations are authorized to enter into financing arrangements with any governmental, nonprofit or for-profit entity in order to leverage funds not otherwise available to public entities for the acquisition, construction and/or renovation of properties transferred to such public benefit corporations. The use of any funds loaned by or contributed by a public benefit corporation or borrowed by or otherwise made available to a public benefit corporation in such financing arrangement shall be dedicated solely to (i) the development of new properties or facilities and/or the renovation of existing properties or facilities or operation of properties or facilities, and/or (ii) the payment of costs and expenditures related to any such financing arrangements, including, but not limited to, funding any reserves required in connection therewith, the repayment of any indebtedness incurred in connection therewith, and the payment of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the closing, administration, accounting and/or compliance with respect to the New Markets Tax Credit transaction.

(f) A public benefit corporation created pursuant to this subsection shall not be a political subdivision of the state but shall be a nonprofit corporation organized and governed under the provisions of the laws of this state and shall be a special purpose corporation established to facilitate New Markets Tax Credit transactions consistent with the requirements of this section.

(g) Neither this subsection nor anything herein contained is or shall be construed as a restriction or limitation upon any powers which the public entity or public benefit corporation might otherwise have under any laws of this state, and this subsection is cumulative to any such powers. This subsection does and shall be construed to provide a complete additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized thereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws.

(8) The Mississippi Development Authority shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 60. Section 27-25-503, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-25-503. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, there is levied, to be collected as provided in this article, annual privilege taxes upon every person engaging or continuing within this state in the business of producing, or severing oil from the soil or water for sale, transport, storage, profit or for commercial use. The amount of the tax shall be measured by the value of the oil produced, and shall be levied and assessed at the rate of six percent (6%) of the value of the oil at the point of production.

(b) The tax shall be levied and assessed at the rate of three percent (3%) of the value of the oil at the point of production on oil produced by an enhanced oil recovery method in which carbon dioxide is used; provided, that such carbon dioxide is transported by pipeline to the oil well site and on oil produced by any other enhanced oil recovery method approved and permitted by the State Oil and Gas Board on or after April 1, 1994, pursuant to Section 53-3-101 et seq.

(c) (i) The tax shall be levied and assessed at the rate of one and three-tenths percent (1.3%) of the value of the oil at the point of production on oil produced from a horizontally drilled well or from any horizontally drilled recompletion well from which production commences from and after July 1, 2013, for a period of thirty (30) months beginning on the date of first sale of production or until payout of the well cost is achieved, whichever first occurs. Thereafter, the tax shall be levied and assessed as provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(ii) Payout of a horizontally drilled well or horizontally drilled recompletion well shall be deemed to have occurred the first day of the next month after gross revenues, less royalties and severance taxes, equal to the cost to drill and complete the well.

(iii) Each operator must apply by letter to the State Oil and Gas Board for the reduced rate provided in this paragraph (c), and shall provide the board with the status of payout on a semiannual basis of any horizontally drilled well or horizontally drilled recompletion well by signed affidavit executed by a company representative.

(iv) This paragraph (c) shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2023; however, any horizontally drilled well or horizontally drilled recompletion well from which production commences before July 1, 2023, shall be taxed as provided for in this paragraph (c) notwithstanding that the repeal of this paragraph (c) has become effective.

(2) The tax is levied upon the entire production in this state regardless of the place of sale or to whom sold, or by whom used, or the fact that the delivery may be made to points outside the state, and the tax shall accrue at the time the oil is severed from the soil, or water, and in its natural, unrefined or unmanufactured state.

(3) (a) Oil produced from a discovery well for which drilling or re-entry commenced on or after April 1, 1994, but before July 1, 1999, shall be exempt from the taxes levied under this section for a period of five (5) years beginning on the date of first sale of production from such well, provided that the average monthly sales price of such oil does not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per barrel. The exemption for oil produced from a discovery well as described in this paragraph (a) shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which a permit was granted by the board before July 1, 2003, shall be exempt for an entire period of five (5) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective. Oil produced from development wells or replacement wells drilled in connection with discovery wells for which drilling commenced on or after January 1, 1994, but before July 1, 1999, shall be assessed at the rate of three percent (3%) of the value of the oil at the point of production for a period of three (3) years. The reduced rate of assessment of oil produced from development wells or replacement wells as described in this paragraph (a) shall be repealed from and after January 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which drilling commenced before January 1, 2003, shall be assessed at the reduced rate for an entire period of three (3) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(b) Oil produced from a discovery well for which drilling or re-entry commenced on or after July 1, 1999, shall be assessed at the rate of three percent (3%) of the value of the oil at the point of production for a period of five (5) years beginning on the date of first sale of production from such well, provided that the average monthly sales price of such oil does not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per barrel. The reduced rate of assessment of oil produced from a discovery well as described in this paragraph (b) shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which a permit was granted by the board before July 1, 2003, shall be assessed at the reduced rate for an entire period of five (5) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective. Oil produced from development wells or replacement wells drilled in connection with discovery wells for which drilling commenced on or after July 1, 1999, shall be assessed at the rate of three percent (3%) of the value of the oil at the point of production for a period of three (3) years. The reduced rate of assessment of oil produced from development wells or replacement wells as described in this paragraph (b) shall be repealed from and after January 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which drilling commenced before July 1, 2003, shall be assessed at the reduced rate for an entire period of three (3) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(4) (a) Oil produced from a development well for which drilling commenced on or after April 1, 1994, but before July 1, 1999, and for which three-dimensional seismic was utilized in connection with the drilling of such well shall be assessed at the rate of three percent (3%) of the value of the oil at the point of production for a period of five (5) years, provided that the average monthly sales price of such oil does not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per barrel. The reduced rate of assessment of oil produced from a development well as described in this paragraph (a) and for which three-dimensional seismic was utilized shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which a permit was granted by the board before July 1, 2003, shall be assessed at the reduced rate for an entire period of five (5) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(b) Oil produced from a development well for which drilling commenced on or after July 1, 1999, and for which three-dimensional seismic was utilized in connection with the drilling of such well shall be assessed at the rate of three percent

(3%) of the value of the oil at the point of production for a period of five (5) years, provided that the average monthly sales price of such oil does not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per barrel. The reduced rate of assessment of oil produced from a development well as described in this paragraph (b) and for which three-dimensional seismic was utilized shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which a permit was granted by the board before July 1, 2003, shall be assessed at the reduced rate for an entire period of five (5) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(5) (a) Oil produced before July 1, 1999, from a two-year inactive well as defined in Section 27-25-501 shall be exempt from the taxes levied under this section for a period of three (3) years beginning on the date of first sale of production from such well, provided that the average monthly sales price of such oil does not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per barrel. The exemption for oil produced from an inactive well shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production which began before July 1, 2003, shall be exempt for an entire period of three (3) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(b) Oil produced on or after July 1, 1999, from a two-year inactive well as defined in Section 27-25-501 shall be exempt from the taxes levied under this section for a period of three (3) years beginning on the date of first sale of production from such well, provided that the average monthly sales price of such oil does not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per barrel. The exemption for oil produced from an inactive well shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production which began before July 1, 2003, shall be exempt for an entire period of three (3) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(6) [Repealed]

(7) The State Oil and Gas Board shall have the exclusive authority to determine the qualification of wells defined in paragraphs (n) through (t) of Section 27-25-501.

SECTION 61. Section 27-25-505, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

[With regard to any county which is exempt from the provisions of Section 19-2-3, this section shall read as follows:]

27-25-505. (1) All taxes levied in this article and collected by the Department of Revenue shall be paid into the State Treasury on the same day collected.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner shall apportion all the tax collections made pursuant to this article to the state and to the county in which the oil was produced, in accordance with the following schedule and so certify such apportionment to the State Treasurer at the end of each month:

On the first Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) or any part thereof, sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66-2/3%) to the state and thirty-three and one-third percent (33-1/3%) to the county.

Above and exceeding Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00), or any part thereof, ninety percent (90%) to the state and ten percent (10%) to the county through June 30, 1989; eighty-five percent (85%) to the state and fifteen percent (15%) to the county from July 1, 1989, through June 30, 1990; eighty percent (80%) to the state and twenty percent (20%) to the county from July 1, 1990, through June 30, 2015; seventy-nine percent (79%) to the state and twenty-one percent (21%) to the county from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016; seventy-eight percent (78%) to the state and twenty-two percent (22%) to the county from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017; seventy-seven percent (77%) to the state and twenty-three percent (23%) to the county from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018; seventy-six percent (76%) to the state and twenty-four percent (24%) to the county from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019; and seventy-four percent (74%) to the state and twenty-six percent (26%) to the county for each fiscal year thereafter.

(3) The state's share of all oil severance taxes collected pursuant to this article shall be deposited as provided for in Section 27-25-506.

(4) The commissioner shall apportion all the tax collections made pursuant to Section 27-25-503(1)(c) to the county in which the oil was produced.

(5) The State Treasurer shall remit the county's share of taxes collected pursuant to this article on or before the twentieth day of the month next succeeding the

month in which the collections were made, for division among the municipalities and taxing districts of the county. He shall accompany his remittance with a report to the county receiving the funds prepared by the commissioner showing from whom the tax was collected. Upon receipt of the funds, the board of supervisors of the county shall allocate the funds to the municipalities and to the various maintenance and bond and interest funds of the county, school districts, supervisors districts and road districts, as provided in this subsection.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, when there are any oil producing properties within the corporate limits of any municipality, then the municipality shall participate in the division of the tax returned to the county in which the municipality is located, in the proportion which the tax on production of oil from any properties located within the municipal corporate limits bears to the tax on the total production of oil in the county. In no event, however, shall the amount allocated to municipalities exceed one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the tax produced in the municipality and returned to the county. Any amount received by any municipality as a result of the allocation provided for in this subsection shall be used only for such purposes as are authorized by law.

(7) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, the balance remaining of any amount of tax returned to the county after the allocation to municipalities shall be divided among the various maintenance and bond interest funds of the county, school districts, supervisors districts and road districts, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, and the board shall make the division in consideration of the needs of the various taxing districts. The funds so allocated shall be used only for purposes as are authorized by law.

(8) Any amount above and exceeding Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) that is remitted to the county that is more than twenty percent (20%) of the taxes above and exceeding Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) collected on oil produced in the county, shall be utilized by the county for infrastructure repairs.

[With regard to any county which is required to operate on a countywide system of road administration as described in Section 19-2-3, this section shall read as follows:]

27-25-505. (1) All taxes levied in this article and collected by the Department of Revenue shall be paid into the State Treasury on the same day collected.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner shall apportion all the tax collections made pursuant to this article to the state and to the county in which the oil was produced, in accordance with the following schedule and so certify such apportionment to the State Treasurer at the end of each month:

On the first Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) or any part thereof, sixty-six and two-thirds percent ($66\frac{2}{3}\%$) to the state and thirty-three and one-third percent ($33\frac{1}{3}\%$) to the county.

Above and exceeding Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00), or any part thereof, ninety percent (90%) to the state and ten percent (10%) to the county through June 30, 1989; eighty-five percent (85%) to the state and fifteen percent (15%) to the county from July 1, 1989, through June 30, 1990; eighty percent (80%) to the state and twenty percent (20%) to the county from July 1, 1990, through June 30, 2015; seventy-nine percent (79%) to the state and twenty-one percent (21%) to the county from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016; seventy-eight percent (78%) to the state and twenty-two percent (22%) to the county from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017; seventy-seven percent (77%) to the state and twenty-three percent (23%) to the county from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018; seventy-six percent (76%) to the state and twenty-four percent (24%) to the county from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019; and seventy-four percent (74%) to the state and twenty-six percent (26%) to the county for each fiscal year thereafter.

(3) The state's share of all oil severance taxes collected pursuant to this article shall be deposited as provided for in Section 27-25-506.

(4) The commissioner shall apportion all the tax collections made pursuant to the tax levied in Section 27-25-503(1)(c) to the county in which the oil was produced.

(5) The State Treasurer shall remit the county's share of the taxes collected pursuant to this article on or before the twentieth day of the month next succeeding the month in which the collections were made, for division among the municipalities and taxing districts of the county. He shall accompany his remittance with a report to the county

receiving the funds prepared by the commissioner showing from whom the tax was collected. Upon receipt of the funds, the board of supervisors of the county shall allocate the funds to the municipalities and to the various maintenance and bond and interest funds of the county and school districts, as provided in this subsection.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, when there are any oil producing properties within the corporate limits of any municipality, then the municipality shall participate in the division of the tax returned to the county in which the municipality is located, in the proportion which the tax on production of oil from any properties located within the municipal corporate limits bears to the tax on the total production of oil in the county. In no event, however, shall the amount allocated to municipalities exceed one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the tax produced in the municipality and returned to the county. Any amount received by any municipality as a result of the allocation provided in this subsection shall be used only for such purposes as are authorized by law.

(7) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, the balance remaining of any amount of tax returned to the county after the allocation to municipalities shall be divided among the various maintenance and bond interest funds of the county and school districts, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, and the board shall make the division in consideration of the needs of the various taxing districts. The funds so allocated shall be used only for purposes as are authorized by law.

(8) Any amount above and exceeding Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) that is remitted to the county that is more than twenty percent (20%) of the taxes above and exceeding Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) collected on oil produced in the county, shall be utilized by the county for infrastructure repairs.

SECTION 62. Section 27-25-703, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-25-703. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, there is hereby levied, to be collected as provided in this article, annual privilege taxes upon every person engaging or continuing within this state in the business of producing, or severing gas from below the soil or water for sale, transport, storage, profit or for commercial use. The amount of the tax shall be measured by the value of the gas produced and shall be levied and assessed at a rate of six percent (6%) of the value of the gas at the point of production, except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section.

(b) (i) The tax shall be levied and assessed at the rate of one and three-tenths percent (1.3%) of the value of the gas at the point of production on gas produced from a horizontally drilled well or from any horizontally drilled recompletion well from which production commences from and after July 1, 2013, for a period of thirty (30) months beginning on the date of first sale of production or until payout of the well cost is achieved, whichever first occurs. Thereafter, the tax shall be levied and assessed as provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(ii) Payout of a horizontally drilled well or horizontally drilled recompletion well shall be deemed to have occurred the first day of the next month after gross revenues, less royalties and severance taxes, equal to the cost to drill and complete the well.

(iii) Each operator must apply by letter to the State Oil and Gas Board for the reduced rate provided in this paragraph (b), and shall provide the board with the status of payout on a semiannual basis of any horizontally drilled well or horizontally drilled recompletion well by signed affidavit executed by a company representative.

(iv) This paragraph (b) shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2023; however, any horizontally drilled well or horizontally drilled recompletion well from which production commences before July 1, 2023, shall be taxed as provided for in this paragraph (b) notwithstanding that the repeal of this paragraph (b) has become effective.

(2) The tax is levied upon the entire production in this state, regardless of the place of sale or to whom sold or by whom used, or the fact that the delivery may be made to points outside the state, but not levied upon that gas, lawfully injected into the earth for cycling, repressuring, lifting or enhancing the recovery of oil, nor upon gas lawfully vented or flared in connection with the production of oil, nor upon gas condensed into liquids on which the oil severance tax of six percent (6%) is paid; however, if any gas so injected

into the earth is sold for such purposes, then the gas so sold shall not be excluded in computing the tax. The tax shall accrue at the time the gas is produced or severed from the soil or water, and in its natural, unrefined or unmanufactured state.

(3) Natural gas and condensate produced from any wells for which drilling is commenced after March 15, 1987, and before July 1, 1990, shall be exempt from the tax levied under this section for a period of two (2) years beginning on the date of first sale of production from such wells.

(4) (a) Any well which begins commercial production of occluded natural gas from coal seams on or after March 20, 1990, and before July 1, 1993, shall be taxed at the rate of three and one-half percent (3-1/2%) of the gross value of the occluded natural gas from coal seams at the point of production for a period of five (5) years after such well begins production.

(b) Any well which begins commercial production of occluded natural gas from coal seams on or after July 1, 2004, and before July 1, 2007, shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%) of the gross value of the occluded natural gas from coal seams at the point of production for a period of five (5) years beginning on the date of the first sale of production from such well.

(5) (a) Natural gas produced from discovery wells for which drilling or re-entry commenced on or after April 1, 1994, but before July 1, 1999, shall be exempt from the tax levied under this section for a period of five (5) years beginning on the earlier of one (1) year from completion of the well or the date of first sale from such well, provided that the average monthly sales price of such gas does not exceed Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet. The exemption for natural gas produced from discovery wells as described in this paragraph (a) shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which a permit was granted by the board before July 1, 2003, shall be exempt for an entire period of five (5) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective. Natural gas produced from development wells or replacement wells drilled in connection with discovery wells for which drilling commenced on or after January 1, 1994, shall be assessed at a rate of three percent (3%) of the value thereof at the point of production for a period of three (3) years. The reduced rate of assessment of natural gas produced from development wells or replacement wells as described in this paragraph (a) shall be repealed from and after January 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which drilling commenced before January 1, 2003, shall be assessed at the reduced rate for an entire period of three (3) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(b) Natural gas produced from discovery wells for which drilling or re-entry commenced on or after July 1, 1999, shall be assessed at a rate of three percent (3%) of the value thereof at the point of production for a period of five (5) years beginning on the earlier of one (1) year from completion of the well or the date of first sale from such well, provided that the average monthly sales price of such gas does not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet. The reduced rate of assessment of natural gas produced from discovery wells as described in this paragraph (b) shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which a permit was granted by the board before July 1, 2003, shall be assessed at the reduced rate for an entire period of five (5) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective. Natural gas produced from development wells or replacement wells drilled in connection with discovery wells for which drilling commenced on or after July 1, 1999, shall be assessed at a rate of three percent (3%) of the value thereof at the point of production for a period of three (3) years. The reduced rate of assessment of natural gas produced from development wells or replacement wells as described in this paragraph (b) shall be repealed from and after January 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which drilling commenced before January 1, 2003, shall be assessed at the reduced rate for an entire period of three (3) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(6) (a) Gas produced from a development well for which drilling commenced on or after April 1, 1994, but before July 1, 1999, and for which three-dimensional seismic was utilized in connection with the drilling of such well, shall be assessed at a rate of three percent (3%) of the value of the gas at the point of production for a period of five (5) years,

provided that the average monthly sales price of such gas does not exceed Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet. The reduced rate of assessment of gas produced from a development well as described in this subsection and for which three-dimensional seismic was utilized shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which a permit was granted by the board before July 1, 2003, shall be assessed at the reduced rate for an entire period of five (5) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(b) Gas produced from a development well for which drilling commenced on or after July 1, 1999, and for which three-dimensional seismic was utilized in connection with the drilling of such well, shall be assessed at a rate of three percent (3%) of the value of the gas at the point of production for a period of five (5) years, provided that the average monthly sales price of such gas does not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet. The reduced rate of assessment of gas produced from a development well as described in this paragraph (b) and for which three-dimensional seismic was utilized shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production for which a permit was granted by the board before July 1, 2003, shall be assessed at the reduced rate for an entire period of five (5) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(7) (a) Natural gas produced before July 1, 1999, from a two-year inactive well as defined in Section 27-25-701 shall be exempt from the taxes levied under this section for a period of three (3) years beginning on the date of first sale of production from such well, provided that the average monthly sales price of such gas does not exceed Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet. The exemption for natural gas produced from an inactive well as described in this subsection shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production which began before July 1, 2003, shall be exempt for an entire period of three (3) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(b) Natural gas produced on or after July 1, 1999, from a two-year inactive well as defined in Section 27-25-701 shall be exempt from the taxes levied under this section for a period of three (3) years beginning on the date of first sale of production from such well, provided that the average monthly sales price of such gas does not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet. The exemption for natural gas produced from an inactive well as described in this paragraph (b) shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2003, provided that any such production which began before July 1, 2003, shall be exempt for an entire period of three (3) years, notwithstanding that the repeal of this provision has become effective.

(8) The State Oil and Gas Board shall have the exclusive authority to determine the qualification of wells defined in paragraphs (n) through (t) of Section 27-25-701.

SECTION 63. Section 27-25-705, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

[With regard to any county which is exempt from the provisions of Section 19-2-3, this section shall read as follows:]

27-25-705. (1) All taxes levied in this article and collected by the department shall be paid into the State Treasury on the same day in which the taxes are collected.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner shall apportion all the tax collections made pursuant to this article to the state and to the county in which the gas was produced, in the proportion of sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66-2/3%) to the state and thirty-three and one-third percent (33-1/3%) to the county.

(3) The commissioner shall apportion all the tax collections made pursuant to Section 27-25-703(1)(b) to the county in which the gas is produced.

(4) When the producer of gas subject to the tax levied in this article increases the price of the gas sold and such increase is subject to approval by a federal regulatory board or commission, and when the producer of the gas so requests, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to hold the severance tax collected on the price increase in escrow until such time as the price increase or a portion thereof is finally granted or approved. The severance tax thus held in escrow shall be deposited by the State Treasurer to an account in a state depository to be invested in an interest-bearing account in the manner provided by law. When the price increase in question or a portion thereof is granted or approved, the commissioner shall compute the correct severance tax due on the increase

and certify the amount of tax thus computed. This amount and interest earned from the depository shall be distributed to the General Fund and to the county or counties proportionately as provided in this subsection. The balance, if any, of the tax and interest held in escrow on the price increase shall be returned to the taxpayer.

(5) The state's share of all gas severance taxes collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited as provided for in Section 27-25-506.

(6) The commissioner shall certify at the end of each month the apportionment to each county to the State Treasurer, who shall remit the county's share of the funds on or before the twentieth day of the month next succeeding the month in which the collections were made for division among the municipalities and taxing districts of the county. The commissioner shall submit a report to the State Treasurer for distribution to each county receiving the funds showing from whom the tax and interest, if any, were collected. Upon receipt of the funds, the board of supervisors of the county shall allocate the funds to the municipalities and to the various maintenance and bond and interest funds of the county, school districts, supervisors districts and road districts, as provided in this subsection.

When there are any gas producing properties within the corporate limits of any municipality, then the municipality shall participate in the division of the tax and interest, if any, returned to the county in which the municipality is located in the proportion which the tax on production of gas from properties located within the municipal corporate limits bears to the tax on total production of gas in the county. In no event, however, shall the amount allocated to the municipalities exceed one-third (1/3) of the tax and interest produced in the municipality and returned to the county. Any amount received by any municipality as a result of the allocation provided for in this subsection shall be used for such purposes as are authorized by law.

The balance remaining of any funds returned to the county after the allocation to municipalities shall be divided among the various maintenance and bond and interest funds of the county, school districts, supervisors districts and road districts, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, and the board shall make the division in consideration of the needs of the various taxing districts. The funds so allocated shall be used only for such purposes as are authorized by law.

[With regard to any county which is required to operate on a countywide system of road administration as described in Section 19-2-3, this section shall read as follows:]

27-25-705. (1) All taxes herein levied in this article and collected by the department shall be paid into the State Treasury on the same day in which the taxes are collected.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner shall apportion all the tax collections made pursuant to this article to the state and to the county in which the gas was produced, in the proportion of sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66-2/3%) to the state and thirty-three and one-third percent (33-1/3%) to the county.

(3) The commissioner shall apportion all the tax collections made pursuant to Section 27-25-703(1)(b) to the county in which the gas is produced.

(4) When the producer of gas subject to the tax levied in this article increases the price of the gas sold and the increase is subject to approval by a federal regulatory board or commission, and when the producer of the gas so requests, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to hold the severance tax collected on the price increase in escrow until such time as the price increase or a portion thereof is finally granted or approved. The severance tax thus held in escrow shall be deposited by the State Treasurer to an account in a state depository to be invested in an interest-bearing account in the manner provided by law. When the price increase in question or a portion thereof is granted or approved, the commissioner shall compute the correct severance tax due on the increase and certify the amount of tax thus computed. This amount and interest earned from the depository shall be distributed to the General Fund and to the county or counties proportionately as provided in this subsection. The balance, if any, of the tax and interest held in escrow on the price increase shall be returned to the taxpayer.

(5) The state's share of all gas severance taxes collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited as provided for in Section 27-25-506.

(6) The commissioner shall certify at the end of each month the apportionment to each county to the State Treasurer, who shall remit the county's share of the funds on

or before the twentieth day of the month next succeeding the month in which the collections were made for division among the municipalities and taxing districts of the county. The commissioner shall submit a report to the State Treasurer for distribution to each county receiving the funds showing from whom the tax and interest, if any, were collected. Upon receipt of the funds, the board of supervisors of the county shall allocate the funds to the municipalities and to the various maintenance and bond and interest funds of the county and school districts, as provided in this subsection.

When there are any gas producing properties within the corporate limits of any municipality, then the municipality shall participate in the division of the tax and interest, if any, returned to the county in which the municipality is located in the proportion which the tax on production of gas from properties located within the municipal corporate limits bears to the tax on total production of gas in the county. In no event, however, shall the amount allocated to the municipalities exceed one-third (1/3) of the tax and interest produced in the municipality and returned to the county. Any amount received by any municipality as a result of the allocation provided for in this subsection shall be used for such purposes as are authorized by law.

The balance remaining of any funds returned to the county after the allocation to municipalities shall be divided among the various maintenance and bond and interest funds of the county and school districts, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, and the board shall make the division in consideration of the needs of the various taxing districts. The funds so allocated shall be used only for such purposes as are authorized by law.

SECTION 64. Section 27-65-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-65-101. (1) The exemptions from the provisions of this chapter which are of an industrial nature or which are more properly classified as industrial exemptions than any other exemption classification of this chapter shall be confined to those persons or property exempted by this section or by the provisions of the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi. No industrial exemption as now provided by any other section except Section 57-3-33 shall be valid as against the tax herein levied. Any subsequent industrial exemption from the tax levied hereunder shall be provided by amendment to this section. No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21.

The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(a) Sales of boxes, crates, cartons, cans, bottles and other packaging materials to manufacturers and wholesalers for use as containers or shipping materials to accompany goods sold by said manufacturers or wholesalers where possession thereof will pass to the customer at the time of sale of the goods contained therein and sales to anyone of containers or shipping materials for use in ships engaged in international commerce.

(b) Sales of raw materials, catalysts, processing chemicals, welding gases or other industrial processing gases (except natural gas) to a manufacturer for use directly in manufacturing or processing a product for sale or rental or repairing or reconditioning vessels or barges of fifty (50) tons load displacement and over. For the purposes of this exemption, electricity used directly in the electrolysis process in the production of sodium chlorate shall be considered a raw material. This exemption shall not apply to any property used as fuel except to the extent that such fuel comprises by-products which have no market value.

(c) The gross proceeds of sales of dry docks, offshore drilling equipment for use in oil or natural gas exploration or production, vessels or barges of fifty (50) tons load displacement and over, when the vessels or barges are sold by the manufacturer or builder thereof. In addition to other types of equipment, offshore drilling equipment for use in oil or natural gas exploration or production shall include aircraft used predominately to transport passengers or property to or from offshore oil or natural gas exploration or production platforms or vessels, and engines, accessories and spare parts for such aircraft.

(d) Sales to commercial fishermen of commercial fishing boats of over five (5) tons load displacement and not more than fifty (50) tons load displacement

as registered with the United States Coast Guard and licensed by the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources.

(e) The gross income from repairs to vessels and barges engaged in foreign trade or interstate transportation.

(f) Sales of petroleum products to vessels or barges for consumption in marine international commerce or interstate transportation businesses.

(g) Sales and rentals of rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof) for ultimate use in interstate commerce and gross income from services with respect to manufacturing, repairing, cleaning, altering, reconditioning or improving such rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof).

(h) Sales of raw materials, catalysts, processing chemicals, welding gases or other industrial processing gases (except natural gas) used or consumed directly in manufacturing, repairing, cleaning, altering, reconditioning or improving such rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof). This exemption shall not apply to any property used as fuel.

(i) Sales of machinery or tools or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof, fuel or supplies used directly in manufacturing, converting or repairing ships, vessels or barges of three thousand (3,000) tons load displacement and over, but not to include office and plant supplies or other equipment not directly used on the ship, vessel or barge being built, converted or repaired. For purposes of this exemption, "ships, vessels or barges" shall not include floating structures described in Section 27-65-18.

(j) Sales of tangible personal property to persons operating ships in international commerce for use or consumption on board such ships. This exemption shall be limited to cases in which procedures satisfactory to the commissioner, ensuring against use in this state other than on such ships, are established.

(k) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 57-51-5, which are located in a county or portion thereof designated as an enterprise zone pursuant to Sections 57-51-1 through 57-51-15.

(l) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 57-54-5.

(m) Income from storage and handling of perishable goods by a public storage warehouse.

(n) The value of natural gas lawfully injected into the earth for cycling, repressuring or lifting of oil, or lawfully vented or flared in connection with the production of oil; however, if any gas so injected into the earth is sold for such purposes, then the gas so sold shall not be exempt.

(o) The gross collections from self-service commercial laundering, drying, cleaning and pressing equipment.

(p) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified companies, certified as such by the Mississippi Development Authority under Section 57-53-1.

(q) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein, and sales of manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, not later than three (3) months after the initial start-up date, to permanent business enterprises engaging in manufacturing or processing in Tier Three areas (as such term is defined in Section 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this paragraph (q).

(r) (i) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of the building, addition or improvement thereon, to be used therein, for any company establishing or transferring its national or regional headquarters from within or outside the State of Mississippi and creating a minimum of twenty (20) jobs at the new headquarters in this state. The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and prescribe procedures to determine if a company qualifies as a national or regional headquarters for the purpose of receiving the exemption provided in this subparagraph (i).

(ii) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of the building, addition or improvement thereon, to be used therein, for any company expanding or making additions after January 1, 2013, to its national or regional headquarters within the State of Mississippi and creating a minimum of twenty (20) new jobs at the headquarters as a result of the expansion or additions. The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and prescribe procedures to determine if a company qualifies as a national or regional headquarters for the purpose of receiving the exemption provided in this subparagraph (ii).

(s) The gross proceeds from the sale of semitrailers, trailers, boats, travel trailers, motorcycles, all-terrain cycles and rotary-wing aircraft if exported from this state within forty-eight (48) hours and registered and first used in another state.

(t) Gross income from the storage and handling of natural gas in underground salt domes and in other underground reservoirs, caverns, structures and formations suitable for such storage.

(u) Sales of machinery and equipment to nonprofit organizations if the organization:

(i) Is tax exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(ii) Assists in the implementation of the contingency plan or area contingency plan, and which is created in response to the requirements of Title IV, Subtitle B of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, Public Law 101-380; and

(iii) Engages primarily in programs to contain, clean up and otherwise mitigate spills of oil or other substances occurring in the United States coastal and tidal waters.

For purposes of this exemption, "machinery and equipment" means any ocean-going vessels, barges, booms, skimmers and other capital equipment used primarily in the operations of nonprofit organizations referred to herein.

(v) Sales or leases of materials and equipment to approved business enterprises as provided under the Growth and Prosperity Act.

(w) From and after July 1, 2001, sales of pollution control equipment to manufacturers or custom processors for industrial use. For the purposes of this exemption, "pollution control equipment" means equipment, devices, machinery or systems used or acquired to prevent, control, monitor or reduce air, water or groundwater pollution, or solid or hazardous waste as required by federal or state law or regulation.

(x) Sales or leases to a manufacturer of motor vehicles or powertrain components operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) of machinery and equipment; special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income tax purposes; or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal and natural gas used directly in the manufacture of motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts or used to provide climate control for manufacturing areas.

(y) Sales or leases of component materials, machinery and equipment used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon to an enterprise operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi), Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii) and any other sales or leases required to establish or operate such project.

(z) Sales of component materials and equipment to a business enterprise as provided under Section 57-64-33.

(aa) The gross income from the stripping and painting of commercial aircraft engaged in foreign or interstate transportation business.

(bb) [Repealed]

(cc) Sales or leases to an enterprise owning or operating a project that has been designated by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii) of machinery and equipment; special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income tax purposes; or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal and natural gas used directly in the manufacturing/production operations of the project or used to provide climate control for manufacturing/production areas.

(dd) Sales or leases of component materials, machinery and equipment used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon to an enterprise owning or operating a project that has been designated by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii) and any other sales or leases required to establish or operate such project.

(ee) Sales of parts used in the repair and servicing of aircraft not registered in Mississippi engaged exclusively in the business of foreign or interstate transportation to businesses engaged in aircraft repair and maintenance.

(ff) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any addition or improvement thereto, to a permanent business enterprise operating a data/information enterprise in Tier Three areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority.

(gg) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, and sales of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the facility or any addition or improvement thereto, to technology intensive enterprises for industrial purposes in Tier Three areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), as certified by the Department of Revenue. For purposes of this paragraph, an enterprise must meet the criteria provided for in Section 27-65-17(1)(f) in order to be considered a technology intensive enterprise.

(hh) Sales of component materials used in the replacement, reconstruction or repair of a building or facility that has been destroyed or sustained extensive damage as a result of a disaster declared by the Governor, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein to replace machinery or equipment damaged or destroyed as a result of such disaster, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, to enterprises or companies that were eligible for the exemptions authorized in paragraph (q), (r), (ff) or (gg) of this subsection during initial construction of the building that was destroyed or damaged, which enterprises or companies are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this paragraph.

(ii) Sales of software or software services transmitted by the Internet to a destination outside the State of Mississippi where the first use of such software or software services by the purchaser occurs outside the State of Mississippi.

(jj) Gross income of public storage warehouses derived from the temporary storage of raw materials that are to be used in an eligible facility as defined in Section 27-7-22.35.

(kk) Sales of component building materials and equipment for initial construction of facilities or expansion of facilities as authorized under Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7 and Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.

(ll) Sales and leases of machinery and equipment acquired in the initial construction to establish facilities as authorized in Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7.

(mm) Sales and leases of replacement hardware, software or other necessary technology to operate a data center as authorized under Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.

(nn) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of the construction of the facility, to be used in the facility, to permanent business enterprises operating a facility producing renewable crude oil from biomass harvested or produced, in whole or in part, in Mississippi, which businesses meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority. As used in this paragraph, the term "biomass" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-113-1.

(oo) Sales of supplies, equipment and other personal property to an organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is the host organization coordinating a professional golf tournament played or to be played in this state and the supplies, equipment or other personal property will be used for purposes related to the golf tournament and related activities.

(pp) Sales of materials used in the construction of a health care industry facility, as defined in Section 57-117-3, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 57-117-3. This paragraph shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2022.

(qq) Sales or leases to a manufacturer of automotive parts operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii) of machinery and equipment; or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal, nitrogen and natural gas used directly in the manufacture of automotive parts or used to provide climate control for manufacturing areas.

(rr) Gross collections derived from guided tours on any navigable waters of this state, which include providing accommodations, guide services and/or related equipment operated by or under the direction of the person providing the tour, for the purposes of outdoor tourism. The exemption provided in this paragraph (rr) does not apply to the sale of tangible personal property by a person providing such tours.

(ss) Retail sales of truck-tractors and semitrailers used in interstate commerce and registered under the International Registration Plan (IRP) or any similar reciprocity agreement or compact relating to the proportional registration of commercial vehicles entered into as provided for in Section 27-19-143.

(tt) Sales exempt under the Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2015 (Sections 27-113-1 through 27-113-9).

(uu) Sales or leases to an enterprise and its affiliates operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix) of:

(i) All personal property and fixtures, including without limitation, sales or leases to the enterprise and its affiliates of:

1. Manufacturing machinery and equipment;
2. Special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income tax purposes;
3. Component building materials, machinery and equipment used in the construction of buildings, and any other additions or improvements to the project site for the project;
4. Nonmanufacturing furniture, fixtures and equipment (inclusive of all communications, computer, server, software and other hardware equipment); and
5. Fuel, supplies (other than nonmanufacturing consumable supplies and water), electricity, nitrogen gas and natural gas used directly in

the manufacturing/production operations of such project or used to provide climate control for manufacturing/production areas of such project;

(ii) All replacements of, repair parts for or services to repair items described in subparagraph (i) 1, 2 and 3 of this paragraph; and

(iii) All services taxable pursuant to Section 27-65-23 required to establish, support, operate, repair and/or maintain such project.

(vv) Sales or leases to an enterprise operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxx) of:

(i) Purchases required to establish and operate the project, including, but not limited to, sales of component building materials, machinery and equipment required to establish the project facility and any additions or improvements thereon; and

(ii) Machinery, special tools (such as dies, molds, and jigs) or repair parts thereof, or replacements and lease thereof, repair services thereon, fuel, supplies and electricity, coal and natural gas used in the manufacturing process and purchased by the enterprise owning or operating the project for the benefit of the project.

(ww) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any expansion or improvement thereon, sales of machinery and/or equipment to be used therein, and sales of processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation which is not by its nature intended to be housed in a building structure, no later than three (3) months after initial startup, expansion or improvement of a permanent enterprise solely engaged in the conversion of natural sand into proppants used in oil and gas exploration and development with at least ninety-five percent (95%) of such proppants used in the production of oil and/or gas from horizontally drilled wells and/or horizontally drilled recompletion wells as defined in Sections 27-25-501 and 27-25-701.

(2) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein, and sales of manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, not later than three (3) months after the initial start-up date, to permanent business enterprises engaging in manufacturing or processing in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

(3) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any addition or improvement thereto, to a permanent business enterprise operating a data/information enterprise in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which businesses meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transaction under this chapter.

(4) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, and sales of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any addition or improvement thereto, to technology intensive enterprises for industrial purposes in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, an enterprise must meet the criteria provided for in Section 27-65-17(1)(f) in order to be considered a technology intensive enterprise.

(5) (a) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) "Telecommunications enterprises" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-73-21;

(ii) "Tier One areas" mean counties designated as Tier One areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21;

(iii) "Tier Two areas" mean counties designated as Tier Two areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21;

(iv) "Tier Three areas" mean counties designated as Tier Three areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21; and

(v) "Equipment used in the deployment of broadband technologies" means any equipment capable of being used for or in connection with the transmission of information at a rate, prior to taking into account the effects of any signal degradation, that is not less than three hundred eighty-four (384) kilobits per second in at least one (1) direction, including, but not limited to, asynchronous transfer mode switches, digital subscriber line access multiplexers, routers, servers, multiplexers, fiber optics and related equipment.

(b) Sales of equipment to telecommunications enterprises after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2025, that is installed in Tier One areas and used in the deployment of broadband technologies shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

(c) Sales of equipment to telecommunications enterprises after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2025, that is installed in Tier Two and Tier Three areas and used in the deployment of broadband technologies shall be exempt from the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

(6) Sales of component materials used in the replacement, reconstruction or repair of a building that has been destroyed or sustained extensive damage as a result of a disaster declared by the Governor, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein to replace machinery or equipment damaged or destroyed as a result of such disaster, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, to enterprises that were eligible for the partial exemptions provided for in subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section during initial construction of the building that was destroyed or damaged, which enterprises are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the partial exemption granted in this subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

SECTION 65. Section 27-65-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-65-103. The exemptions from the provisions of this chapter which are of an agricultural nature or which are more properly classified as agricultural exemptions than any other exemption classification of this chapter shall be confined to those persons or property exempted by this section or by provisions of the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi. No agricultural exemption as now provided by any other section shall be valid as against the tax herein levied. Any subsequent agricultural exemption from the tax levied hereunder shall be provided by amendment to this section.

No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(a) The gross proceeds of sales of lint cotton, seed cotton, baled cotton, whether compressed or not, and cottonseed and soybeans in their original condition. Retail sales of seeds, livestock feed, poultry feed, fish feed and fertilizers. Sales of defoliants, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and baby chicks used in growing agricultural products for market. Bagging and ties for baling cotton, hay-baling wire and twine, boxes, bags and cans used in growing or preparing agricultural products for market when possession thereof will pass to the customer at the time of sale of the product contained therein. Sales of ice to commercial fishermen purchased for use in the preservation of seafood or to producers for use in the refrigeration of vegetables for market.

(b) The sales by producers of livestock, poultry, fish, honey bees or other products of farm, grove, apiary or garden when such products are sold in the original

state or condition of preparation for sale before such products are subjected to any other process within a class of business or sold by a producer through an established store, as defined in the Privilege Tax Law. However, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (b), this exemption shall not apply to ornamental plants which bear no fruit of commercial value. The exemption provided in this paragraph (b) shall apply to Christmas trees, hay, straw, fresh cut flowers and similar products when (i) grown in Mississippi and (ii) cut, severed or otherwise removed from the farm, grove, garden or other place of production and first sold from such place of production in the original state or condition of preparation for sale. All sales by agricultural cooperative associations organized under Article 9, Chapter 7, Title 69, or under Chapter 17 or 19, Title 79, Mississippi Code of 1972, of agricultural products produced by members for market before such products are subjected to any manufacturing process.

(c) The gross proceeds of retail sales of mules, horses, honey bees and other livestock.

(d) Income from grading, excavating, ditching, dredging or landscaping activities performed for a farmer on a farm for agricultural or soil erosion purposes.

(e) The gross proceeds of sales of all antibiotics, hormones and hormone preparations, drugs, medicines and other medications including serums and vaccines, vitamins, minerals or other nutrients for use in the production and growing of fish, livestock, honey bees and poultry by whomever sold. Such exemption shall be in addition to the exemption provided in this section for feed for fish, livestock, honey bees and poultry.

(f) Sales of food products and honey that are grown, made or processed in Mississippi and sold from farmers' markets that have been certified by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

SECTION 66. Section 27-65-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-65-105. The exemption from the provisions of this chapter which are of a governmental nature or which are more properly classified as governmental exemptions than any other exemption classification of this chapter shall be confined to those persons or property exempted by this section or by provisions of the Constitutions of the United States or the State of Mississippi. No governmental exemption as now provided by any other section shall be valid as against the tax herein levied. Any subsequent governmental exemption from the tax levied hereunder shall be provided by amendment to this section.

No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, except as provided by paragraph (f) of this section.

The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(a) Sales of property, labor, services or products taxable under Sections 27-65-17, 27-65-19, 27-65-23 and 27-19-26, when sold to and billed directly to and payment therefor is made directly by the United States government, the State of Mississippi and its departments, institutions, counties and municipalities or departments or school districts of said counties and municipalities.

The exemption from the tax imposed under this chapter shall not apply to sales of tangible personal property or specified digital products, labor or services to contractors purchasing in the performance of contracts with the United States, the State of Mississippi, counties and municipalities.

(b) Sales to schools, when such schools are supported wholly or in part by funds provided by the State of Mississippi, provided that this exemption does not apply to sales of property which is not to be used in the ordinary operation of the school, or which is to be resold to the students or the public.

(c) Amounts received from the sale of school textbooks to students.

(d) Sales to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, but not to Indians individually.

(e) Sales of firefighting equipment to governmental fire departments or volunteer fire departments for their use.

(f) Sales of any gas from any project, as defined in the Municipal Gas Authority of Mississippi Law, to any municipality shall not be subject to sales, use or other tax.

(g) Sales of home medical equipment and home medical supplies listed as eligible for payment under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act or under the state plan for medical assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, prosthetics, orthotics, hearing aids, hearing devices, prescription eyeglasses, oxygen and oxygen equipment, when ordered or prescribed by a licensed physician for medical purposes of a patient, and when payment for such equipment or supplies, or both, is made, in part or in whole, under the provisions of the Medicare or Medicaid program, then the entire sale shall be exempt from the taxes imposed by this chapter. Payment does not have to be made, in whole or in part, by any particular person to be eligible for this exemption. Purchases of home medical equipment and supplies by a provider of home health services or a provider of hospice services are eligible for this exemption if the purchases otherwise meet the requirements of this paragraph.

(h) Sales to regional educational service agencies established under Section 37-7-345.

(i) Sales of buses and other motor vehicles, and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such buses and motor vehicles, to an entity that (a) has entered into a contract with a school board under Section 37-41-31 for the purpose of transporting students to and from schools and (b) uses or will use the buses and other motor vehicles for such transportation purposes. This paragraph (i) shall apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2010.

(j) Parking at events held solely for religious or charitable purposes at livestock facilities, agriculture facilities or other facilities constructed, renovated or expanded with funds for the grant program authorized under Section 18, Chapter 530, Laws of 1995.

(k) Sales of tangible personal property, labor, services or products to schools and school districts under a program that is administered by or coordinated with an agency, commission, department or other instrumentality of the United States government when payment for the tangible personal property, labor, services or products is made by or through a nonprofit organization or other entity established by or for the benefit of the agency, commission, department or other instrumentality of the United States government administering or coordinating such program.

SECTION 67. Section 27-65-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-65-107. The exemptions from the provisions of this chapter which relate to utilities or which are more properly classified as utility exemptions than any other exemption classification of this chapter shall be confined to those persons or property exempted by this section or by provisions of the Constitutions of the United States or the State of Mississippi. No utility exemption as now provided by any other section shall be valid as against the tax herein levied. Any subsequent utility exemption from the tax levied hereunder shall be provided by amendment to this section.

No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(a) Sales and rentals of locomotives, rail rolling stock and materials for their repair, locomotive water, when made to a railroad whose rates are fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Mississippi Public Service Commission.

(b) Rentals of manufacturing machinery to a manufacturer or custom processor where such manufacturer or custom processor is engaged in, and such machinery is used in, the manufacture of containers made from timber or wood for sale. The tax, likewise, shall not apply to replacement or repair parts of such machinery used in such manufacture.

(c) Sales of tangible personal property and services to nonprofit water associations or corporations in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual. Only sales of property or services which are ordinary and necessary to the operation of such organizations are exempt from tax.

(d) Wholesale sales of tangible personal property for resale under Section 27-65-19.

(e) From and after July 1, 2003, sales of fuel used to produce electric power by a company primarily engaged in the business of producing, generating or distributing electric power for sale.

(f) Sales of electricity, current, power, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel to a manufacturer, custom processor, data center meeting the criteria provided for in Section 57-113-21, technology intensive enterprise meeting the criteria provided for in Section 27-65-17(1)(f), or public service company for industrial purposes, which shall include that used to generate electricity, to operate an electrical distribution or transmission system, to operate pipeline compressor or pumping stations, or to operate railroad locomotives.

(g) Sales of electricity, current, power, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel to a producer or processor for use directly in the production of poultry or poultry products, the production of livestock and livestock products, the production of domesticated fish and domesticated fish products, the production of marine aquaculture products, the production of plants or food by commercial horticulturists, the processing of milk and milk products, the processing of poultry and livestock feed, and the irrigation of farm crops.

(h) Sales of electricity, current, power, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel to a commercial fisherman, shrimper or oysterman.

(i) Sales exempt under the Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2015 (Sections 27-113-1 through 27-113-9).

(j) Sales of electricity, current, power, steam, coal, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel to a permanent enterprise that is eligible for the exemption authorized in Section 27-65-101(1)(ww) upon completion of the expansion upon which such exemption is based; however, in order to be eligible for the exemption authorized by this paragraph, the expansion must:

(i) Create at least eighty-five (85) full-time jobs in this state with an average annual wage of at least Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00); and

(ii) Have at least Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000.00) in new investment at the existing facility.

SECTION 68. Section 27-65-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

27-65-111. The exemptions from the provisions of this chapter which are not industrial, agricultural or governmental, or which do not relate to utilities or taxes, or which are not properly classified as one (1) of the exemption classifications of this chapter, shall be confined to persons or property exempted by this section or by the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi. No exemptions as now provided by any other section, except the classified exemption sections of this chapter set forth herein, shall be valid as against the tax herein levied. Any subsequent exemption from the tax levied hereunder, except as indicated above, shall be provided by amendments to this section.

No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(a) Sales of tangible personal property and services to hospitals or infirmaries owned and operated by a corporation or association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual, and which are subject to and governed by Sections 41-7-123 through 41-7-127.

Only sales of tangible personal property or services which are ordinary and necessary to the operation of such hospitals and infirmaries are exempted from tax.

(b) Sales of daily or weekly newspapers, and periodicals or publications of scientific, literary or educational organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as it exists as of March 31, 1975, and subscription sales of all magazines.

(c) Sales of coffins, caskets and other materials used in the preparation of human bodies for burial.

(d) Sales of tangible personal property for immediate export to a foreign country.

(e) Sales of tangible personal property to an orphanage, old men's or ladies' home, supported wholly or in part by a religious denomination, fraternal nonprofit organization or other nonprofit organization.

(f) Sales of tangible personal property, labor or services taxable under Sections 27-65-17, 27-65-19 and 27-65-23, to a YMCA, YWCA, a Boys' or Girls' Club owned and operated by a corporation or association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual.

(g) Sales to elementary and secondary grade schools, junior and senior colleges owned and operated by a corporation or association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual, and which are exempt from state income taxation, provided that this exemption does not apply to sales of property or services which are not to be used in the ordinary operation of the school, or which are to be resold to the students or the public.

(h) The gross proceeds of retail sales and the use or consumption in this state of drugs and medicines:

(i) Prescribed for the treatment of a human being by a person authorized to prescribe the medicines, and dispensed or prescription filled by a registered pharmacist in accordance with law; or

(ii) Furnished by a licensed physician, surgeon, dentist or podiatrist to his own patient for treatment of the patient; or

(iii) Furnished by a hospital for treatment of any person pursuant to the order of a licensed physician, surgeon, dentist or podiatrist; or

(iv) Sold to a licensed physician, surgeon, podiatrist, dentist or hospital for the treatment of a human being; or

(v) Sold to this state or any political subdivision or municipal corporation thereof, for use in the treatment of a human being or furnished for the treatment of a human being by a medical facility or clinic maintained by this state or any political subdivision or municipal corporation thereof.

"Medicines," as used in this paragraph (h), shall mean and include any substance or preparation intended for use by external or internal application to the human body in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease and which is commonly recognized as a substance or preparation intended for such use; provided that "medicines" do not include any auditory, prosthetic, ophthalmic or ocular device or appliance, any dentures or parts thereof or any artificial limbs or their replacement parts, articles which are in the nature of splints, bandages, pads, compresses, supports, dressings, instruments, apparatus, contrivances, appliances, devices or other mechanical, electronic, optical or physical equipment or article or the component parts and accessories thereof, or any alcoholic beverage or any other drug or medicine not commonly referred to as a prescription drug.

Notwithstanding the preceding sentence of this paragraph (h), "medicines" as used in this paragraph (h), shall mean and include sutures, whether or not permanently implanted, bone screws, bone pins, pacemakers and other articles permanently implanted in the human body to assist the functioning of any natural organ, artery, vein or limb and which remain or dissolve in the body.

"Hospital," as used in this paragraph (h), shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 41-9-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Insulin furnished by a registered pharmacist to a person for treatment of diabetes as directed by a physician shall be deemed to be dispensed on prescription within the meaning of this paragraph (h).

(i) Retail sales of automobiles, trucks and truck-tractors if exported from this state within forty-eight (48) hours and registered and first used in another state.

(j) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Salvation Army and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc.

(k) From July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1992, retail sales of "alcohol blended fuel" as such term is defined in Section 75-55-5. The gasoline-alcohol blend or the straight alcohol eligible for this exemption shall not contain alcohol distilled outside the State of Mississippi.

(l) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Institute for Technology Development.

(m) The gross proceeds of retail sales of food and drink for human consumption made through vending machines serviced by full line vendors from and not connected with other taxable businesses.

(n) The gross proceeds of sales of motor fuel.

(o) Retail sales of food for human consumption purchased with food stamps issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, or other federal agency, from and after October 1, 1987, or from and after the expiration of any waiver granted pursuant to federal law, the effect of which waiver is to permit the collection by the state of tax on such retail sales of food for human consumption purchased with food stamps.

(p) Sales of cookies for human consumption by the Girl Scouts of America no part of the net earnings from which sales inures to the benefit of any private group or individual.

(q) Gifts or sales of tangible personal property or services to public or private nonprofit museums of art.

(r) Sales of tangible personal property or services to alumni associations of state-supported colleges or universities.

(s) Sales of tangible personal property or services to National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc., and chapters of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc.

(t) Sales of tangible personal property or services to domestic violence shelters which qualify for state funding under Sections 93-21-101 through 93-21-113.

(u) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mississippi Chapter.

(v) Retail sales of food for human consumption purchased with food instruments issued the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians under the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) funded by the United States Department of Agriculture.

(w) Sales of tangible personal property or services to a private company, as defined in Section 57-61-5, which is making such purchases with proceeds of bonds issued under Section 57-61-1 et seq., the Mississippi Business Investment Act.

(x) The gross collections from the operation of self-service, coin-operated car washing equipment and sales of the service of washing motor vehicles with portable high-pressure washing equipment on the premises of the customer.

(y) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Technology Alliance.

(z) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit organizations that provide foster care, adoption services and temporary housing for unwed mothers and their children if the organization is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(aa) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit organizations that provide residential rehabilitation for persons with alcohol and drug dependencies if the organization is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(bb) (i) Retail sales of an article of clothing or footwear designed to be worn on or about the human body and retail sales of school supplies if the sales price of the article of clothing or footwear or school supply is less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and the sale takes place during a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in July and ending at 12:00 midnight the following Saturday. This paragraph (bb) shall not apply to:

1. Accessories including jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, briefcases, garment bags and similar items carried on or about the human body, without regard to whether worn on the body in a manner characteristic of clothing;

2. The rental of clothing or footwear; and

3. Skis, swim fins, roller blades, skates and similar items worn on the foot.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph (bb), "school supplies" means items that are commonly used by a student in a course of study. The following is an all-inclusive list:

1. Backpacks;
2. Binder pockets;
3. Binders;
4. Blackboard chalk;
5. Book bags;
6. Calculators;
7. Cellophane tape;
8. Clays and glazes;
9. Compasses;
10. Composition books;
11. Crayons;
12. Dictionaries and thesauruses;
13. Dividers;
14. Erasers;
15. Folders: expandable, pocket, plastic and manila;
16. Glue, paste and paste sticks;
17. Highlighters;
18. Index card boxes;
19. Index cards;
20. Legal pads;
21. Lunch boxes;
22. Markers;
23. Notebooks;
24. Paintbrushes for artwork;
25. Paints: acrylic, tempera and oil;
26. Paper: loose-leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board and construction paper;
27. Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes;
28. Pencil sharpeners;
29. Pencils;
30. Pens;
31. Protractors;
32. Reference books;
33. Reference maps and globes;
34. Rulers;
35. Scissors;
36. Sheet music;
37. Sketch and drawing pads;
38. Textbooks;
39. Watercolors;
40. Workbooks; and
41. Writing tablets.

(iii) From and after January 1, 2010, the governing authorities of a municipality, for retail sales occurring within the corporate limits of the municipality, may suspend the application of the exemption provided for in this paragraph (bb) by adoption of a resolution to that effect stating the date upon which the suspension shall take effect. A certified copy of the resolution shall be furnished to the Department of Revenue at least ninety (90) days prior to the date upon which the municipality desires such suspension to take effect.

(cc) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal property made for the sole purpose of raising funds for a school or an organization affiliated with a school.

As used in this paragraph (cc), "school" means any public or private school that teaches courses of instruction to students in any grade from kindergarten through Grade 12.

(dd) Sales of durable medical equipment and home medical supplies when ordered or prescribed by a licensed physician for medical purposes of a patient. As used in this paragraph (dd), "durable medical equipment" and "home medical supplies"

mean equipment, including repair and replacement parts for the equipment or supplies listed under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act or under the state plan for medical assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, prosthetics, orthotics, hearing aids, hearing devices, prescription eyeglasses, oxygen and oxygen equipment. Payment does not have to be made, in whole or in part, by any particular person to be eligible for this exemption. Purchases of home medical equipment and supplies by a provider of home health services or a provider of hospice services are eligible for this exemption if the purchases otherwise meet the requirements of this paragraph.

(ee) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Mississippi Blood Services.

(ff) (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (ff), retail sales of firearms, ammunition and hunting supplies if sold during the annual Mississippi Second Amendment Weekend holiday beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in August and ending at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday. For the purposes of this paragraph (ff), "hunting supplies" means tangible personal property used for hunting, including, and limited to, archery equipment, firearm and archery cases, firearm and archery accessories, hearing protection, holsters, belts and slings. Hunting supplies does not include animals used for hunting.

(ii) This paragraph (ff) shall apply only if one or more of the following occur:

1. Title to and/or possession of an eligible item is transferred from a seller to a purchaser; and/or

2. A purchaser orders and pays for an eligible item and the seller accepts the order for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the time period provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (ff), provided that the purchaser has not requested or caused the delay in shipment.

(gg) Sales of nonperishable food items to charitable organizations that are exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and operate a food bank or food pantry or food lines.

(hh) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the United Way of the Pine Belt Region, Inc.

(ii) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Children's Museum or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof operating a satellite or branch museum within this state.

(jj) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Jackson Zoological Park.

(kk) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Hattiesburg Zoo.

(ll) Gross proceeds from sales of food, merchandise or other concessions at an event held solely for religious or charitable purposes at livestock facilities, agriculture facilities or other facilities constructed, renovated or expanded with funds for the grant program authorized under Section 18, Chapter 530, Laws of 1995.

(mm) Sales of tangible personal property and services to the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi and the Mississippi Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

(nn) Sales of potting soil, mulch, or other soil amendments used in growing ornamental plants which bear no fruit of commercial value when sold to commercial plant nurseries that operate exclusively at wholesale and where no retail sales can be made.

(oo) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the University of Mississippi Medical Center Research Development Foundation.

(pp) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., and all affiliates of Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc.

(qq) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Friends of Children's Hospital.

(rr) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Pinecrest Weekend Backpacks for Kids located in Corinth, Mississippi.

(ss) Sales of hearing aids when ordered or prescribed by a licensed physician, audiologist or hearing aid specialist for the medical purposes of a patient.

(tt) Sales exempt under the Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2015 (Sections 27-113-1 through 27-113-9).

(uu) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Junior League of Jackson.

(vv) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation for use in the construction, furnishing and equipping of buildings and related facilities and infrastructure at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi. This paragraph (vv) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

(ww) Sales of tangible personal property or services to MS Gulf Coast Buddy Sports, Inc.

(xx) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Biloxi Lions, Inc.

(yy) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Lions Sight Foundation of Mississippi, Inc.

(zz) Sales of tangible personal property and services to the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL).

SECTION 69. Sections 11 through 69 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2021."

SECTION 70. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2971**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--89.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--22.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Haney, McLeod, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud. Total-6.

Present--Crudup, Foster, Gibbs, D, Holloway, Hudson. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--56

At 2:34 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:46 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. C. R. No. 535: Suspend rules; further consideration of Senate Bill No. 2799, Medicaid Technical Amendments.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 198:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That all of the deadlines and other provisions imposed by Joint Rule No. 40 are suspended for the purpose of the further consideration and passage of House Bill No. 1008, 2021 Regular Session, entitled "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS TO THE MEDICAID SERVICES AND MANAGED CARE PROVISIONS; TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE SEVERAL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS TO THE MEDICAID ASSESSMENT PROVISIONS; TO DELETE THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-13-107 AND 43-13-117.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, TO MAKE SOME MINOR, NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 43-13-103, 43-13-105, 43-13-109, 43-13-113, 43-13-116, 43-13-120, 43-13-121, 43-13-123, 43-13-125 AND 43-13-139, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.""

AMEND FURTHER the title by inserting the following language after the semicolon on line 97: "AND SUSPENDING THE DEADLINES AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF JOINT RULE NO. 40 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1008, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS TO THE MEDICAID SERVICES AND MANAGED CARE PROVISIONS; TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE SEVERAL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS TO THE MEDICAID ASSESSMENT PROVISIONS; TO DELETE THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-13-107 AND 43-13-117.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, TO MAKE SOME MINOR, NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 43-13-103, 43-13-105, 43-13-109, 43-13-113, 43-13-116, 43-13-120, 43-13-121, 43-13-123, 43-13-125 AND 43-13-139, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT;""

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. C. R. No. 535.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the resolution was adopted title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,

Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Gibbs, D, Owen, Robinson, Williams-Barnes.
Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2373: Motor fuel sales; provide immunity for damages caused by the use of incompatible fuel upon certain conditions.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 294: Hospices; delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 633: Computer science curriculum; require State Department of Education to implement in K-12 public schools.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brittany Conlee, and James Hunter Waggener, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Karriem, McLean and Wright moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Nancy McClanahan Imes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Owen moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Missie Landry, which motion prevailed.

At 2:49 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

(SEVENTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Ronnie Crudup.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 312: Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions of to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 1:33 PM

H. B. No. 352: Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 1:34 PM

H. B. No. 354: Municipal judges; authorize to order a defendant to remedy real property ordinance violations within a reasonable time period. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 1:35 PM

H. B. No. 509: Unemployment compensation; allow withholding of state income tax. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 1:36 PM

H. B. No. 1302: Optometry; Board shall define practice of, and authorize to perform certain procedures and use and prescribe certain drugs. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 10:19 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2746: Hudson's Law; require healthcare providers to provide information to parents who receive a postnatal diagnosis of down syndrome.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2392: County port and harbor commission; provide for holdover of appointees.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 628: Highway privilege tax; add a gross vehicle weight category for carriers of property with additional tax.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1296: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.

H. B. No. 1297: Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

H. B. No. 1351: Bonds; increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund.

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax and sales tax; revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft.

H. B. No. 1446: Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1365: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1366: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1367: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1368: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

H. B. No. 1369: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1370: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1371: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1372: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1373: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1374: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1375: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1376: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

H. B. No. 1377: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1378: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1382: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

H. B. No. 1383: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1386: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

- H. B. No. 1387:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1388:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.
- H. B. No. 1389:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.
- H. B. No. 1390:** Appropriation; Library Commission.
- H. B. No. 1391:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.
- H. B. No. 1392:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1393:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1394:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.
- H. B. No. 1395:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.
- H. B. No. 1396:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.
- H. B. No. 1397:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.
- H. B. No. 1398:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1399:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1400:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.
- H. B. No. 1401:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1402:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.
- H. B. No. 1403:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.
- H. B. No. 1404:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
- H. B. No. 1405:** Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.
- H. B. No. 1406:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.
- H. B. No. 1407:** Appropriation; Port Authority, State.
- H. B. No. 1408:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.
- H. B. No. 1409:** Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.
- H. B. No. 1410:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.
- H. B. No. 1411:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.
- H. B. No. 1412:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1413:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2313: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; allow athletes to be compensated for name, image and likeness.
Senators Parks, Boyd, Sparks

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1414: Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2024: Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities.
Senators Hill, Whaley, Seymour

S. B. No. 2035: Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.
Senators Whaley, Suber, Blackwell

S. B. No. 2261: Perpetual cemetery law; revise notice and maintenance provisions for counties and municipalities.
Senators Simmons (12th), Hill, Barrett

S. B. No. 2267: Teacher license; allow reciprocity if teacher possesses standard license from other state.
Senators DeBar, Hill, Norwood

S. B. No. 2434: Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety.
Senators Wiggins, England, Branning

S. B. No. 2602: Nonadmitted insurer policy fee; divert certain amount to fund fire trucks and fire apparatus/protection grants.
Senators Michel, Hopson, McLendon

S. B. No. 2621: Task Force; establish to study domestic law matters.
Senators Wiggins, Parker, Boyd

S. B. No. 2623: Motor vehicle insurance; extend repealer on Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act.

Senators Michel, Kirby, Harkins

S. B. No. 2624: MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish pilot program using administrative hearing officers.

Senators Caughman, Sparks, McMahan

S. B. No. 2631: Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

Senators Michel, Boyd, Kirby

S. B. No. 2638: Electronic documents; provide recording procedure for counties without electronic-recording capability.

Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, Turner-Ford

S. B. No. 2664: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; prescribe standards and benchmarks.

Senators DeBar, Wiggins, Johnson

S. B. No. 2795: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact.

Senators Barnett, Sparks, Wiggins

S. B. No. 2798: Broadband services; provide for the participation of rate-regulated electric utilities in the expansion of.

Senators Carter, Parks, Polk

S. B. No. 2825: Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021; create.

Senators Branning, Thompson, Hopson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1522: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Frankie O'Neal Ward, Jr., of Jefferson Davis. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1523: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Norman Ivey of Rankin County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1524: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to William Barber of Jackson County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1525: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Charles Harris of Harrison County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1526: (Representative Burnett) Suffrage; restore to Antonio Simpson of Tunica County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1527: (Representative Williams-Barnes) Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County. Judiciary B.

On motion of Rep. Massengill the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1245: MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population.

H. B. No. 550: Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to.

H. B. No. 424: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 887: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway."

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 631: Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours.

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 374: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc.

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 500: Mississippi Home Corporation; extend reverter on authority to issue a certain amount of bonds.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 511: Amusement ride operating permit decal; revise period for issuance.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Clarke, Robinson, Tullos. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 520: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements.

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 667: Alcoholic beverages; delete requirement for immediate permit revocation for certain prohibited sales.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Evans, B, Horne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Present--Anthony. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1135: Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit.

H. B. No. 1139: Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25.

H. B. No. 997: Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits.

H. B. No. 1091: Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law.

H. B. No. 1095: Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities.

H. B. No. 1197: Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of.

H. B. No. 425: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made.

On motion of Rep. Boyd the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 136: Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds.

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

On motion of Rep. Rushing the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 359: Municipally-owned utilities; may use accounting system accommodation for uncollectible customer indebtedness.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1290: Attorney General; allow salaries of assistants to exceed statutory limitation under certain circumstances.

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures.

On motion of Rep. Bain the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 634: Firearms restriction; limit those by cities, counties and state agencies.

Rep. Bain moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 974: DPS; revise law regarding.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Evans, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Zuber the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1205: Telemedicine; revise definition for provisions of law regarding coverage for telemedicine services.

Rep. Zuber moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 330: Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos,

Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bailey, Evans, B. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Present--Banks, Bell, C, Miles. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ladner moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1211: Administrative hearing procedures for Commission on Marine Resources; revise to authorize executive director of Department of Marine Resources to make final decisions during.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Karriem, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Christine Dedeaux, Dorothy "Dot" Bullard, and Chris Slater, which motion prevailed.

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tina McKelvey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bonnie Adams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Aycock, which motion prevailed.

At 10:26 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 18, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

(SEVENTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Dan Eubanks.

Rep. Eubanks led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, March 18, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 8: UMMC property; revise leasing authority by removing certain minimum requirements of improvements to development. Thursday, March 18, 2021, 3:42 PM

H. B. No. 277: Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification. Thursday, March 18, 2021, 3:48 PM

H. B. No. 576: Local System Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation Fund; revise allocation formula. Thursday, March 18, 2021, 3:53 PM

H. B. No. 955: Abandoned mobile homes; establish a procedure to dispose of. Thursday, March 18, 2021, 3:45 PM

H. B. No. 1137: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding the determination of true value of land used for agricultural purposes. Thursday, March 18, 2021, 4:00 PM

H. B. No. 1213: State Personnel Board; require exempted agencies' reports to include quantifiable data and to be sent to SPB, PEER and LBO. Thursday, March 18, 2021, 3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, March 18, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 9: MS Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy; name firing range as the "Lieutenant Colonel Pat Cronin Firing Range." Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:15 PM

H. B. No. 72: Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:15 PM

H. B. No. 74: Emergency Telecommunications Services (911); extend repealer on. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:17 PM

H. B. No. 100: MS Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on requirement that fees be deposited into State General Fund. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:18 PM

H. B. No. 135: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:19 PM

H. B. No. 189: Mississippi Persian Gulf War Memorial; authorize MSVA to move to another appropriate location. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:20 PM

H. B. No. 286: Cemeteries; authorize to disinter and reinter dead human remains for next of kin instructions. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:25 PM

H. B. No. 341: Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of deployment of in determining an individual's employment status with motor carrier. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:26 PM

H. B. No. 357: Bonding requirement for county purchase clerk; increase. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:28 PM

H. B. No. 429: Contracts; authorize persons eighteen years of age or older to enter into for the purpose of investing in mutual funds. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:29 PM

H. B. No. 487: County and public libraries; repeal certain provisions related to. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:32 PM

H. B. No. 488: Libraries; authorize use of debit and credit cards. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:50 PM

H. B. No. 499: Qualified equity investment tax credits; extend authority of Mississippi Development Authority to allocate. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:51 PM

H. B. No. 512: ABC agents/inspectors; revise certain provisions regarding powers of. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:54 PM

H. B. No. 516: Department of Revenue; allow department appraisers to receive certain pay increases upon completing certain training. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:55 PM

H. B. No. 519: Motor vehicle license tags; remove requirement for apportioned vehicles to have decal with expiration month/year on tag. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:56 PM

H. B. No. 632: "All Fuels Act of 2021"; establish. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 2:58 PM

H. B. No. 872: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 61 in Jefferson County as the "Highway Patrol Lieutenant Troy Morris Memorial Highway." Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:00 PM

H. B. No. 886: Law enforcement officers; exempt from concealed firearms permit fees and renewal fees. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:02 PM

H. B. No. 945: Light wine, beer and light spirit product; revise number of qualified electors required to petition for election to prohibit or authorize. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:03 PM

H. B. No. 995: Memorial highway; designate segment in Marshall County, Mississippi as the "Representative Tommy Woods Memorial Highway." Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:05 PM

H. B. No. 1018: State buildings; name DPS Gulf Coast Regional Forensics Laboratory as the "Gary T. Hargrove Memorial Forensic Laboratory." Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:08 PM

H. B. No. 1034: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:09 PM

H. B. No. 1062: Daylight saving time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:13 PM

H. B. No. 1075: MS Credit Availability Act, Title Pledge Act, and Check Cashers Act; extend or remove repealer on certain provisions of. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:17 PM

H. B. No. 1177: General laws and journals of legislative sessions; copies of not provided to certain recipients of unless specifically requested. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:27 PM

H. B. No. 1195: Electric bicycles; regulate. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:34 PM

H. B. No. 1230: Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 4:42 PM

H. B. No. 1284: Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund; revise certain provisions regarding. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:40 PM

H. B. No. 1288: Charter vessel operator's permit; create to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages by the holder of. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:42 PM

H. B. No. 1326: Compact for a Balanced Budget; revise delegate membership and extend sunset provision. Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 4:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. C. R. No. 535: Suspend rules; further consideration of Senate Bill No. 2799, Medicaid Technical Amendments.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that a motion to reconsider has been entered in the Senate on the following:

H. B. No. 1008: Medicaid; make technical amendments to services, manage care and assessment provisions.

THE HOUSE REQUESTS RETURN OF SAME.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2419: State Medical Examiner fees; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2759: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase the monthly amount.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1008: Medicaid; make technical amendments to services, manage care and assessment provisions.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2107: Firearms; prohibit local governments and state agencies from restricting possession.

Senators Fillingane, DeBar, Hill

S. B. No. 2117: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options.

Senators Fillingane, Thompson, Suber

S. B. No. 2121: Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of.
Senators Fillingane, England, Thomas

S. B. No. 2223: Arrest warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony.

Senators Fillingane, Jackson (32nd), England

S. B. No. 2279: Parole and earned release; criminalize absconding.
Senators Fillingane, Wiggins, McCaughn

S. B. No. 2569: Urine; create the crime of selling or tampering with urine.
Senators Fillingane, McCaughn, Simmons (12th)

S. B. No. 2573: Department of Public Safety; implement uniform reporting standards for jail census data & create & maintain a centralized database.

Senators Fillingane, Barnett, England

S. B. No. 2598: Department of Public Safety; revise licensing.
Senators Fillingane, Branning, Thompson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1420: Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain not-for-profit corporations used to provide swimming lessons and training.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2435: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries.

Senators Harkins, Boyd, Sparks

S. B. No. 2437: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for Wildlife Mississippi.

Senators Harkins, Younger, Simmons (12th)

S. B. No. 2806: Department of Revenue; bring forward code sections relating to ABC Division and authority to contract for services.

Senators Harkins, Johnson, Carter

S. B. No. 2807: Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized.

Senators Harkins, Jackson (32nd), Tate

S. B. No. 2816: Public officials and employees; allow Department of Revenue appraisers to receive same pay increases as county tax assessors.

Senators Harkins, Johnson, Whaley

S. B. No. 2824: State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature.

Senators Polk, Hopson, Butler

S. B. No. 2830: New Markets Tax Credit; extend MDA's ability to allocate by one year.

Senators Harkins, Johnson, Fillingane

S. B. No. 2831: Historic structure income tax credit; cap per taxpayer and authorize sale or transfer.

Senators Harkins, Johnson, Chassaniol

S. B. No. 2832: Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026.

Senators Harkins, Sparks, Whaley

S. B. No. 2839: SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate.

Senators Harkins, Thompson, England

S. B. No. 2843: Tax; phase out June 25 deadline for taxpayers with average liability of at least \$50,000 to remit 75% of June liability.

Senators Harkins, Johnson, Parker

S. B. No. 2868: Qualified resort areas; include certain municipalities.

Senators Harkins, Barrett, Horhn

S. B. No. 2874: Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit.

Senators Harkins, McMahan, Thompson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1528: (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Washington County; extend repeal date on Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1529: (Representative Jackson) Town of Como; extend repealer on authority to impose tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1530: (Representative McGee) City of Hattiesburg; authorize waiver of lien, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 46: (Representative Holloway) Bishop Joseph Roscoe Campbell, Jr.; commend for service to his church and community. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 47: (Representatives Criswell, Hudson) Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; recognize April 2021 as. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 48: (Representative Holloway) Alcorn State University; commend and congratulate upon its 150th year anniversary. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 49: (Representative Watson) Eris Knott; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 50: (Representative Bennett) Wayne Ulrich; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. Rules.

H. R. No. 44: (Representative Busby) James Luckett; commend and congratulate upon being named 2020 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 45: (Representative Banks) Dorothy Jean Murray-Gilbert; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy of upon her passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 46: (Representative Holloway) Emanuel F. Barnes, Sr.; commend upon his retirement from Alcorn State University. Rules.

H. R. No. 47: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Madison Central High School Girls Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 6A Girls North State Soccer Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 48: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Madison Central High School Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA 6A State Soccer Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 49: (Representative Faulkner) Alfred "Skip" Robinson; honor legacy and recognize many outstanding civil rights accomplishments. Rules.

H. R. No. 50: (Representative Anthony) Representative Sara Richardson Thomas; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon her retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 51: (Representative Yancey) Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi; declare March 21, 2021, as. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1477: Suffrage; restore to Anthony Leroy Wallace of Harrison County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1468: Suffrage; restore to Ronald Brent Self of Tippah County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1469: Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1471: Suffrage; restore to Cassidy Edward Jordan of Covington County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1472: Suffrage; restore to Randy Beckham of Simpson County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1475: Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1478: Suffrage; restore to Janice O'Neal of Warren County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1476: Suffrage; restore to Buren Wayne Whitt of Chickasaw County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1511: Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1513: Suffrage; restore to Jay Wesley Jackson of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1515: Suffrage; restore to Debra Denise Thomas of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1516: Suffrage; restore to Gerald O. Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1517: Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1518: Suffrage; restore to Annie Grant of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1519: Suffrage; restore to Kenny Pritchard of Rankin County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1523: Suffrage; restore to Norman Ivey of Rankin County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1524: Suffrage; restore to William Barber of Jackson County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1525: Suffrage; restore to Charles Harris of Harrison County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1526: Suffrage; restore to Antonio Simpson of Tunica County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1527: Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1520: Suffrage; restore to J.W. Jackson of Panola County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1365: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1366: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1367: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1368: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bills.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendments by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments to the following bills:

H. B. No. 1369: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1370: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1371: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1372: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1373: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1374: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1375: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1376: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bills.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendments by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure, Robinson, Zuber. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1377: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith,

Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Hopkins, Robinson. Total-3.

Present--Ford, J. Guice. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1378: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1382: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

H. B. No. 1383: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1386: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1388: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

H. B. No. 1389: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1390: Appropriation; Library Commission.

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1394: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1395: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1397: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1401: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1402: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

H. B. No. 1403: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1404: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments to the following bills:

H. B. No. 1405: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1406: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1407: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bills.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendments by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson, Walker. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1408: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1409: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale,

Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1410: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1411: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Currie, Robinson. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

H. B. No. 1414: Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021.

On motion of Rep. Bain the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 119: Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.

Rep. Turner moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 953: Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and require financial reviews by.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Hines, Johnson, Morgan, Robinson, Scott. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Turner the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1077: Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means.

Rep. Bennett moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 852: Teachers' and teacher's assistants' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 504: Commission on School Accreditation; clarify membership composition.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1047: Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

On request of Rep. Bennett, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 1047**:

Please strike the language on lines 160-161 as follows: "as further specified in subparagraph (vi) of this subsection (2)(a)".

There should no longer be a subparagraph (vi) in the bill, as amended by the Senate.

On motion of Rep. Bennett the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1179: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create.

On motion of Rep. Bennett the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 754: Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan.

Rep. Bennett moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1123: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; revise funding and specify teaching standards.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.
Absent or those not voting--Hale, Robinson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Zuber moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby the House concurred in the Senate amendment to **H. B. No. 330**: (Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such.) which motion prevailed.

On motion of Rep. Zuber the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 330: Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. C. R. No. 4: Representative Gary Chism; commend dedicated legislative career and public service upon his retirement.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1494: Walnut Grove; authorize Walnut Grove Correctional Authority to contract with the state to operate correctional facility.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1494. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clarke, Evans, B, Hudson, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Rosebud, Summers, Taylor. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Crudup, Gibbs, D, Guice, Robinson, Yates.
Total-6.

Present--Banks, Stamps. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--57

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1497: Jackson County; direct contributions to Management and Operations for the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts and Education.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1497. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Owen, Robinson, Rushing. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1498: Holmes County; authorize contributions to P.E.A.R.L.S. Mentoring for Girls, Inc.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1498. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Robinson. Total-2.

Present--Sanford. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--79

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1499: Holmes County; authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1499. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Calvert, Creekmore, Eubanks, Ladner, Owen, Robinson. Total-7.

Present--Rushing, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--76

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1500: Holmes County; authorize transfer of funds/property from defunct county economic development authority to county economic development district.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1500. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Paden, Robinson. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1502: MS Coast Transportation Authority; authorize to bear the full cost of processing electronic payments.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1502. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Robinson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1504: City of Forest; authorize a tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1504. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Felsher, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Ladner, Oliver, Robinson. Total-7.

Present--Sanford. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2031: City of Louisville; extend the hotel and motel tax repeal date to July 1, 2025.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2031.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Boyd, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Robinson. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2776: Noxubee County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2776.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--103.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Rushing, Sanford, Tullos, Williamson, Zuber. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, Ladner, Oliver, Robinson. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2881: City of Brookhaven; extend repeal date on the tax upon room rentals of hotels, motels and bed-and-breakfast establishments.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2881. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Robinson. Total-5.

Present--Boyd, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2882: Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed to the United Way for fiscal years 2021-2023, and extend repealer.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2882. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--88.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Calvert, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Mangold, Newman, Owen, Pigott, Rushing, Smith, Tubb, Turner, Williamson, Zuber. Total--24.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Felsher, Haney, Ladner, Oliver, Patterson, Robinson. Total-8.

Present--Hale, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2974: City of Byram; extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2974.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Smith, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Ladner, Robinson. Total-6.

Present--Rushing. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3032: City of Pascagoula; extend the repeal date on tourism tax authorized to be levied on prepared food sold at restaurants.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3032.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Ladner, Robinson. Total-6.

Present--Sanford. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

At 10:46 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:51 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Due to the Senate concurring in the House amendment to Suspension Resolution 535, SENATE BILL NO. 2799 was recalled from the Senate.

Representative Hood called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2799**: (Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 517: Pay tribute to the memory of former State Senator and Representative Nolan Mettetal.

S. B. No. 2392: County port and harbor commission; provide for holdover of appointees.

S. B. No. 2746: Hudson's Law; require healthcare providers to provide information to parents who receive a postnatal diagnosis of a chromosomal disorder.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 70: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions.

H. B. No. 551: Driver's license; require Department of Public Safety to allow official identifying document of MDOC to suffice for.

H. B. No. 628: Highway privilege tax; add a gross vehicle weight category for carriers of property with additional tax.

H. B. No. 1048: Qualification deadline; change to February 1 for certain statewide, state district, county and county district offices.

H. B. No. 1323: Open meeting; authorize executive session for discussion of plans to combat human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 535: Suspend rules; further consideration of Senate Bill No. 2799 and House Bill No. 1008, Medicaid Technical Amendments.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2419: State Medical Examiner fees; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2759: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase the monthly amount.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 160: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 500: Mississippi Home Corporation; extend reverter on authority to issue a certain amount of bonds.

H. B. No. 511: Amusement ride operating permit decal; revise period for issuance.

H. B. No. 667: Alcoholic beverages; delete requirement for immediate permit revocation for certain prohibited sales.

H. B. No. 974: DPS; revise law regarding.

H. B. No. 1211: Administrative hearing procedures for Commission on Marine Resources; revise to authorize executive director of Department of Marine Resources to make final decisions during.

H. B. No. 1263: Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Frances Mask, which motion prevailed.

Representative Banks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Miller, and Travion Bailey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Garnett Taylor Rather, which motion prevailed.

At 10:57 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 19, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

(SEVENTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. John Hines.

Rep. Hines led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Guice and Robinson.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2420: Temporary license for social workers; authorize to practice in nonprofit facilities.

S. B. No. 2750: Pharmacy practice; revise definition of "written guideline or protocol" regarding location of delegated prescribing functions.

S. B. No. 2751: Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act; provide new requirements and extend the repealer thereon.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1346: City of Guntown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets.

S. B. No. 2539: Hinds County; authorize assessments on convictions, for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities.

S. B. No. 3075: Town of Sardis; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

S. B. No. 3076: Jackson County and the City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, Inc.

S. B. No. 3079: City of Greenwood; extend the repeal date on the tourism tax and the Greenwood Tourism Commission.

S. B. No. 3083: City of Vicksburg; extend repealers on authority to contribute to various organizations.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.

Senators Blackwell, Wiggins, Bryan

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2539: Hinds County; authorize assessments on convictions, for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3075: Town of Sardis; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3076: Jackson County and the City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3079: City of Greenwood; extend the repeal date on the tourism tax and the Greenwood Tourism Commission. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3083: City of Vicksburg; extend repealers on authority to contribute to various organizations. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 1531: (Representative Burnett) Tunica County; authorize occupancy assessment on hotel/motel rooms to fund infrastructure improvements/maintenance for Convention Center Complex. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 51: (Representative Read) Jamie Cooper; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. Rules.

On motion of Rep. Steverson the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1296: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax and sales tax; revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft.

H. B. No. 1446: Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses.

Rep. Steverson moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1420: Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain not-for-profit corporations used to provide swimming lessons and training.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Guice, Haney, Horan, Patterson, Roberson, Robinson, Scott. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--68

On motion of Rep. Hood the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1008: Medicaid; make technical amendments to services, manage care and assessment provisions.

Rep. Lamar moved that the following bill be laid on the table.

H. B. No. 1297: Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

Rep. Lamar moved that the following bill be laid on the table.

H. B. No. 1351: Bonds; increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Timothy Michael McNair, which motion prevailed.

Representative McCarty moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edward "Eddie" Anthony Petro, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 9:10 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 22, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021

(SEVENTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Horan. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Horan.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, March 22, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 106: State budget; revise provisions in several FY21 appropriation bills. Monday, March 22, 2021, 11:00 AM

H. B. No. 294: Hospices; delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient. Monday, March 22, 2021, 11:02 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2822: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.
Senators Harkins,Parker,Fillingane

S. B. No. 2850: Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership.
Senators Harkins,Parks,Whaley

S. B. No. 2872: Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area.

Senators Harkins,Kirby,Carter

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem tax; provide assessment rate for transformative renewable energy project property designated by the county board.
Senators Harkins,Suber,Horhn

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning.

Senators Harkins,Johnson,Kirby

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2062: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.
Senators Hopson,Michel,Tate

S. B. No. 2474: Department of Health; allow charges between agencies for services provided under the medical marijuana program.
Senators Hopson,Blackwell,Hill

S. B. No. 2725: State Budget; bring forward certain provisions and transfer funds.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Wiggins

S. B. No. 2834: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund Grant Program; establish within Department of Archives and History.
Senators Hopson,Polk,McLendon

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - General support.
Senators Hopson,Parks,DeBar

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.
Senators Hopson,Parks,DeBar

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.
Senators Hopson,Parks,Simmons (13th)

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.
Senators Hopson,Parks,Simmons (13th)

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

Senators Hopson,Parks,Williams

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

Senators Hopson,Parks,Williams

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

Senators Hopson,Parks,Williams

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

Senators Hopson,Parks,DeBar

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Senators Hopson,Parks,Blackwell

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

Senators Hopson,Frazier,McLendon

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

Senators Hopson,Frazier,DeLano

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

Senators Hopson,Wiggins,Tate

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

Senators Hopson,Wiggins,Jackson (11th)

S. B. No. 2917: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

Senators Hopson,DeLano,Seymour

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department.

Senators Hopson,DeLano,Witherspoon

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

Senators Hopson,DeLano,Moran

S. B. No. 2920: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

Senators Hopson,Norwood,Branning

S. B. No. 2921: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

Senators Hopson,Norwood,Branning

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

Senators Hopson,Michel,Wiggins

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

Senators Hopson,Michel,McCaughn

S. B. No. 2924: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

Senators Hopson,Michel,Seymour

S. B. No. 2925: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

Senators Hopson,Michel,Wiggins

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Hill, Michel

S. B. No. 2927: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road
Construction, Office of.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Witherspoon

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development
Authority.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Butler

S. B. No. 2937: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, Chism

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Jackson (32nd), Simmons (13th)

S. B. No. 2943: Appropriation; Egg Marketing Board.
Senators Hopson, Jackson (32nd), Simmons (13th)

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.
Senators Hopson, Jackson (32nd), Suber

S. B. No. 2945: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock
shows.
Senators Hopson, Jackson (32nd), Suber

S. B. No. 2946: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

S. B. No. 2947: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department
of.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Witherspoon

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

S. B. No. 2950: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department
of.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Williams

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Wiggins

S. B. No. 2952: Appropriation; Personnel Board.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Williams

S. B. No. 2954: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 52: (Representative Banks) Bobby Rush; congratulate upon winning his second Grammy Award for Best Traditional Blues Album. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 53: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) 2021 "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the Capitol"; observe virtually on May 6, 2021. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 54: (Representatives McCarty, McGee, Morgan, Owen, Yates) Noah Harris; commend for being elected as Harvard University's First African-American student body president. Rules.

H. R. No. 52: (Representative Weathersby) Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Soccer Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1529: Town of Como; extend repealer on authority to impose tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1530: City of Hattiesburg; authorize waiver of lien, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3075: Town of Sardis; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3076: Jackson County and the City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3079: City of Greenwood; extend the repeal date on the tourism tax and the Greenwood Tourism Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3083: City of Vicksburg; extend repealers on authority to contribute to various organizations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1509: Hancock County; extend the date of repeal on the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and hotel/motel tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1436: Caledonia Natural Gas District; revise residency requirement for commissioners. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1231: Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 504: Commission on School Accreditation; clarify membership composition.

H. B. No. 852: Teachers' and teacher's assistants' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary.

H. B. No. 953: Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and require financial reviews by.

H. B. No. 1047: Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements.

H. B. No. 1123: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; revise funding and specify teaching standards.

H. B. No. 1346: City of Guntown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets.

H. B. No. 1365: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1366: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1367: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1368: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1369: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1370: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1371: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1372: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1373: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1374: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1375: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1376: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

H. B. No. 1377: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1405: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1406: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1407: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

H. B. No. 1409: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

H. B. No. 1411: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2420: Temporary license for social workers; authorize to practice in nonprofit facilities.

S. B. No. 2750: Pharmacy practice; revise definition of "written guideline or protocol" regarding location of delegated prescribing functions.

S. B. No. 2776: Noxubee County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements.

S. B. No. 2881: City of Brookhaven; extend repeal date on the tax upon room rentals of hotels, motels and bed-and-breakfast establishments.

S. B. No. 2974: City of Byram; extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax.

S. B. No. 3032: City of Pascagoula; extend the repeal date on tourism tax authorized to be levied on prepared food sold at restaurants.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2031: City of Louisville; extend the hotel and motel tax repeal date to July 1, 2025.

S. B. No. 2751: Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act; provide new requirements and extend the repealer thereon.

S. B. No. 2882: Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed to the United Way for fiscal years 2021-2023, and extend repealer.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kristy Lyn Barnett Hill, Willow Grace Brumbelow, Bridget Joyce Brunner, Uba Rebecca Dooley, and Judy Barnes Perry, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Criswell and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Leslie Trusty, which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend Gerald F. Sawyer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Franklin Curtis Wood, James "Paul" Gilliam, Sr., Josephine "Jenny" Frazier, Samuel Leo Robinson, Floyd Lee Monk, Roger Wooten, Robbie P. Warren, Michael O'Neal Thrasher, James C. "Jimmy" Cooksey, Mary Earline Mitchell, Alice Faye Boykin, Honorable Ralph Brown, Glen Measells, Terry A. Porter, Scott Thomas, A. C. Bell, Gigi Pitts, Coach William "Bill" Dickson, Jason "Cotton" Box, J. C. Lott, Jr., J. W. Bynum, Rebecca McDill Hatch, Charles Latham, Jimmy McDill, Dixie Darlene Craig, Betty Martin, Flora Jeanette Wicker, Vonnie Eichelberger, Ella Louise Goldsby, Mattie Sue Baugh, Honorable Joe C. Bradford, Sandra Bowman, Garland McNeil, Betty L. Easterling, Terry Wayne Russell, Maggie Williams, Debby McCrory, Janie Barton, Horace Barton, William "Bill" Peek Jones, and Billie Faye Baker Risher, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hershel Ladner, and Marry Ann (McGinnis) Van Winkle, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sampson Allen Nutt, Gene Skelton, Johnny Harold Elliott, Sr., Linda Whitaker Cooper, Timothy Lee "Timbo" Gullick, and Ralph David Perkins, which motion prevailed.

At 4:05 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

(SEVENTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Tracey Rosebud.

Rep. Rosebud led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 109: Budget process; update various sections relating to.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Wiggins

H. B. No. 1290: Attorney General; allow salaries of assistants to exceed statutory limitation under certain circumstances.
Senators Hopson, Polk, McCaughn

H. B. No. 1378: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Wiggins

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Michel, Wiggins

H. B. No. 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy.
Senators Hopson, Michel, McCaughn

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.
Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar

H. B. No. 1382: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Branning

H. B. No. 1383: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Seymour

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Branning

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Wiggins

H. B. No. 1386: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Moran, Jackson (11th)

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Norwood

H. B. No. 1388: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, McCaughn

H. B. No. 1389: Appropriation; Arts Commission.
Senators Hopson, Moran, Jackson (11th)

H. B. No. 1390: Appropriation; Library Commission.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Jackson (11th)

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Jackson (32nd), Suber

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Jackson (32nd), Hill

H. B. No. 1394: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.
Senators Hopson, Moran, Tate

H. B. No. 1395: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.
Senators Hopson, Jackson (32nd), Hill

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, DeLano

H. B. No. 1397: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, DeLano

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Wiggins

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Blackwell,Butler

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.
Senators Hopson,Blackwell,Butler

H. B. No. 1401: Appropriation; Health, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Hill,Moran

H. B. No. 1403: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.
Senators Hopson,Jackson (32nd),Suber

H. B. No. 1404: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
Senators Hopson,Jackson (32nd),Simmons (13th)

H. B. No. 1408: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management
District.
Senators Hopson,Branning,Butler

H. B. No. 1410: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.
Senators Hopson,Polk,Frazier

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Moran,Polk

H. B. No. 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Branning,Polk

H. B. No. 1414: Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal
Year 2021.
Senators Hopson,Polk,DeBar

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2929: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 2930: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 2931: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

S. B. No. 2932: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

S. B. No. 2933: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

S. B. No. 2934: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

S. B. No. 2935: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 2936: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

S. B. No. 2938: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

S. B. No. 2939: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

S. B. No. 2940: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

S. B. No. 2941: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3080: City of Vicksburg; authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 32: Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Mississippi; designate April 2021 as.

H. C. R. No. 35: Steve Hale; commend distinguished public service career including as a State Senator.

H. C. R. No. 36: Kidney Disease Awareness Month; recognize March 2021 as.

H. C. R. No. 37: Franklin Academy; congratulate upon observance of the Bicentennial Celebration as first public school in Mississippi.

H. C. R. No. 38: Robert Daniel "Dan" Camp; commend life, legacy and contributions of upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 39: Gulf of Mexico continental shelf leasing and infrastructure development; urge and support continuation of.

H. C. R. No. 40: Governor William Winter; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 41: Taiwan; recognize the friendship and encourage further economic ties with the State of Mississippi.

H. C. R. No. 42: Mississippi Electric Power Associations; commend for their tireless efforts to restore power after the winter storm in February 2021.

H. C. R. No. 43: "Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week"; designate April 12-17, 2021, as.

S. C. R. No. 533: Recommend that the United States Forest Service reconsider certain restrictive action on National Forest Lands in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 534: Declare September 2021 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month".

S. C. R. No. 536: State Taxation Study Committee; establish.

S. C. R. No. 537: Declare that March 21, 2021, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi."

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 424: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway."
Senators Branning,Whaley,DeLano

H. B. No. 887: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway."
Senators Branning,Whaley,DeLano

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 754: Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan.
Senators DeBar,Boyd,Johnson

H. B. No. 1179: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create.
Senators DeBar,Blount,McMahan

H. B. No. 1301: Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments.
Senators DeBar,Polk,Johnson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2649: Energy efficiency contracts; extend repeal date on use of.
Senators Carter,Parks,Harkins

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 87: MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers.

Senators Wiggins,Barrett,Kirby

H. B. No. 95: Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks.

Senators Bryan,Parks,Frazier

H. B. No. 104: Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county.

Senators Hill,Whaley,McCaughn

H. B. No. 196: "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create.

Senators Barnett,Parker,Chassaniol

H. B. No. 287: Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references.

Senators Fillingane,Sparks,Suber

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations.

Senators Wiggins,Parker,Branning

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures.

Senators Whaley,Michel,Suber

H. B. No. 525: Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

Senators Barnett,Sparks,Wiggins

H. B. No. 550: Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to.

Senators Wiggins,DeBar,Simmons (12th)

H. B. No. 594: Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark".

Senators Moran,Thompson,England

H. B. No. 631: Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours.

Senators Fillingane,England,McCaughn

H. B. No. 634: Firearms restriction; limit those by cities, counties and state agencies.

Senators Fillingane,DeBar,Hill

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail.

Senators Barnett,Wiggins,Simmons (12th)

H. B. No. 761: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes.

Senators Seymour,DeBar,Polk

H. B. No. 796: Habitual offender; revise penalties for.

Senators Fillingane,Sparks,Wiggins

H. B. No. 1008: Medicaid; make technical amendments to services, manage care and assessment provisions.

Senators Blackwell, Wiggins, Bryan

H. B. No. 1077: Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means.

Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, Barrett

H. B. No. 1205: Telemedicine; revise definition for provisions of law regarding coverage for telemedicine services.

Senators Michel, Boyd, Kirby

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 533: Recommend that the United States Forest Service reconsider certain restrictive action on National Forest Lands in Mississippi. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 534: Declare September 2021 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month". Rules.

S. C. R. No. 537: Declare that March 21, 2021, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi." Rules.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3080: City of Vicksburg; authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 53: (Representative Newman) Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America of First Baptist Church of Jackson; commemorate 100th anniversary. Rules.

H. R. No. 54: (Representative Oliver) "Bugg" Mills; commend upon being named the 2020 "Farm Dog of the Year" by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. Rules.

H. R. No. 55: (Representative Summers) Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Day in Mississippi; declare March 23, 2021 as. Rules.

H. R. No. 56: (Representative Bell (65th)) Jackson State University Men's Basketball Team; commend upon winning SWAC regular season championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 44: Sara Barrett Harvey Roberts; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 45: Kratom; urge the United States Food and Drug Administration to regulate. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 46: Bishop Joseph Roscoe Campbell, Jr.; commend for service to his church and community. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 47: Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; recognize April 2021 as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 48: Alcorn State University; commend and congratulate upon its 150th year anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 49: Eris Knott; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 50: Wayne Ulrich; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 51: Jamie Cooper; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 52: Bobby Rush; congratulate upon winning his second Grammy Award for Best Traditional Blues Album. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 53: 2021 "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the Capitol"; observe virtually on May 6, 2021. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 54: Noah Harris; commend for being elected as Harvard University's First African-American student body president. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 40: Reverend Robert L. Cook; commend upon retirement as Deputy Executive Director for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 41: Mr. Joe and Mrs. Jane Tubb; commend and congratulate upon celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 42: Joe C. Bradford; commend his life upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 43: Lanier High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 44: James Luckett; commend and congratulate upon being named 2020 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 45: Dorothy Jean Murray-Gilbert; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy of upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 46: Emanuel F. Barnes, Sr.; commend upon his retirement from Alcorn State University. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 47: Madison Central High School Girls Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 6A Girls North State Soccer Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 48: Madison Central High School Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA 6A State Soccer Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 49: Alfred "Skip" Robinson; honor legacy and recognize many outstanding civil rights accomplishments. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 50: Representative Sara Richardson Thomas; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 51: Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi; declare March 21, 2021, as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 52: Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Soccer Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 53: Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America of First Baptist Church of Jackson; commemorate 100th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 54: "Bugg" Mills; commend upon being named the 2020 "Farm Dog of the Year" by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 55: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Day in Mississippi; declare March 23, 2021 as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 56: Jackson State University Men's Basketball Team; commend upon winning SWAC regular season championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 506: Express intent of Legislature that daylight saving time shall be the year-round standard time in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 23: Bill of Rights Sanctuary State; declare the State of Mississippi to be a. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 12: Article V Convention; provide for selection and authority of commissioners. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Rep. Bain called up for consideration, separately and in order, the following suffrage bills::

H. B. No. 1477: Suffrage; restore to Anthony Leroy Wallace of Harrison County.

H. B. No. 1468: Suffrage; restore to Ronald Brent Self of Tippah County.

H. B. No. 1469: Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County.

H. B. No. 1471: Suffrage; restore to Cassidy Edward Jordan of Covington County.

H. B. No. 1472: Suffrage; restore to Randy Beckham of Simpson County.

H. B. No. 1475: Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County.

H. B. No. 1478: Suffrage; restore to Janice O'Neal of Warren County.

H. B. No. 1476: Suffrage; restore to Buren Wayne Whitt of Chickasaw County.

H. B. No. 1511: Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County.

H. B. No. 1513: Suffrage; restore to Jay Wesley Jackson of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 1515: Suffrage; restore to Debra Denise Thomas of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 1516: Suffrage; restore to Gerald O. Laird of Jefferson Davis County.

H. B. No. 1517: Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 1518: Suffrage; restore to Annie Grant of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 1519: Suffrage; restore to Kenny Pritchard of Rankin County.

H. B. No. 1523: Suffrage; restore to Norman Ivey of Rankin County.

H. B. No. 1524: Suffrage; restore to William Barber of Jackson County.

H. B. No. 1525: Suffrage; restore to Charles Harris of Harrison County.

H. B. No. 1526: Suffrage; restore to Antonio Simpson of Tunica County.

H. B. No. 1527: Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County.

On motion of Rep. Bain, the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills were considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken, and the bills passed, titles standing as stated by the following vote (the roll being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Brown, C, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Beckett, Bounds, Boyd, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Kinkade, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Young. Total-15.

Present--Bennett, Eure, Goodin, Hale. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Bain called up:

H. B. No. 1520: Suffrage; restore to J.W. Jackson of Panola County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1520. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks,

Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Beckett, Bounds, Calvert, Currie, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Kinkade, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell. Total-15.

Present--Bennett, Boyd, Eure. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1529: Town of Como; extend repealer on authority to impose tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1529. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Ladner, McKnight, Owen. Total-7.

Present--Barnett, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1530: City of Hattiesburg; authorize waiver of lien, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1530. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott,

Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Owen. Total-2.

Present--Beckett. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--80

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3075: Town of Sardis; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3075. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Ladner, Owen. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3076: Jackson County and the City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, Inc.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3076. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Owen. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3079: City of Greenwood; extend the repeal date on the tourism tax and the Greenwood Tourism Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3079. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Brown, B, Clark, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Ladner, Owen, Scott. Total-8.

Present--Barnett, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3083: City of Vicksburg; extend repealers on authority to contribute to various organizations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3083. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.
Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Owen, Rushing. Total-6.

Present--Sanford. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1509: Hancock County; extend the date of repeal on the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and hotel/motel tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1509.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, McGee, Owen. Total-4.

Present--Sanford. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1436: Caledonia Natural Gas District; authorize to enter into agreement with Mississippi Development Bank.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barton:

AMEND on line 231 by inserting the following language before the period: ; provided, however, the commission shall give a sixty-day prior written notice to the Mississippi Public Service Commission of its intent to enter into any such agreement with the Mississippi Development Bank

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1436.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Owen, Rosebud, Summers. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing Local and Private bills.

On motion of Rep. Bain unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing Suffrage bills.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1420: Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain not-for-profit corporations used to provide swimming lessons and training.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 32: Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Mississippi; designate April 2021 as.

H. C. R. No. 35: Steve Hale; commend distinguished public service career including as a State Senator.

H. C. R. No. 36: Kidney Disease Awareness Month; recognize March 2021 as.

H. C. R. No. 37: Franklin Academy; congratulate upon observance of the Bicentennial Celebration as first public school in Mississippi.

H. C. R. No. 38: Robert Daniel "Dan" Camp; commend life, legacy and contributions of upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 39: Gulf of Mexico continental shelf leasing and infrastructure development; urge and support continuation of.

H. C. R. No. 40: Governor William Winter; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 41: Taiwan; recognize the friendship and encourage further economic ties with the State of Mississippi.

H. C. R. No. 42: Mississippi Electric Power Associations; commend for their tireless efforts to restore power after the winter storm in February 2021.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 43: "Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week"; designate April 12-17, 2021, as.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Herbert Harper, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lynn Troutman, and Thomas Shepherd, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives McLean and Wright moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Dewayne "Wayne" Parker, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dan Myers, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert, Evans (45th), Horne and Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hermon Gray Johnson, III, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Newman, Powell, Shanks, Wallace, Weathersby and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John "Ken" Bramlett, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy Wedgworth Shaw, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Cecil Nations, Mitchell Mack Miles, W. E. Franklin, Genevieve Sorey, Bobby Ray Madison, Tommy Warren, Floy Wall, Tyler Stewart, Baby Destin Wade Mitchell Moore, Randall Lee Gainey, Cassie Wadell Dearing McCoy, Keith Gordon Haralson, Jerry Cooper, Courtney Natrell "Trell" Jones, Winnie Jane McLemore, Barbara Jo Crain, John Craven, James Walter Harvey, Willie Jewel Smith, Marguerite Jordan, Thelma Tatum, Helen Lampkin Fortenberry, Ronald Dickey McCombs, Mack Henry Wiltcher, Lodena Waldrop, Raven "Sam" Gardner, Willie Raymond Goolsby, Betty Sue McKellar, Bonnie Minton, Tommy Dennis, Brenda Sue Harris, Ruthie Nell Thomas, James Hugh McMurphy, Patricia Butler, Sherry Lee Robbins, Sara King, Regenia Lee Chambers, Jimmy Dale

Richardson, John Wesley Patrick, Jerry C. Harris, Hugh Lee Frazier, Hilda Foster, James Reid, Curtis Horn, Sr., Betty Jean Richardson, Mildred Bricker, David E. Watts, Gladys Rodgers, Wanda Gregory, Malcon Singleton, and Chester Ray Barnes, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Rushing and Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Cameron Scott Boggan, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Miles and Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Willie Lewis McIntosh, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bell (65th) and Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Curtis Starling Jordan Whitley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Juanita J. Starks, which motion prevailed.

At 10:26 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

(SEVENTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jill Ford.

Rep. Ford (73rd) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Pigott and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Wednesday, March 24, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 70: Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions. Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 11:07 AM

H. B. No. 551: Driver's license; require Department of Public Safety to allow official identifying document of MDOC to suffice for. Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 10:56 AM

H. B. No. 628: Highway privilege tax; add a gross vehicle weight category for carriers of property with additional tax. Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 10:57 AM

H. B. No. 633: Computer science curriculum; require State Department of Education to implement in K-12 public schools. Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 10:22 AM

H. B. No. 1048: Qualification deadline; change to February 1 for certain statewide, state district, county and county district offices. Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 10:58 AM

H. B. No. 1323: Open meeting; authorize executive session for discussion of plans to combat human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children. Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 119: Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.
Senators Bryan, Blackwell, Harkins

H. B. No. 1402: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, Seymour

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3085: City of Meridian; authorize occupancy assessment for the benefit of the Meridian-Lauderdale Sports Commission and complex.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 82: Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight.
Senators Harkins, Barnett, Kirby

H. B. No. 136: Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds.
Senators Harkins, Sparks, Blount

H. B. No. 374: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc.
Senators Harkins, Horn, Whaley

H. B. No. 425: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made.
Senators Harkins, Johnson, Younger

H. B. No. 520: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements.
Senators Harkins, Sparks, Simmons (12th)

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.
Senators Harkins, Chassaniol, Carter

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.
Senators Barnett, Wiggins, Simmons (12th)

H. B. No. 929: Reentry for offenders; bring forward certain sections relating to.
Senators Barnett, Jackson (32nd), DeBar

H. B. No. 997: Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits.
Senators Harkins, Kirby, Johnson

H. B. No. 1091: Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law.
Senators Harkins, Boyd, Horn

H. B. No. 1095: Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities.
Senators Harkins, Johnson, Blount

H. B. No. 1135: Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit.
Senators Harkins, Carter, Thompson

H. B. No. 1139: Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25.
Senators Harkins, Bryan, Hopson

H. B. No. 1174: Department of Corrections; authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness.
Senators Barnett, Wiggins, Blackwell

H. B. No. 1197: Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of.
Senators Harkins, Thompson, Caughman

H. B. No. 1245: MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population.
Senators Simmons (12th),Barrett,McCaughn

H. B. No. 1296: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,Chassaniol

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax and sales tax; revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft.
Senators Harkins,Kirby,Boyd

H. B. No. 1446: Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,England

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3085: City of Meridian; authorize occupancy assessment for the benefit of the Meridian-Lauderdale Sports Commission and complex. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 55: (Representative Arnold) Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 56: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Native Plant Appreciation Week; recognize observance of on April 19-25, 2021. Rules.

H. R. No. 57: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Melvyn Eugene "Man" Page; mourn the loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 58: (Representative Steverson) Dayzsha Rogan; commend Jackson State Lady Tiger upon being named 2020-2021 SWAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 59: (Representative Bell (65th)) Curtis Whitley; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 60: (Representatives Calvert, Evans (45th), Horne, Smith) Robert Earl Hill, Sr.; commend upon celebration of his 101st birthday. Rules.

H. R. No. 61: (Representative Arnold) Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020. Rules.

H. R. No. 62: (Representative Bell (65th)) Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2021 Cricket Wireless Women's Basketball Tournament. Rules.

H. R. No. 63: (Representatives Ford (54th), Denton) The Jones Act; affirm support for and celebrate the centennial anniversary of its passage. Rules.

Representative Barton moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 3075:** (Town of Sardis; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax.) passed, which motion prevailed. The Bill was Recalled from the Senate.

At 10:07 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:23 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2929: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 2930: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 2931: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

S. B. No. 2932: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

S. B. No. 2933: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

S. B. No. 2934: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

S. B. No. 2935: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 2936: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

S. B. No. 2938: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

S. B. No. 2939: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

S. B. No. 2940: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

S. B. No. 2941: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Rick Maxwell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Holloway moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Helen M. Williams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Leroy "Buster" White, and Ida Mae Cumbest, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Edwin Ladner, Britney Renee Peterson Wilson, Lottie L. Malley, Winston A. "Jimmy" McQueen, Garrett Scott Darty, Steven Sibley, Reverend Allen Smith, Jr., and Melba Elaine Barrett, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bennett and McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Enla Moran, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Ann Warren, Deborah Ann Pridgen, Max L. Ingram, Martha Jeanette Calcote, Brenda Porter, Fran Camilletti, Joyce Shannon, Michael Alan Garrett, Sarah Sellers, Sharonda Hudson-James, Bettye Gorrie, Larry Morgan, Harper Everett, and Loyce Gardner, which motion prevailed.

At 10:26 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 25, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

(EIGHTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Brady Williamson.

Rep. Williamson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Boyd, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

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On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, March 25, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 160: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 1:51 PM

H. B. No. 500: Mississippi Home Corporation; extend reverter on authority to issue a certain amount of bonds. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 1:52 PM

H. B. No. 511: Amusement ride operating permit decal; revise period for issuance. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 1:54 PM

H. B. No. 667: Alcoholic beverages; delete requirement for immediate permit revocation for certain prohibited sales. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 1:55 PM

H. B. No. 974: DPS; revise law regarding. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 1:58 PM

H. B. No. 1211: Administrative hearing procedures for Commission on Marine Resources; revise to authorize executive director of Department of Marine Resources to make final decisions during. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:00 PM

H. B. No. 1263: Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 1:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3072: Lafayette County; change governing law for county trust fund investments from PERS to MS Uniform Prudent Investor Act.

S. B. No. 3086: Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission.

S. B. No. 3087: Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

S. B. No. 3090: Washington County; extend the repeal date on the Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1480: Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2294: Veteran Driver's License Designation; allow proof of military service in person.

Senators Seymour, DeBar, Chassaniol

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3078: Tunica County; authorize occupancy assessment for the benefit of the Convention Center Complex.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 330: Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such.

Senators Polk, Branning, Turner-Ford

H. B. No. 359: Municipally-owned utilities; may use accounting system accommodation for uncollectible customer indebtedness.

Senators Polk, Blount, Thompson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

Senators Bryan, Wiggins, Parks

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3072: Lafayette County; change governing law for county trust fund investments from PERS to MS Uniform Prudent Investor Act. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3086: Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3087: Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3090: Washington County; extend the repeal date on the Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 57: (Representatives Cockerham, Owen, McCarty) The Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice; urge to create a study committee to consider and recommend proposals. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 58: (Representative Eubanks) United States Constitutional Convention under Article V; apply for federal balanced budget requirement. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 59: (Representatives Zuber, Haney, McKnight, Williams-Barnes, Crawford, Anderson (122nd), Patterson,) MS Tails n' Scales program; recognize as best scientific information available for monitoring red snapper catch and effort in MS. Rules.

H. R. No. 64: (Representative Clark) Holmes County Central High School Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 65: (Representative Clark) Holmes County Central High School Lady Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon finishing runner-up for Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 66: (Representatives Evans (45th), Hood) Honorable Judith "Judy" Hall McLeod; commend distinguished career as Ward 2 Alderwoman for the City of Louisville upon her retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 67: (Representatives Deweese, Creekmore IV, Beckett) Don Kessinger; congratulate upon occasion of the retirement of his jersey number by the University of Mississippi. Rules.

H. R. No. 68: (Representatives Zuber, Haney, McKnight, Williams-Barnes, Crawford, Anderson (122nd), Patterson) MS Tails N' Scales program; recognize as best scientific information available for monitoring red snapper catch and effort in MS. Rules.

H. R. No. 69: (Representative Banks) Billy "Jackie" F. Miller; mourn loss and commemorate the life of. Rules.

H. R. No. 70: (Representatives Yates, Anthony, Barton, Bell (65th), Bounds, Brown (70th), Calvert, Clarke, Creekmore IV, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans (45th)) Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi; commend for its outstanding and compassionate works in granting wishes of terminally ill MS children. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 55: Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 56: Native Plant Appreciation Week; recognize observance of on April 19-25, 2021. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 57: Melvyn Eugene "Man" Page; mourn the loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 58: Dayzsha Rogan; commend Jackson State Lady Tiger upon being named 2020-2021 SWAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 59: Curtis Whitley; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 60: Robert Earl Hill, Sr.; commend upon celebration of his 101st birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 61: Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 62: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2021 Cricket Wireless Women's Basketball Tournament. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 63: The Jones Act; affirm support for and celebrate the centennial anniversary of its passage. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 533: Recommend that the United States Forest Service reconsider certain restrictive action on National Forest Lands in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 534: Declare September 2021 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month". Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 537: Declare that March 21, 2021, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 196: "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 196: "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Title. Sections 1 through 9 of this act may be cited as the "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act."

SECTION 2. Legislative findings and purpose. The Legislature of the State of Mississippi finds that:

- (a) The number of incarcerated women in the State of Mississippi has increased by a third (1/3) since 2001 and at one point in 2008 the rate had grown by forty-four percent (44%);
- (b) Nationally, the number of children under age eighteen (18) with a mother in prison more than doubled since 1991;
- (c) Children who grow up with parents in prison are six (6) to seven (7) times more likely to become incarcerated themselves;
- (d) Prisoners who maintain close contact with their family members while incarcerated have better post-release outcomes and lower recidivism rates;
- (e) Children of inmates who are able to visit their imprisoned parents have increased cognitive skills, improved academic self-esteem, greater self-control and change schools much less often;
- (f) To mitigate the collateral impact on families and children, the Department of Corrections should consider the location of family;
- (g) Nationally, approximately two thousand (2,000) women give birth while incarcerated each year;
- (h) Prenatal care significantly improves outcomes for pregnant women and infants;

(i) Participation in post-delivery mother-infant residency or nursery programs is associated with lower recidivism rates, reduced risk of babies entering foster care, and improved odds that mothers and their babies will remain together after the mother's period of incarceration;

(j) Use of restrictive housing and restraints on incarcerated pregnant women may be extremely dangerous to the health of mothers, fetuses and infants; and

(k) Nationally, eighty-six percent (86%) of women in prison were victims of sexual assault prior to entering the prison system.

SECTION 3. Definitions. (a) "Restraints" means any physical or mechanical device used to restrict or control the movement of a prisoner's body, limbs, or both.

(b) "Body cavity searches" means invasive searches on inmates, conducted by facility employees in search of contraband.

(c) "Flight risk" means an inmate who has shown the desire to escape the facility.

(d) "Restrictive housing" means any type of detention that involves:

(i) Removal from the general inmate population, whether voluntary or involuntary; and

(ii) Inability to leave a room or cell for the vast majority of the day.

(e) "Postpartum recovery" means the eight-week period, or longer as determined by the healthcare professional responsible for the health and safety of the prisoner.

(f) "Menstrual hygiene products" means products that women use during their menstrual cycle. This includes tampons, sanitary napkins and menstrual cups.

(g) "Indigent" means an inmate who has less than an average of Sixteen Dollars (\$16.00) in her prison account.

(h) "Correctional facility employee" refers to anyone who is employed by the facility or the Department of Corrections.

(i) "State of undress" refers to a state where a female is partially or fully naked, either in the shower, toilet areas, a medical examination room or having a body cavity search conducted.

SECTION 4. Care for incarcerated women related to pregnancy and childbirth.

(1) Upon notification and/or diagnosis of an inmate's pregnancy, and for the duration of the pregnancy, and for thirty (30) days following the inmate's delivery, the Department of Corrections and/or a correctional facility employee shall not apply the following restraints on the pregnant inmate unless a correctional facility employee has a reasonable belief that the inmate will harm herself, the fetus, or any other person, or pose a substantial flight risk:

(a) Leg restraints.

(b) Handcuffs or other wrist restraints, except to restrain the inmate's wrists in front of her.

(c) No restraints connected to other inmates.

(2) No restraints shall be used on any pregnant inmate while in labor or during delivery unless a correctional facility employee has a reasonable belief that the inmate will harm herself, the fetus, or any other person, or pose a substantial flight risk. In such case, the correctional facility employee ordering use of restraints on any female inmate while in labor or during delivery shall submit a written report to the warden of the facility within seventy-two (72) hours following the use of restraints, containing the justification for restraining the female inmate during labor and delivery.

(3) No facility employee of the Department of Corrections, other than a certified healthcare professional, shall conduct invasive body cavity searches of pregnant inmates unless the correctional facility employee has a reasonable belief that the female inmate is concealing contraband. In such case, the correctional facility employee shall submit a written report to the warden of the facility within seventy-two (72) hours following the invasive search, containing the justification for the invasive search and what contraband, if any was recovered.

(4) The Department of Corrections shall ensure that pregnant inmates be provided sufficient food and dietary supplements as ordered by a physician, physician

staff member, or a facility nutritionist to meet general accepted prenatal nutritional guidelines for pregnant women.

(5) The Department of Corrections shall not place any pregnant inmate, or any female inmate who has given birth within the previous thirty (30) days, in restrictive housing unless a correctional facility employee has a reasonable belief that the inmate will harm herself, the fetus or any other person, or pose a substantial flight risk. In such case, the correctional facility employee authorizing the placement of the inmate in restrictive housing shall submit a written report to the warden of the facility within seventy-two (72) hours following the transfer, containing the justification for confining the female inmate in restrictive housing.

(6) The Department of Corrections shall not assign any pregnant inmate to any bed that is elevated more than three (3) feet from the floor of the facility.

(7) The warden of the facility shall compile a monthly summary of all written reports received pursuant to Section (4) subsections (2), (3) and (5) of this act and under Section 5 (1) of this act. The warden shall submit the summary to the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections each month.

SECTION 5. Inmate postpartum recovery. (1) No restraints shall be used on any female inmate who has given birth within the last thirty (30) days and is in postpartum recovery, unless the Department of Corrections has a reasonable belief that the female inmate will harm herself, her newborn, or any other person, or pose a substantial flight risk. In such case, the facility employee ordering use of restraints on any inmate while in postpartum recovery shall submit a written report to the warden of the facility within seventy-two (72) hours following the use of restraints, containing the justification for restraining the female inmate during postpartum recovery.

(2) Following the delivery of a newborn, by an inmate, the Department of Corrections shall permit the newborn to remain with the mother for seventy-two (72) hours unless the medical provider has a reasonable belief that remaining with the mother poses a health or safety risk to the newborn.

(3) During that time, the Department of Corrections shall make available the necessary nutritional and hygiene products, including diapers, to care for the newborn.

(4) If the female inmate qualifies as indigent, such products shall be provided without cost to the inmate.

SECTION 6. Family considerations in inmate placement and visitation. (1) To the greatest extent practicable, after accounting for security and capacity factors, the Department of Corrections shall place inmates who are parents of minor children within two hundred fifty (250) miles of their permanent address of record.

(2) The Department of Corrections shall promulgate regulations authorizing visitation of inmates who are parents of minor children with low or minimum security classifications by minor dependents, with the minimum following requirements:

(a) Opportunities for dependent children under the age of eighteen (18) to visit their incarcerated parent at least twice per week unless a correctional facility employee has a reasonable belief that the dependent child:

(i) May be harmed during visitation; or

(ii) Poses a security risk due to a gang affiliation, prior conviction or past violation of facility contraband policy.

(b) Eliminating restrictions on the number of dependent children under the age of eighteen (18) that may be permitted visitation privileges.

(c) Authorizing contact visits for inmates who are parents of minor children.

SECTION 7. Inspections by employees of the Department of Corrections. (1) To the greatest extent practicable, and consistent with safety and order, the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall issue regulations that limit inspections by male correctional officers where a female inmate is in a state of undress.

Nothing in this section shall limit the ability of a male correctional officer from conducting inspections where a female may be in a state of undress if no female correctional officers are available.

(2) In such case that a male correctional officer deems it is appropriate to conduct an inspection or search while the female inmate is in a clear state of undress in an area such as the shower, the medical examination room, toilet areas or where a female

inmate is having a body cavity search, the male correctional officer shall submit a written report to the warden of the facility within seventy-two (72) hours following the inspection or search, containing the justification for a male correctional officer to inspect the female inmate while in a state of undress.

SECTION 8. Access to feminine hygiene products. The Department of Corrections shall ensure that sufficient personal hygiene products are available at each facility for all incarcerated women.

SECTION 9. Training and technical assistance. (1) The Department of Corrections shall develop and provide to all correctional facility employees and correctional officers who have contact with pregnant inmates training related to the physical and mental health of pregnant inmates and fetuses, including the following:

- (a) General care of pregnant women;
- (b) The impact of restraints on pregnant inmates and fetuses;
- (c) The impact of being placed in restrictive housing on pregnant

inmates; and

- (d) The impact of invasive searches on pregnant inmates.

(2) The Department of Corrections shall develop and provide educational programming for pregnant inmates related to:

- (a) Prenatal care;
- (b) Pregnancy-specific hygiene;
- (c) Parenting skills;
- (d) The impact of alcohol and drugs on the fetus; and
- (e) General health of child.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CREATE THE "DIGNITY FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN ACT"; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS AS USED UNDER THE ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN AN INCARCERATED INMATE IS GIVING BIRTH, THE USE OF RESTRAINTS SHALL BE LIMITED; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CARE AND TREATMENT FOR WOMEN RELATED TO PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CARE DURING INMATE POSTPARTUM RECOVERY; TO URGE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO PLACE MOTHERS WHO ARE PARENTS OF A MINOR CHILD WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE FROM THE MOTHER'S PERMANENT ADDRESS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDS WHERE A FEMALE IS IN THE STATE OF UNDRESS; TO PROVIDE THAT INCARCERATED WOMEN SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS AND TO PROVIDE SUCH PRODUCTS AT NO COST IF AN INMATE IS DETERMINED TO BE INDIGENT; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE TO ITS CORRECTION STAFF TRAINING RELATED TO THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF PREGNANT INMATES IF SUCH STAFF HAVE CONTACT WITH PREGNANT INMATES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Lataisha Jackson, Sonya Williams-Barnes
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, David Parker, Lydia Graves Chassaniol

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith,

Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bell, C, Clarke, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen, Rosebud, Yates, Young. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Bounds the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 108: Wireless Communication Commission; remove ITS control over.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 3076: Jackson County and the City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, Inc.

S. B. No. 3079: City of Greenwood; extend the repeal date on the tourism tax and the Greenwood Tourism Commission.

S. B. No. 3083: City of Vicksburg; extend repealers on authority to contribute to various organizations.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1480: Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Emma Francis Holland, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Heather Tadlock Taylor, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Currie and Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betsy Smith, and Wesley Kent, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lottie Langley Williams, William Ottis Vaughan, Sr., Peggy Rose McCullar Guest, Beth Self Burkett, and Carolyn Marr Lowery, which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter and the Entire House Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Willie Roland, C. J. Wade, James Bibbs, Homer Reeves, Dave Ballard, John Bolton, Clifton Broom, John Campbell, Warren Collins, Rudolph Cross, William Darden, Atley Dean, Roland Diaz, Leroy Dunaway, Lindy George, Owen Girley, Walter Ishee, James Jacob, Zack Jenkins, Frederick Jerald, James Jones, Mervin Kittrell, Robert Lee, Charles Leggett, Mitchell Martin, Stephen Nagy, Audris Olier, Charles Parker, Charles Powell, William Price, Billy Sauls, Florence Scanlon, Jack Schurman, Sidney Shows, J. W. Strickland, Richard Tillman, Tyndal Vise, Boyd White, Kenneth Winnett, Wayne Burkes, Lavaughn Mitchell, Thomas Wells, Billy Jayroe, Talmadge Watkins, Wyman Reed, Micheal Burkhardt, Tom Wiltshire, James Abel, Raymond Edwards, James McClure, Albert Bender, Peggy Wasson, Fletcher Ludgood, James Middleton, Benny White, Raymond Anton, Raymond Story, Robert Edwards, Clarence Smith, Earnest Austin, James Pilgrim, Jesse Crosby, John Smallwood, Charles Simmons, Fred Davis, Hugh Mills, Lee Messer, Omar Cauby, John Hamlin, Archie Osborn, Clifton Wheeler, Norman House, Alan Upchurch, Willie Eldridge, Henry Collier, Ronald Johnson, Billy Hamilton, Robert Perkins, Ben Jones, Boyd Highfield, Charles Swenkoske, Johnnie Davis, Charles Reed, John Kidd, James Giles, Andrew Pates, Richard Chaney, Leondis Horton, WL McFerrin, Thomas Strickland, Jack Ohler, Alvie Smith, James Bivens, Jimmie Elkin, Cleveland Alverson, John Martin, Hearsey Fennell, Tommy Thomas, Charles Baker, George Montz, Charles Noble, Dennis Fahrkamp, Ernest Costilow, Louis Lucas, John Johnson, William Finnie, David Selvy, James Graves, and Johnnie Watkins, which motion prevailed.

At 10:10 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Friday, March 26, 2021, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

(EIGHTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Representative Carpenter in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Bubba Carpenter.

Rep. Carpenter led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Yates. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Guice and Yates.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1494: Walnut Grove; authorize Walnut Grove Correctional Authority to contract with the state to operate correctional facility.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2827: Public purchases; specify prequalification process for construction manager at risk soliciting bids for projects.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 196: "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create.

Adopted: 03/25/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1231: Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.
Senators Polk, Whaley, Hopson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3091: Lee County; authorize 3/4% sales tax and bond issuance for a specific project by county board.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3078: Tunica County; authorize occupancy assessment for the benefit of the Convention Center Complex. Local and Private Legislation.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3091: Lee County; authorize 3/4% sales tax and bond issuance for a specific project by county board. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 60: (Representative Blackmon) Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 21, 2021, as. Rules.

H. R. No. 71: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency; support and oppose new federal regulations on. Rules.

H. R. No. 72: (Representative Bennett) Mayor Leo "Chipper" McDermott; congratulate upon retirement and commend for exceptional service. Rules.

H. R. No. 73: (Representative Carpenter) Tishomingo County High School Cheerleading Squad; commend for winning the 2020 MHSAA State Cheerleading Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

S. B. No. 2539: Hinds County; authorize assessments on convictions, for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3072: Lafayette County; change governing law for county trust fund investments from PERS to MS Uniform Prudent Investor Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3080: City of Vicksburg; authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3086: Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3087: Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3090: Washington County; extend the repeal date on the Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 87: MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 87: MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 43-1-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-1-23. (1) There is created within the State Department of Human Services a separate administrative unit to be known as the "Fraud Investigation Unit." The Fraud Investigation Unit shall be headed by a director appointed by the Executive Director of the department. The Director of the Fraud Investigation Unit, and each investigator within the unit shall be a * * * law enforcement officer, part-time law enforcement officer, or law enforcement trainee as defined in Section 45-6-3(c) through (e), Mississippi Code of 1972, and knowledgeable in the programs administered by the department. The Fraud Investigation Unit shall be responsible for:

(a) Conducting investigations for the purpose of aiding the department in the prevention of, detection of and verification of the perpetration of fraud or abuse of any program by any client, any vendor of services with whom the department has contracted, with any nonfederal entity in which the department has entered into an agreement with, or any employee of the department, and for the aiding of the department in the recoupment of any funds owed to the department as a result of fraud or abuse;

(b) The notification and forwarding of any information relevant to possible criminal violations to the appropriate prosecuting authority and assisting in the prosecution of any case referred to a prosecutor, if requested; and

(c) Such other duties as prescribed in regulations of the department, which shall include, but not be limited to, reporting any suspected criminal violations discovered in the course of an investigation by the Fraud Investigation Unit involving statutes not within the programmatic purview of the Department of Human Services such as human trafficking, domestic violence, child abuse or other crimes against persons to the Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation. Additionally, investigators of the Fraud Investigation Unit shall cooperate in any investigation arising from a report to the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation and in any task force which currently exists or which may be created in the future by the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation.

(2) The Fraud Investigation Unit is authorized to employ such other investigative, technical, secretarial and support staff as may be necessary.

(3) The Fraud Investigation Unit shall not have state-wide police power except as otherwise provided herein or in the event the unit is granted and accepts additional authority as a contract agent of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation pursuant to Section 45-1-6, Mississippi Code of 1972. In order to carry out the responsibilities of the Fraud Investigation Unit, the investigators may request and receive assistance from all state and local agencies, boards, commissions, and bureaus, including, without limitation, the * * * Department of Revenue, the Department of Public Safety, and all public and private agencies maintaining data banks, criminal or other records that would enable the investigators to make verification of fraud or abuse in violation of state or federal statutes. All records and information shall be confidential and shall be available only to the Fraud Investigation Unit, district or county attorneys, the Attorney General, and courts having jurisdiction in criminal proceedings.

(4) The department is authorized to enter into contracts with other agencies administering aid or benefits or services under any state or federally funded assistance program which need the assistance of the department's Fraud Investigation Unit.

(5) To accomplish the objectives and to carry out the duties prescribed in this section, the executive director, or his designee, in addition to the powers conferred by this section, may issue subpoenas with the approval of, and returnable to, a judge of the circuit, county or chancery court, in termtime or in vacation, to examine the records, documents or other evidence of persons, firms, corporations or any other entities insofar as such records, documents or other evidence relate to dealings material to an investigation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-1-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THAT THE DIRECTOR AND INVESTIGATORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FRAUD INVESTIGATION UNIT HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Tom Miles

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Jason Barrett, Dean Kirby

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Yates. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 95: Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 95: Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 73-17-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-17-11. (1) From and after July 1, 2011, in order to be eligible to be licensed as a nursing home administrator, an individual must submit evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she:

- (a) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (b) Is of good moral character, including evidence of a criminal background check within the last six (6) months, under Section 43-11-13 and Section G.407.3 of the Minimum Standards for Institutions for the Aged or Infirm;

- (c) Is in good health;

- (d) Has satisfied at least one (1) of the following requirements for education and experience:

- (i) Has sixty-four (64) hours of college work from an accredited institution and has worked in a supervisory capacity in a Mississippi-licensed nursing home for a minimum of two (2) years immediately before making application for the Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;

- (ii) Has an associate degree from an accredited institution and has worked in a supervisory capacity in a Mississippi-licensed nursing home for a minimum of two (2) years immediately before making application for the Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;

- (iii) Has a bachelor's degree in any other field of study from an accredited institution before making application for the Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule; or

- (iv) Has a bachelor's degree in health care administration or a health care related field or business from an accredited institution before making application for the Administrator-in-Training Program established by board rule;

- (e) Has (i) completed a nursing home Administrator-in-Training Program and successfully completed the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) examination, or (ii) completed an Administrator-in-Training Program in Long-Term Care Administration from an academic institution during which time the institution held National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) Program Approval through the academic approval process, to the satisfaction of the board;

- (f) Has successfully passed the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) examination and the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators examination to test his or her proficiency and basic knowledge in the area of nursing home administration. The board may establish the frequency of the offering of those examinations and the contents thereof; and

- (g) Has met all of the requirements established by federal law.

(2) The board is authorized to conduct a criminal history records check on applicants for licensure. In order to determine the applicant's suitability for licensing, the applicant shall be fingerprinted. The board shall submit the fingerprints to the Department of Public Safety for a check of the state criminal records and forward to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a check of the national criminal records. The Department of Public Safety shall disseminate the results of the state check and the national check to the board for a suitability determination. The applicant shall not be charged any of the costs of requesting and obtaining the state and national criminal history records information on the applicant.

(** *3) Reciprocity shall be extended to individuals holding licenses as nursing home administrators in other states, upon proper application and a finding on the part of the board that:

- (a) The applicant possesses the basic qualifications listed in this chapter and in the rules and regulations adopted under federal law;

- (b) The applicant has met all of the requirements established by federal law; and

- (c) The standards for licensure in the other states are at least the substantial equivalent of those in this state, including education and experience, and the applicant has passed both the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board (NAB) and the state exams.

The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

(** *4) The board may prescribe appropriate fees for the taking of those examinations and for the issuance of licenses. Those fees shall be not more than the cost of the examinations and * * * Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) for the issuance of a license. However, the fee for an initial license may be prorated in proportion to the period of time from the date of issuance and the date of biennial license renewal prescribed in subsection (** *5). All licenses issued under this chapter shall be for a maximum period of two (2) years.

(** *5) Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, the board may renew licenses biennially upon the payment of a fee to be established by the board, which shall be not more than * * * Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00), plus any administrative costs for late payment.

(** *6) Any person who is not licensed under this chapter on July 1, 2011, who makes application with the board on or before June 30, 2012, may qualify for a license under this chapter provided that on or before January 31, 2014, he or she demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that he or she (a) meets the eligibility requirements for a nursing home administrator's license prescribed in this section as those requirements existed on June 30, 2011; (b) has successfully completed the Administrator-in-Training Program requirements existing on June 30, 2011; and (c) has paid all required fees for licensure.

(** *7) Current licensure by the Department of Mental Health under Section 41-4-7(r) as a mental health/intellectual disability program administrator shall exempt the licensee from the requirement of licensure as a nursing home administrator if the licensee is employed in the state mental health system as Administrator of Intermediate Care Facility or Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) no larger than sixteen (16) beds.

(** *8) * * * Any member of the Legislature who serves on the Public Health and/or Medicaid Committee who is a licensed nursing home administrator shall be exempt from continuing education requirements for license renewal.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-17-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE FEE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS MAY CHARGE FOR INITIAL LICENSES AND BIENNIAL RENEWAL OF LICENSES; TO DELETE THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS TO CONDUCT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS ON APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE; TO EXEMPT FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO SERVE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND/OR MEDICAID COMMITTEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, Missy McGee, Becky Currie
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, Rita Potts Parks, Hillman Terome Frazier
On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Busby, Guice, Holloway, Horne, Huddleston, Yates. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Huddleston called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2313: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; allow athletes to be compensated for name, image and likeness.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2313: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; allow athletes to be compensated for name, image and likeness.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act."

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Compensation" means anything of value, monetary or otherwise, including, but not limited to, cash, gifts, in-kind items of value, social media compensation, payments for licensing or use of publicity rights, payments for other intellectual or intangible property rights under federal or state law, and any other form of payment or remuneration, except as excluded under this act.

For the purposes of this act, "compensation" shall not mean or include the following:

(i) Tuition, room, board, books, fees and personal expenses that a postsecondary educational institution provides a student-athlete in accordance with the rules of the athletic association or conference of which the postsecondary educational institution is a member;

(ii) Federal Pell Grants and other state and federal grants or scholarships unrelated to, and not awarded because of a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics or sports competition;

(iii) Any other financial aid, benefits or awards that a postsecondary educational institution provides a student-athlete in accordance with the rules of the athletic association or conference of which the postsecondary educational institution is a member; or

(iv) The payment of wages and benefits to a student-athlete for work actually performed (but not for athletic ability or participation in intercollegiate athletics) at a rate commensurate with the prevailing rate for similar work in the locality of the student-athlete's postsecondary educational institution.

(b) "Image" means a picture of the student-athlete.

(c) "Intercollegiate athletics program" means an intercollegiate athletics program played at the collegiate level for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student-athlete are established by a national association for the promotion or regulation of collegiate athletics.

(d) "Likeness" means a physical, digital or other depiction or representation of a student-athlete.

(e) "Name" means the first or last name, or the nickname, of a student-athlete when used in a context that reasonably identifies the student-athlete with particularity.

(f) "Name, Image and Likeness Agreement" means a contract or similar arrangement between a student-athlete and a third-party licensee regarding the commercial use of the name, image or likeness of the student-athlete.

(g) "Publicity right" means any right that is:

(i) Licensed under a name, image, and likeness agreement; or

(ii) Recognized under a federal or state law that permits an individual to control and profit from the commercial use of the name, image or likeness of the individual.

(h) "Postsecondary educational institution" means a public university or community college or private university or college.

(i) "Social media compensation" means all forms of payment for engagement on social media received by a student-athlete as a result of the use of that student-athlete's name, image or likeness.

(j) "Student-athlete" means an individual who engages in, is eligible to engage in, or may be eligible in the future to engage in, intercollegiate athletics program at a postsecondary educational institution. If an individual is permanently ineligible to participate in a particular intercollegiate sport, the individual is not a student-athlete for purposes of that sport.

(k) "Third-party licensee" means any individual or entity that licenses publicity rights or the use of name, image or likeness from any prospective or current student-athlete or group of student-athletes. The term "third-party licensee" shall not include any national association for the promotion or regulation of collegiate athletics, athletics conference, or postsecondary educational institution.

SECTION 3. (1) Except as provided in Section 4 of this act, a student-athlete may:

(a) Earn compensation, commensurate with market value, for the use of the name, image, or likeness of the student-athlete while enrolled at a postsecondary educational institution; and

(b) Obtain and retain a certified agent for any matter or activity relating to such compensation.

(2) No student-athlete may earn compensation in exchange for the student-athlete's athletic ability or participation in intercollegiate athletics or sports competition.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of applicable law or agreement to the contrary, a student-athlete shall not be deemed an employee or independent contractor of an association, a conference, or a postsecondary educational institution based on the student-athlete's participation in an intercollegiate athletics program.

SECTION 4. (1) Except as provided for under this act, a postsecondary educational institution shall not uphold any contract, rule, regulation, standard or other requirement that prevents a student-athlete of that institution from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness. Any such contract, rule, regulation standard or other requirement shall be void and unenforceable against the postsecondary educational institution or the student-athlete. Compensation from the use of a student-athlete's name, image, or likeness may not affect the student-athlete's scholarship eligibility, grant-in-aid or other financial aid, awards or benefits, or the student-athlete's intercollegiate athletic eligibility. Nothing in this act is intended to alter any state and federal laws or regulations regarding the award of financial aid at postsecondary educational institutions.

(2) Except as provided for in this act, an athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletic programs, including, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), shall not prevent, or otherwise enforce a contract, rule, regulation, standard or other requirement that prevents, a student-athlete of a postsecondary educational institution from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student-athlete's name, image or likeness.

(3) To protect the integrity of its educational mission and intercollegiate athletics program, a postsecondary educational institution may impose reasonable limitations on the dates and time that a student-athlete may participate in endorsement, promotional, social media or other activities related to the license or use of the student-athlete's name, image and likeness. Nothing in this act shall restrict a postsecondary educational institution from exercising its sole discretion to control the authorized use of its marks or logos or to determine a student-athlete's apparel, gear or other wearables during an intercollegiate athletics competition or institution-sponsored event. A student-athlete may not receive or enter into a contract for compensation for the use of his or her name, image or likeness in a way that also uses any registered or licensed marks, logos, verbiage or designs of a postsecondary institution, unless the institution has provided the student-athlete with written permission to do so prior to execution of the contract or receipt of compensation. If permission is granted, the postsecondary educational institution, by agreement of all parties, may be compensated for the use in a manner consistent with market rates. A postsecondary educational institution may also prohibit a student-athlete from wearing any item of clothing, shoes, or other gear or wearables with the name, logo or insignia of any entity during an intercollegiate athletics competition or institution-sponsored event.

(4) An athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics programs, including, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association, shall not enforce a contract, rule, regulation, standard or other requirement that prevents a postsecondary educational institution from participating in an intercollegiate athletics program as a result of the compensation of a student-athlete for the use of the student-athlete's name, image or likeness.

(5) A postsecondary educational institution, athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics programs, including, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association, shall not, directly or indirectly:

(a) Enter into, or offer to enter into, a name, image and likeness agreement with a prospective or current student-athlete; or

(b) Provide a prospective or current student-athlete or the student-athlete's family compensation in relation to the use of the student-athlete's name, image or likeness.

(6) A postsecondary educational institution, athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics programs, including, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association shall not prevent a student-athlete from obtaining professional representation in relation to name, image or likeness, or to secure a name, image and likeness agreement, including, but not limited to, representation provided by athlete agents or legal representation provided by attorneys. A student-athlete shall provide the postsecondary educational institution with written notice at least seven (7) days prior to entering into a representation agreement with any individual for the purpose of exploring or securing compensation for use of the student-athlete's name, image or likeness.

(7) Professional representation obtained by student-athletes must be from persons registered as athlete agents as provided in Section 73-42-1 et seq. of the Uniform Athlete Agent Act. Attorneys who provide legal representation to student-athletes must be licensed to practice law in the State of Mississippi and in good standing with The Mississippi Bar.

(8) Athlete agents representing student-athletes shall comply with the Uniform Athlete Agents Act, Section 73-42-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, and the federal

Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act in 15 USC Sections 7801-7807 in their relationships with student-athletes.

(9) A grant-in-aid, including cost of attendance, and other permissible financial aid, awards or benefits from the postsecondary educational institution in which a student-athlete is enrolled shall not be revoked, reduced, nor the terms and conditions altered, as a result of a student-athlete earning compensation or obtaining professional or legal representation pursuant to this act.

(10) Before any contract for compensation for the use of a student-athlete's name, image or likeness is executed, and before any compensation is provided to the student-athlete in advance of a contract, the student-athlete shall disclose the contract to a designated official of the postsecondary educational institution in which the student is enrolled in a manner prescribed by the institution.

(11) A third-party licensee may not enter into, or offer to enter into, a name, image and likeness agreement with a student-athlete or otherwise compensate a student-athlete for the use of the student-athlete's name, image and likeness rights if a provision of the name, image and likeness agreement or the use of the student-athlete's name, image and likeness rights conflicts with a provision of a contract, rule, regulation, standard or other requirement of the postsecondary educational institution unless such contract or use is expressly approved in writing by the postsecondary educational institution.

(12) No postsecondary educational institution, booster, third-party licensee or any other individual or entity shall provide a prospective or current student-athlete compensation or enter into a name, image and likeness agreement as an inducement for the student-athlete to attend or enroll in a specific institution or group of institutions. Compensation for a student-athlete's name, image, or likeness may not be conditioned on athletic performance or attendance at a particular postsecondary educational institution.

(13) No student-athlete shall enter into a name, image, and likeness agreement or receive compensation from a third-party licensee relating to the name, image or likeness of the student-athlete before the date on which the student-athlete enrolls at a postsecondary educational institution.

(14) No student-athlete shall enter into a name, image, and likeness agreement or receive compensation from a third-party licensee for the endorsement or promotion of gambling, sports betting, controlled substances, marijuana, tobacco or alcohol company, brand or products, alternative or electronic nicotine product or delivery system, performance-enhancing supplements, adult entertainment or any other product or service that is reasonably considered to be inconsistent with the values or mission of a postsecondary educational institution or that negatively impacts or reflects adversely on a postsecondary education institution or its athletic programs, including, without limitation, bringing about public disrepute, embarrassment, scandal, ridicule or otherwise negatively impacting the reputation or the moral or ethical standards of the postsecondary educational institution.

(15) A contract for the use of the a student-athlete's name, image, or likeness which is formed while the student-athlete is participating in an intercollegiate sport at a postsecondary educational institution may not extend beyond the student-athlete's participation in the sport at the institution.

(16) Nothing in this act shall be interpreted to modify any requirements or obligations imposed under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681 et seq.).

SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 93-19-17, Mississippi Code of 1972:

93-19-17. (1) All persons eighteen (18) years of age or older, if not otherwise disqualified, or prohibited by law, shall have the capacity to enter into binding contractual relationships affecting the use of their name, image or likeness while participating in intercollegiate sports as student-athletes. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any contracts entered into prior to the effective date of this act.

(2) In any legal action founded on a student-athlete name, image or likeness contract entered into by a person eighteen (18) years of age or older, the person may sue in his or her own name as an adult and be sued in his or her own name as an adult and be served with process as an adult.

(3) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Intercollegiate sport" means a sport played at the collegiate level for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student-athlete are established by a national association for the promotion or regulation of collegiate athletics; and

(b) "Student-athlete" means an individual who engages in, is eligible to engage in, or may be eligible in the future to engage in, any intercollegiate athletics program at a postsecondary educational institution. If an individual is permanently ineligible to participate in a particular intercollegiate sport, the individual is not a student-athlete for purposes of that sport.

SECTION 6. Section 73-42-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-42-3. In this chapter:

(a) "Agency contract" means an agreement in which a student-athlete authorizes a person to negotiate or solicit on behalf of the student-athlete a professional-sports-services contract, an endorsement contract, compensation for the use of the student-athlete's name, image or likeness, or enrollment at any educational institution that offers an athletic scholarship to the student-athlete.

(b) "Athlete agent" means an individual who enters into an agency contract with a student-athlete or, directly or indirectly, recruits, induces or solicits a student-athlete to enter into an agency contract. The term does not include a spouse, parent, sibling, grandparent or guardian of the student-athlete or an individual acting solely on behalf of a professional sports team or professional sports organization. The term includes an individual who represents to the public that the individual is an athlete agent.

(c) "Athletic director" means an individual responsible for administering the overall athletic program of an educational institution or, if an educational institution has separately administered athletic programs for male students and female students, the athletic program for males or the athletic program for females, as appropriate.

(d) "Contact" means a communication, direct or indirect, written or oral, between an athlete agent and a student-athlete, to recruit, induce or solicit the student-athlete to enter into an agency contract.

(e) "Endorsement contract" means:

(i) An agreement under which a student-athlete is employed or receives consideration or anything of value for the student-athlete's publicity, reputation, following, or fame obtained because of the student-athlete's athletic ability or performance * * *; and

(ii) An agreement under which a student-athlete receives compensation, consideration or anything of value for the use of the student-athlete's name, image or likeness.

(f) "Intercollegiate sport" means a sport played at the collegiate level for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student-athlete are established by a national association for the promotion or regulation of collegiate athletics.

(g) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, government; governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality; public corporation, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(h) "Professional-sports-services contract" means an agreement under which an individual is employed or agrees to render services as a player on a professional sports team, with a professional sports organization, or as a professional athlete.

(i) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

(j) "Registration" means registration as an athlete agent pursuant to this chapter.

(k) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(l) "Student-athlete" means an individual who engages in, is eligible to engage in, or may be eligible in the future to engage in, a sport for a professional sports team or in any intercollegiate sport at any educational institution. If an individual is permanently ineligible to participate in a particular intercollegiate sport, the individual is not a student-athlete for purposes of that sport.

SECTION 7. No postsecondary educational institution shall be subject to a claim for damages of any kind under this act, including, without limitation, a claim for unfair trade or competition or tortious interference. No postsecondary educational institution shall be subject to a claim for damages related to its adoption, implementation or enforcement of any contract, rule, regulation, standard or other requirement in compliance with this act. The act is not intended to and shall not waive or diminish any applicable defenses and immunities, including, without limitation, sovereign immunity applicable to postsecondary educational institutions.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS THE "MISSISSIPPI INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMPENSATION RIGHTS ACT"; TO AUTHORIZE STUDENT-ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR HIS NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS; TO DEFINE TERMS RELATING THERETO; TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENT-ATHLETES SHALL NOT EARN COMPENSATION IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS ATHLETIC ABILITY OR PARTICIPATION IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS; TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENT-ATHLETES SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE EMPLOYEES OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION; TO PROVIDE THAT A POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SHALL NOT UPHOLD A CONTRACT THAT PREVENTS A STUDENT-ATHLETE FROM EARNING COMPENSATION FROM HIS NAME, IMAGE OR LIKENESS; TO PROVIDE THAT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS SHALL NOT PREVENT A STUDENT-ATHLETE FROM EARNING COMPENSATION FROM HIS NAME, IMAGE OR LIKENESS; TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT-ATHLETE SHALL NOT RECEIVE OR ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE USE OF HIS OR HER NAME, IMAGE OR LIKENESS IN A WAY THAT ALSO USES ANY REGISTERED OR LICENSED MARKS, LOGOS, VERBIAGE OR DESIGNS OF A POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION, UNLESS THE INSTITUTION HAS PROVIDED THE STUDENT-ATHLETE WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION; TO PROVIDE THAT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS SHALL NOT PREVENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETICS AS A RESULT OF THE COMPENSATION OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE FOR THE USE OF THE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE OR LIKENESS; TO PROVIDE THAT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS SHALL NOT PREVENT STUDENT-ATHLETES FROM OBTAINING PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION IN RELATION TO NAME, IMAGE OR LIKENESS; TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT-ATHLETE'S FINANCIAL AID SHALL NOT BE REVOKED IF HE IS COMPENSATED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT-ATHLETE WHO ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT SHALL DISCLOSE THE CONTRACT TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION; TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, BOOSTER, THIRD-PARTY LICENSEE, OR INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY SHALL NOT PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO A CURRENT OR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE AS AN INDUCEMENT FOR HIM TO ENROLL IN A SPECIFIC INSTITUTION; TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT-ATHLETE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO A LIKENESS AGREEMENT THAT RELATES TO THE PROMOTION OF GAMBLING, MARIJUANA, SPORTS BETTING, TOBACCO, ALCOHOL OR OTHER PRODUCTS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED INCONSISTENT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION'S VALUES; TO CODIFY NEW SECTION 93-19-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS 18 YEARS OF AGE SHALL HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ENTER INTO BINDING CONTRACTS AFFECTING THE USE OF THEIR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-42-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE COMPENSATION FOR THE USE OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE OR LIKENESS IN THE DEFINITION OF "ENDORSEMENT CONTRACT" AND "AGENCY CONTRACT"; TO PROVIDE THAT NO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FOR UNFAIR TRADE OR COMPETITION OR TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Rita Potts Parks, Nicole Boyd, Daniel H. Sparks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Mac Huddleston, Donnie Scoggin, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Huddleston the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Haney. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Newman, Yates. Total--3.

Present--Creekmore, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Boyd called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2824: State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2824: State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, W. Briggs Hopson III, Albert Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Jerry R. Turner, Stacey Hobgood-Wilkes

On motion of Rep. Boyd the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Yates. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. C. R. No. 44: Sara Barrett Harvey Roberts; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. C. R. No. 45: Kratom; urge the United States Food and Drug Administration to regulate.

H. C. R. No. 46: Bishop Joseph Roscoe Campbell, Jr.; commend for service to his church and community.

H. C. R. No. 47: Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; recognize April 2021 as.

H. C. R. No. 48: Alcorn State University; commend and congratulate upon its 150th year anniversary.

H. C. R. No. 49: Eris Knott; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates.

H. C. R. No. 50: Wayne Ulrich; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates.

H. C. R. No. 51: Jamie Cooper; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates.

H. C. R. No. 52: Bobby Rush; congratulate upon winning his second Grammy Award for Best Traditional Blues Album.

H. C. R. No. 53: 2021 "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the Capitol"; observe virtually on May 6, 2021.

H. C. R. No. 54: Noah Harris; commend for being elected as Harvard University's First African-American student body president.

H. C. R. No. 55: Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020.

H. C. R. No. 56: Native Plant Appreciation Week; recognize observance of on April 19-25, 2021.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Guice, Owen, Yates. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 40: Reverend Robert L. Cook; commend upon retirement as Deputy Executive Director for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. R. No. 41: Mr. Joe and Mrs. Jane Tubb; commend and congratulate upon celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

H. R. No. 42: Joe C. Bradford; commend his life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 43: Lanier High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 44: James Luckett; commend and congratulate upon being named 2020 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year.

H. R. No. 45: Dorothy Jean Murray-Gilbert; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy of upon her passing.

H. R. No. 46: Emanuel F. Barnes, Sr.; commend upon his retirement from Alcorn State University.

H. R. No. 47: Madison Central High School Girls Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 6A Girls North State Soccer Championship.

H. R. No. 48: Madison Central High School Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA 6A State Soccer Championship.

H. R. No. 49: Alfred "Skip" Robinson; honor legacy and recognize many outstanding civil rights accomplishments.

H. R. No. 50: Representative Sara Richardson Thomas; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon her retirement.

H. R. No. 51: Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi; declare March 21, 2021, as.

H. R. No. 52: Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Soccer Championship.

H. R. No. 53: Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America of First Baptist Church of Jackson; commemorate 100th anniversary.

H. R. No. 54: "Bugg" Mills; commend upon being named the 2020 "Farm Dog of the Year" by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

H. R. No. 55: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Day in Mississippi; declare March 23, 2021 as.

H. R. No. 56: Jackson State University Men's Basketball Team; commend upon winning SWAC regular season championship.

H. R. No. 57: Melvyn Eugene "Man" Page; mourn the loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 58: Dayzsha Rogan; commend Jackson State Lady Tiger upon being named 2020-2021 SWAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 59: Curtis Whitley; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 60: Robert Earl Hill, Sr.; commend upon celebration of his 101st birthday.

H. R. No. 61: Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020.

H. R. No. 62: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2021 Cricket Wireless Women's Basketball Tournament.

H. R. No. 63: The Jones Act; affirm support for and celebrate the centennial anniversary of its passage.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

S. C. R. No. 506: Express intent of Legislature that daylight saving time shall be the year-round standard time in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 533: Recommend that the United States Forest Service reconsider certain restrictive action on National Forest Lands in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 534: Declare September 2021 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month."

S. C. R. No. 537: Declare that March 21, 2021, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi."

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans,

B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Guice, Hines, Johnson, Owen, Watson, Yates.
Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jon Paul Kennedy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Clark moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Brown, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Donald Ray McCann, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Clifton Lewis, David "Dump" Dearman, Charles Wilton Pittman, Jerry Steven Holloman, Edgar Earl Johnson, Victor Ian McLendon, and Wanda Dale Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Arnold and Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of J. D. Moreland, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hines and Johnson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Helen Mae "Doll" Robinson-Williams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Johnson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jonathan Grenell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hugh "Sammy" Beaugez, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Hood moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Asher Allen Scott Henshaw, Margaret Kate Cobb King, Kenard Alvin Bell, Joe Ray Blake, William Henry "Billy" Strait, Sr., Melba McCool, Terressa Gayle Ward, Judy Nash Wilker, Jerry B. Coleman, Betty Sue Morris, Charlie C. Triplett, Bonnie Jean White, Curtis Lee Reed, Billy Joe "Bill" Webb, Sr., Patricia Eaves Gully, Willia Dean Gammill, Mary Alice Oswalt Shaffer, Phillip William Nicholson, Jr., Frances Stewart Ball, H. L. "Papaw" Rowlen, Marjorie Barnhill Hudson, Marvin Gerald Butler, Mary Nan Jenkins, Johnnie Frances Ballard, and Clinton David Palmer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hardy Poindexter Graham, Sr., which motion prevailed.

At 10:28 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 27, 2021, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTIETH DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

(EIGHTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Ronnie Crudup.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Guice.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3088: City of Baldwin; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 87: MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers.

H. B. No. 95: Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks.

H. B. No. 424: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 550: Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to.

H. B. No. 887: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway."

S. B. No. 2313: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; allow athletes to be compensated for name, image and likeness.

Adopted: 03/26/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1418: Oakland/Yalobusha Natural Gas District; authorize expansion of natural gas distribution system.

H. B. No. 1433: Yalobusha County; authorize to loan funds to Oakland Yalobusha Natural Gas District to help pay off certain district debt.

H. B. No. 1436: Caledonia Natural Gas District; authorize to enter into agreement with Mississippi Development Bank.

H. B. No. 1437: Town of Byhalia; authorize transfer of certain funds for infrastructure improvements.

H. B. No. 1481: Town of Shannon; authorize expansion of its gas distribution system.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 61: (Representative Arnold) New Site Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 74: (Representative Paden) Coahoma Community High School Boys Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 75: (Representatives Paden, Barnett, Rosebud) Coahoma Community College Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning North District Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 76: (Representative Owen) Lumberton High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 77: (Representative Felsher) Popp's Ferry Elementary School; commend for receiving the 2020 National Blue Ribbon School Award. Rules.

H. R. No. 78: (Representative Bennett) Long Beach High School Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 79: (Representative Scott) Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend upon winning first-ever Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 80: (Representative Currie) Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 2-9, 2021, as week of observance of in Mississippi. Rules.

H. R. No. 81: (Representatives McKnight, Bennett) Alan Dedeaux; congratulate upon the occasion of retirement. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1510: City of Baldwin; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Tom Miles, Dana McLean

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, David Parker, Jenifer B. Branning

Rep. Bain moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 424: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway."

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 424: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway."

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 44 located in Marion County, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 13 and extending westerly to the Pearl River Bridge is designated and shall be known as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 603 located in Hancock County, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 43 and extending northerly to its intersection with Rocky-Hill Dedeaux Road is designated and shall be known as the "Lieutenant Deputy Michael Anthony Boutte, Sr., Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 63 located in Jackson County, Mississippi, beginning at a point one-half (1/2) mile south of its intersection with

Polktown Road and extending northerly to a point one-half (1/2) mile north of its intersection with Polktown Road is designated and shall be known as the "Deputy U.S. Marshal Josie Lamar Wells Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 4. (1) The bridge on Mississippi Highway 609 located in Jackson County, Mississippi, known as the Old Fort Bayou Bridge, is designated and shall be known as the "Mark M. Seymour, Sr., Memorial Bridge."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the bridge described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 5. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 35 located in Smith County, Mississippi, beginning fifteen hundredths (.15) of a mile north of its intersection with Cottonwood Drive and extending southerly to a point one-half (1/2) mile south of its intersection with Cottonwood Drive, is designated and shall be known as the "Senator Billy H. Thames Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF HIGHWAY 44 LOCATED IN MARION COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "T.L. WALLACE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 603 LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "LIEUTENANT DEPUTY MICHAEL ANTHONY BOUTTE, SR., MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 63 LOCATED IN JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL JOSIE LAMAR WELLS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A BRIDGE ON MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 609 IN JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "MARK M. SEYMOUR, SR., MEMORIAL BRIDGE"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 35 IN SMITH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "SENATOR BILLY H. THAMES MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, William Tracy Arnold, Ronnie C. Crudup

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Neil S. Whaley, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 550: Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 550: Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 45-33-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-33-43. At the time a person surrenders a driver's license from another jurisdiction or makes an application for a driver's license, temporary driving permit, * * * commercial driver's license or identification card issued under Section 45-35-3, the department shall provide the applicant with written information on the registration requirements of this chapter and shall require written acknowledgment by the applicant of receipt of the notification.

SECTION 2. Section 63-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-5. (1) (a) No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle or an autocycle as defined in Section 63-3-103 upon the highways of the State of Mississippi without first securing an operator's license to drive on the highways of the state, unless specifically exempted by Section 63-1-7.

(b) The types of operator's licenses are:

- (i) Class R;
- (ii) Class D;
- (iii) Class A, B or C commercial license governed by Article

5 of this chapter; and

* * *

(* * *iv) Interlock-restricted license as prescribed in

Section 63-11-31.

(2) (a) Every person who makes application for an original license or a renewal license to operate any single vehicle with a gross weight rating of less than twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds or any vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds other than vehicles included in Class C, vehicles which require a special endorsement, or to operate a vehicle as a common carrier by motor vehicle, taxicab, passenger coach, dray, contract carrier or private commercial carrier as defined in Section 27-19-3, other than those vehicles for which a Class A, B or C license is required under Article 5 of this chapter, may, in lieu of the Class R regular driver's license, apply for and obtain a Class D driver's license. The fee for the issuance of a Class D driver's license shall be as set forth in Section 63-1-43 and the Class D license shall be valid for the term prescribed in Section 63-1-47. Except as required under Article 5 of this chapter, no driver of a pickup truck shall be required to have a Class D or a commercial license regardless of the purpose for which the pickup truck is used.

(b) Persons operating vehicles listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection for private purposes or in emergencies need not obtain a Class D license.

(3) An interlock-restricted license allows a person to drive only a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition-interlock device.

(4) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be punished by imprisonment for not less than two (2) days nor more than six (6) months, by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both.

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

63-1-9. (1) No driver's license * * * or regular learner's permit shall be issued pursuant to this article:

(a) To any person under the age of eighteen (18) years except as provided in this article.

(b) To any person whose license to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of Mississippi has been previously revoked or suspended by this state or any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, if the revocation or suspension period has not expired.

(c) To any person who is an habitual drunkard or who is addicted to the use of other narcotic drugs.

(d) To any person who would not be able by reason of physical or mental disability to operate a motor vehicle on the highways with safety. However, persons who have one (1) arm or leg, or have arms or legs deformed, and are driving a car provided with mechanical devices whereby the person is able to drive in a safe manner over the highways, if otherwise qualified, shall receive an operator's license the same as other persons. Moreover, deafness shall not be a bar to obtaining a license.

(e) To any person as an operator who has previously been adjudged to be afflicted with and suffering from any mental disability and who has not at time of application been restored to mental competency.

(f) To any unmarried person under the age of eighteen (18) years who does not at the time of application present a diploma or other certificate of high school graduation or a general educational development certificate issued to the person in this state or any other state; or on whose behalf documentation has not been received by the Department of Public Safety from that person or a school official verifying that the person:

(i) Is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a general educational development certificate;

(ii) Is enrolled in school in this state or any other state;

(iii) Is enrolled in a "nonpublic school," as such term is defined in Section 37-13-91(2)(i); or

(iv) Is unable to attend any school program due to circumstances deemed acceptable as set out in Section 63-1-10.

(g) To any person under the age of eighteen (18) years who has been convicted under Section 63-11-30.

(2) All permits and licenses issued on or before July 31, 2009, shall be valid according to the terms upon which issued. From and after August 1, 2009:

(a) A regular learner's permit may be issued to any person who is at least fifteen (15) years of age who otherwise meets the requirements of this article.

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(* * *b) A driver's license may be issued to any person who is at least * * * sixteen (16) years of age who otherwise meets the requirements of this article and who has held * * * a regular learner's permit for at least one (1) year without any conviction under Section 63-11-30 or of a moving violation. Any conviction under Section 63-11-30 or of a moving violation shall restart the * * * one-year requirement for the holding of * * * a regular learner's permit before an applicant can qualify for a driver's license. * * *

(* * *c) An applicant for a Mississippi driver's license who, at the time of application, is at least * * * sixteen (16) years of age and who has held a valid motor vehicle driver's license issued by another state for at least six (6) months shall not be required to hold a regular learner's permit * * * before being issued a driver's license.

(3) The commissioner shall ensure that the regular learner's permit * * * and driver's license issued under this article are clear, distinct and easily distinguishable from one another.

SECTION 4. Section 63-1-10.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-10.1. A school superintendent or designee shall report to the Department of Education on a schedule determined by the State Board of Education when a student under eighteen (18) years of age who has been issued a driver's license * * * or temporary learning permit has been coded as a "drop out" as defined by the State Board of Education. The Department of Education will provide notification to the Department of Public Safety of those students under eighteen (18) years of age who have obtained a driver's license * * * or temporary learning permit and have been coded by the local school district as a "drop out" upon verification that prior written parental consent for the release of educational records has been obtained in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1972, as amended, 20 USCS Section 1232.

SECTION 5. Section 63-1-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-21. (1) To obtain a new or original Class R or Class D * * * license, every applicant other than a person holding a valid out-of-state license shall first obtain a regular learner's permit, successfully complete the examination provided for in Section 63-1-33, and pay the regular learner's permit fee and examination fee prescribed in Section 63-1-43.

(2) A regular learner's permit entitles the holder, if the permit is in his immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle on the highways of the State of Mississippi only when accompanied by a licensed operator who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and who is actually occupying the seat beside the driver. A regular learner's permit may be issued to any applicant who is at least fifteen (15) years of age and shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of issue.

(3) * * * A regular license holder under the age of eighteen (18) shall be allowed unsupervised driving from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and * * * shall be allowed unsupervised driving any time for a person traveling directly to or from work or other educational or extracurricular activity. At all other times * * * for the first six (6) months as a regular license holder, the regular license holder under the age of eighteen (18) must be supervised by a parent, guardian or other person aged twenty-one (21) years or older who holds a valid driver's license under this article and who is actually occupying the seat beside the driver.

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SECTION 6. Section 63-1-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-23. The application of any person under the age of seventeen (17) years for a temporary driving permit * * * or license issued pursuant to this article shall be signed and verified before a person authorized to administer oaths by both the father and mother of the applicant, if both are living and have custody of him, or in the event neither parent is living then by the person or guardian having such custody or by an employer of him, or in the event there is no guardian or employer then by any other responsible person who is willing to assume the obligation imposed under Section 63-1-25 upon a person signing the application of a minor.

SECTION 7. Section 63-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-35. (1) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall prescribe the form of license issued pursuant to this article which shall, among other features, include a driver's license number assigned by the Department of Public Safety. A licensee shall list his social security number with the department which shall cross reference the social security number with the driver's license number for purposes of identification. Additionally, each license shall bear a full-face color photograph of the licensee in such form that the license and the photograph cannot be separated. The photograph shall be taken so that one (1) exposure will photograph the applicant and the application simultaneously on the same film. The department shall use a process in the issuance of a license with a color

photograph that shall prevent as nearly as possible any alteration, counterfeiting, duplication, reproduction, forging or modification of the license or the superimposition of a photograph without ready detection. The photograph shall be replaced by the department at the time of renewal. Drivers' licenses, including photographs appearing thereon, may be renewed by electronic means according to rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner in conformity to Section 27-104-33.

(2) The commissioner shall prescribe the form of license issued pursuant to this article to licensees who are not United States citizens and who do not possess a social security number issued by the United States government. The license of such persons shall include a number and/or other identifying features.

(3) Any new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit * * * or commercial driver's license issued to a person required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Section 45-33-25 shall bear a designation identifying the licensee or permittee as a sex offender.

(4) The commissioner is authorized to provide the new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit * * * or commercial driver's license to any honorably discharged veteran as defined in Title 38 of the United States Code, and such license or permit shall exhibit the letters "Vet" or any other mark identifying the person as a veteran. The veteran requesting the "Vet" designation shall present his DD-214 or equivalent document that includes a notation from the State Veterans Affairs Board that the applicant is a veteran.

(5) Not later than July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall develop and implement a driver's license or driving permit in electronic format as an additional option for license or permit holders. Acceptable electronic formats include display of electronic images on a cellular phone or any other type of electronic device.

SECTION 8. Section 63-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-43. (1) The commissioner shall charge and collect the following fees:

(a) Fees to which the card stock fee authorized in Section 45-1-21 shall be added:

Class R original or renewal four-year license authorized in Section 63-1-5	\$18.00
Class R original or renewal eight-year license authorized in Section 63-1-5	\$36.00
Class D original or renewal four-year license authorized in Section 63-1-47	\$23.00
Class D original or renewal eight-year license authorized in Section 63-1-47	\$46.00
Four-year Identification Card authorized in Section 45-35-7	\$11.00
Eight-year Identification Card authorized in Section 45-35-7	\$22.00
Eight-year Identification Card for the blind authorized in Section 45-35-7	\$11.00
Four-year Disability Identification Card authorized in Section 45-35-53	\$11.00
Regular Learner's Permit authorized in Section 63-1-21	\$ 1.00
Duplicate Identification Card or Disability Identification Card	\$ 5.00
* * *	
Duplicate Class R or Class D license authorized in Section 63-1-37	\$ 5.00
Class A, B or C Commercial driver's license authorized in Section 63-1-208	\$48.00
CDL Learner's Permit authorized in Section 63-1-208	\$10.00
Duplicate CDL or CDL learner's permit	\$ 5.00
Ignition-Interlock-Restricted License	

authorized in Section 63-11-31	\$50.00
(b) Driver services fees to which the card stock fee authorized in Section 45-1-21 is not added:	
Temporary Motorcycle Permit	\$ 1.00
Four-year or eight-year Motorcycle Endorsement	\$ 5.00
Late Renewal Fee	\$ 1.00
Four-year Identification Card upon medical reason for surrender of a driver's license as authorized in Section 45-35-7 (one (1) time only)	No fee
Hazardous Materials Background Check (federal)	\$63.00
Hazardous Materials Background Check (state)	\$37.00
CDL Application Fee	\$25.00
CDL Endorsements:	
Tanker Endorsement	\$ 5.00
Doubles/Triples Endorsement	\$ 5.00
Passenger Endorsement	\$ 5.00
Hazardous Materials Endorsement	\$ 5.00
School Bus Endorsement	\$ 5.00

(c) In addition to the fees required in this section, an applicant may contribute an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) which shall be deposited into the Statewide Litter Prevention Fund. The applicant shall be informed that he may contribute an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) which shall be deposited into the Statewide Litter Prevention Fund and shall be expended solely for the purpose of funding litter prevention projects or litter education programs, as recommended by the Statewide Litter Prevention Program of Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc.

(d) Starting January 1, 2021, for any original or renewal license for which the fee is greater than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), if the applicant brings all required documentation but does not receive his or her license within two and one-half (2-1/2) hours of entering and remaining at the license station, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be deducted from the total amount owed for the license.

(2) All originals and renewals of operators' licenses shall be in compliance with Section 63-1-47.

SECTION 9. Section 63-1-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-47. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each applicant for an original or renewal Class R or Class D license issued pursuant to this article, who is entitled to issuance of same, shall be issued a four-year license or an eight-year license, at the option of the applicant, which will expire at midnight on the licensee's birthday and may be renewed any time within six (6) months before the expiration of the license upon application and payment of the required fee, unless required to be reexamined.

(***)b) The term of an ignition-interlock-restricted license issued under this article shall be four (4) years.

(2) Any commercial driver's license issued under Article 5 of this chapter shall be issued for a five-year term to expire at midnight on the licensee's birthday.

(3) (a) All applications by an operator under eighteen (18) years of age must be accompanied by documentation that the applicant is in compliance with the education requirements of Section 63-1-9(1)(g), and the documentation used in establishing compliance must be dated no more than thirty (30) days before the date of application.

(b) All applications by an operator under eighteen (18) years of age, if applicable, must be accompanied by documentation signed and notarized by the parent or guardian of the applicant and the appropriate school official, authorizing the release of the applicant's attendance records to the Department of Public Safety as required under Section 63-1-10.

(c) The commissioner shall suspend the driver's license *** or regular learner's permit of a student under eighteen (18) years of age who has been reported by the Department of Education as required by Section 63-1-10.1, and shall give notice of the suspension to the licensee as provided in Section 63-1-52(4). A school superintendent or designee may request that the driver's license *** or regular learner's

permit that has been suspended under the provisions of this subsection be reinstated after the student has successfully completed nine (9) weeks of school attendance without an unlawful absence.

(4) (a) Any original or renewal license issued under this chapter to a person who is not a United States citizen shall expire four (4) years from the date of issuance or on the expiration date of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States, whichever is the lesser period of time, and may be renewed, if the person is otherwise qualified to renew the license, within thirty (30) days of expiration. The fee for any such license and for renewal shall be as prescribed in Section 63-1-43.

(b) Any applicant for an original or renewal license under this subsection (4) must present valid documentary evidence documenting that the applicant:

- (i) Is a citizen or national of the United States;
- (ii) Is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent or temporary residence in the United States;
- (iii) Has conditional permanent residence status in the United States;
- (iv) Has an approved application for asylum in the United States or has entered into the United States in refugee status;
- (v) Has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into or lawful presence in the United States;
- (vi) Has a pending application for asylum in the United States;
- (vii) Has a pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
- (viii) Has approved deferred-action status;
- (ix) Has a pending application for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States; or
- (x) Has a valid employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

(5) For any driver's license issued under this chapter, the Department of Public Safety shall send an email and text message notification of an upcoming driver's license expiration date to the known emails and phone numbers authorized by license holders for such notices not less than thirty (30) days before the expiration date of that license.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 45-33-43, 63-1-5, 63-1-9, 63-1-10.1, 63-1-23, 63-1-35, 63-1-43 AND 63-1-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE ALL REFERENCES TO AN INTERMEDIATE DRIVER'S LICENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE A REGULAR LICENSE HOLDER UNDER THE AGE OF 18 TO DRIVE UNSUPERVISED AT ANY TIME DIRECTLY TO OR FROM AN EDUCATIONAL OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY; TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Shanda Yates
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Derrick T. Simmons

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens,

Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 887: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway."

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 887: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway."

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Vince Mangold, Thomas U. Reynolds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Neil S. Whaley, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1245: MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1245: MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Larry Byrd, John G. Faulkner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Derrick T. Simmons, Jason Barrett, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Boyd called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 136: Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 136: Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any public officer or employee handling or having the custody of public funds, by virtue of his or her office or employment, shall give an individual bond or be covered by a blanket bond. The amount of such bonds shall not be less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each public officer or employee, unless a specific amount is otherwise required by law. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any public officer or employee whose activity of handling or having custody of public funds is incidental to his or her employment or job duties, as defined by the regulations of the State Auditor's office.

(2) All individual bonds and blanket bonds as required by this section shall follow the form and content as provided in Section 25-1-15.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANY PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE HANDLING OR HAVING THE CUSTODY OF PUBLIC FUNDS, BY VIRTUE OF HIS OR HER OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, TO GIVE BOND IN A CERTAIN AMOUNT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Dana Criswell, Robin Robinson (No Signature)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Daniel H. Sparks, David Blount

On motion of Rep. Boyd the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Boyd called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 73-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-1. There is hereby continued and reconstituted a State Board of Cosmetology, composed of five (5) members to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and whose term of office shall be four (4) years from the date of appointment except as otherwise provided herein. However, no more than two (2) members shall be appointed from each Supreme Court district.

There shall be a president of the board and such other officers as deemed necessary by the board elected by and from its membership, provided that the member elected as president shall have at least one (1) year of experience on the board. Any member appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a term to begin on or after July 1, 1997, who was designated by the Governor to serve as president of the board, shall be fully qualified to serve on the board for a full term of office, but shall not serve as president of the board unless elected by the membership of the board as provided under this paragraph.

To be eligible for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, the person applying shall have been a citizen of this state for a minimum of five (5) years immediately prior to appointment. Such person shall be at least thirty (30) years of age, possess a high school education or its equivalent, and shall have been a licensed cosmetologist with not less than ten (10) years' active practice in cosmetology. No member of the board shall be connected in any way with any school wherein cosmetology is taught, nor shall any two (2) members of the board be graduates of the same school of cosmetology.

However, in the event of vacancy by death or resignation of any member of the board, the Governor shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint a person possessing all qualifications required to serve the remainder of the term. Any member who shall not attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the board for reasons other than illness of such member shall be subject to removal by the Governor. The president of the board shall notify the Governor in writing when any such member has failed to attend two (2) consecutive regular meetings.

The salaries of all paid employees of the board shall be paid out of funds in the board's special fund in the State Treasury. Each member of the board, excepting the inspectors provided for herein, shall receive per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69, and shall be reimbursed for such other expenses at the same rate and under the same conditions as other state employees as provided for in Section 25-3-41.

The board shall give reasonable public notice of all board meetings not less than ten (10) days prior to such meetings.

SECTION 2. Section 73-7-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

73-7-2. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Cosmetology.

(b) "Cosmetology" means any one (1) or a combination of the following practices if they are performed on a person's head, face, neck, shoulder, arms, hands, legs or feet for cosmetic purposes:

(i) Cutting, clipping or trimming hair and hair pieces.
(ii) Styling, arranging, dressing, curling, waving, permanent waving, straightening, cleansing, bleaching, tinting, coloring or similarly treating hair and hair pieces.

(iii) Cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, beautifying or applying oils, antiseptics, clays, lotions or other preparations, either by hand or by mechanical or electrical apparatus.

(iv) Arching eyebrows, to include tweezing, waxing * * * or any other methods of epilation, or tinting eyebrows and eyelashes.

(v) Removing superfluous hair by the use of depilation.

(vi) Manicuring and pedicuring.

For regulation purposes, the term "cosmetology" does not include a practice limited to makeup artistry alone without being licensed to offer any other cosmetology services through such limited practice.

(c) "Cosmetologist" means a person who for compensation, whether direct or indirect, engages in the practice of cosmetology.

(d) "Esthetics" means any one (1) or a combination of the following practices:

(i) Massaging the face or neck of a person.

(ii) Arching eyebrows to include trimming, tweezing, waxing * * * or any other method of epilation or tinting eyebrows and eyelashes.

(iii) Tinting eyelashes or eyebrows.

(iv) Waxing, stimulating * * * or cleaning * * * the face, neck, arms or legs of a person by any method with the aid of the hands or any mechanical or electrical apparatus, or by the use of a cosmetic preparation.

The term "esthetics" shall not include the diagnosis, treatment or therapy of any dermatological condition. For regulation purposes, the term "esthetics" does not include a practice limited to makeup artistry alone without being licensed to offer any other cosmetology services through such limited practice.

(e) "Esthetician" means any person who, for compensation, either direct or indirect, engages in the practice of esthetics.

(f) "Instructor" means a person licensed to teach cosmetology, or manicuring and pedicuring, or esthetics, or all of those, pursuant to this chapter, and shall include those persons engaged in the instruction of student instructors.

(g) "Makeup artistry" means the art of doing makeovers, transforming, beautifying or improving the appearance of an individual's face by using cosmetic preparations and applying makeup on individuals for compensation. Makeup artistry can be practiced for weddings and for other social events and for individual or group photoshoots; and with the application of makeup and at times, prosthetics, makeup artistry can be practiced for theatre, television, film, fashion, magazines, the modeling industry and other similar productions.

(* * *h) "Manicuring and pedicuring" means any one (1) or a combination of the following practices:

(i) Cutting, trimming, polishing, coloring, tinting, cleansing or otherwise treating a person's nails.

(ii) Applying artificial nails.

(iii) Massaging or cleaning a person's hands, arms, legs or feet.

(* * *i) "Manicurist" means a person who for compensation, either direct or indirect, engages in the practice of manicuring and pedicuring.

(* * *j) "Master" means a person holding a cosmetology, manicuring and esthetics license who has completed the minimum course of continuing education prescribed by Section 73-7-14.

(* * *k) "Salon" means an establishment operated for the purpose of engaging in the practice of cosmetology, or manicuring and pedicuring, or esthetics, or wigology, or all of those.

(* * *l) "School" means an establishment, public or private, operated for the purpose of teaching cosmetology, or manicuring and pedicuring, or esthetics, or wigology, or all of those.

SECTION 3. Section 73-7-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-3. The board shall be authorized to employ such clerical and stenographic assistance, bookkeepers, investigators and other agents as they may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and to fix their tenure of employment and compensation therefor. The members of the board shall file a bond with the Secretary of State in the sum of not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) payable to the State of Mississippi for the faithful performance of their duties. The bond shall be made by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, the premium of the bond to be paid out of any money in the board's special fund in the State Treasury.

The office of the board shall be located in the greater metropolitan area of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and in the event office space cannot be obtained in any state-owned building, the board is authorized to rent suitable office space and to pay therefor out of funds in the board's special fund. The board shall employ inspectors as needed, not to exceed seven (7), who shall be full-time employees and whose salaries and duties shall be fixed by the board.

The salaries of all paid employees of the board shall be paid out of the funds in the board's special fund. The inspectors shall, in addition to their salaries, be reimbursed for such expenses as are allowed other state employees under the provisions of Section 25-3-41. In addition to the paying of office rent, the board is authorized to purchase necessary office furniture and equipment, stationery, books, certificates and any other equipment necessary for the proper administration of this chapter.

SECTION 4. Section 73-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-5. (1) All fees and any other monies received by the board shall be deposited in a special fund that is created in the State Treasury and shall be used for the implementation and administration of this chapter when appropriated by the Legislature for such purpose. The monies in the special fund shall be subject to all provisions of the state budget laws that are applicable to special fund agencies, and shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer only upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer upon requisitions signed by the president of the board or another board member designated by the president, and countersigned by the secretary of the board. Any interest earned on this special fund shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the fund and shall not be paid into the State General Fund. Any unexpended monies remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund.

(2) The State Auditor shall audit the financial affairs of the board and the transactions involving the special fund at least once a year in the same manner as for other special fund agencies. In addition, the Governor, in his discretion, shall have the power from time to time to require an audit of the financial affairs of the board, the same to be made by the State Auditor upon request of the Governor. The Governor shall have the power to suspend any member of the board who shall be found in default in any account until such time as it shall be determined whether such default was a result of an act of dishonesty on the part of the member, and in the event it is found that such default is an act of dishonesty, misfeasance or nonfeasance on the part of the member, such member shall be immediately removed by the Governor from office.

SECTION 5. Section 73-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-7. (1) The board shall have authority to make reasonable rules and regulations for the administration of the provisions of this chapter. The board shall set up a curriculum for operation of schools of cosmetology and the other professions it is charged to regulate in this state. The board shall receive and consider for adoption recommendations for rules and regulations, school curriculum, and related matters from the Mississippi Cosmetology Council, whose membership shall consist of, in addition to the board members, five (5) elected delegates from the Mississippi Cosmetology Association, five (5) elected delegates from the Mississippi Cosmetology School Association, five (5) elected delegates from the Mississippi Independent Beauticians Association, and five (5) elected delegates from the School Owners and Teachers Association. The board may revoke the license of any cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, instructor, school of cosmetology, or salon, or may refuse to issue a license to any cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, instructor, school of cosmetology, or salon that fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the board in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

(2) The board shall have authority to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations governing sanitation of schools of cosmetology and beauty salons for the guidance of persons licensed under this chapter in the operation of schools of cosmetology, or a beauty salon, and in the practice of cosmetology, esthetics, manicuring and pedicuring, and wigology. However, any and all rules and regulations relating to sanitation shall, before adoption by the board, have the written approval of the State Board of Health. When the board has reason to believe that any of the provisions of this chapter or of the rules and regulations of the board have been violated, either upon receipt of a written complaint alleging such violations or upon the board's own initiative, the board, or any of its authorized agents, shall investigate same and shall have authority to enter upon the premises of a school of cosmetology or salon at any time during the regular business hours of that school or salon to conduct the investigation. Such investigation may include, but not be limited to, conducting oral interviews with the complaining party, school or salon owner(s) and/or students of the school, and reviewing records of the school or salon pertinent to the complaint and related to an area subject to the authority of the board. Such investigation shall not include written interviews or surveys of school employees or students, and the privacy of patrons shall be respected by any person making such investigation.

(3) On or before July 1, 2001, the board shall adopt regulations to ensure that all fingernail service products used by licensed cosmetologists, manicurists and other licensees do not contain methyl methacrylate (MMA) as a monomer agent for cosmetic nail applications.

(4) If the board finds that a violation of the provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board has occurred, it may cause a hearing to be held as set forth in Section 73-7-27.

SECTION 6. Section 73-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-9. No person required by this chapter to have a license shall conduct a beauty salon or school of cosmetology, or practice cosmetology, esthetics, manicuring and pedicuring, or practice as an instructor, unless such person has received a license or temporary permit therefor from the board. Students determined to have violated any of these rules or regulations prior to being licensed by the board shall be subject to the same discipline by the board as licensees. They may be disciplined and fined accordingly.

SECTION 7. Section 73-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-11. Each owner of a license issued by the board under the provisions of this chapter shall display the license in a conspicuous place in his or her principal office, place of business or employment, at all times.

Each practitioner and instructor license shall contain a head photograph of the license holder, the person's name, and the type of license held by the person. The requirements of this section shall apply at the time of issuance of a new license or at the time of renewal of an existing license.

SECTION 8. Section 73-7-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

73-7-12. * * * Effective January 1, 2020, the State Board of Cosmetology shall terminate its student testing contract with proper notice and shall conduct examinations for cosmetologists, estheticians, manicurists and instructors at such times and locations as determined by the board. The members of the board shall not personally administer or monitor the examinations, but the board shall contract for administrators of the examinations. A member of the board shall not receive any per diem compensation for any day that the member is present at the site where the examinations are being administered.

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SECTION 9. Section 73-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-13. (1) The board shall admit to examination for a cosmetology license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who (a) is at least seventeen (17) years of age, (b) can read, write and speak English, (c) has successfully completed no less than fifteen hundred (1500) hours over a period of no less than nine (9) months in a licensed school of cosmetology, and (d) has a

high school education or its equivalent or has been successfully enrolled in a community college.

(a) The board may, in its discretion, issue to any student who has completed the prescribed hours in a licensed school and paid the required fee a temporary permit until such time as the next examination may be held, but such student shall be issued only one (1) temporary permit. Application for an examination and license shall be accompanied by two (2) passport photographs of the applicant. No temporary permit will be issued to an applicant from any other state to operate a beauty salon or school of cosmetology in this state unless in case of emergency.

(b) Applicants for the cosmetologist examination, after having satisfactorily passed the prescribed examination, shall be issued a cosmetology license which until June 30, 2001, shall be valid for one (1) year, and after July 1, 2001, shall be valid for two (2) years, and all those licenses shall be subject to renewal.

(c) Any barber who can read, write and speak English and has successfully completed no less than fifteen hundred (1500) hours in a licensed barber school, and who holds a current valid certificate of registration to practice barbering and who holds a current valid license, is eligible to take the cosmetology examination to secure a cosmetology license upon successfully completing five hundred (500) hours in a licensed school of cosmetology. All fees for application, examination, registration and renewal thereof shall be the same as provided for cosmetologists.

(2) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

(3) Any licensed cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist who is registered but not actively practicing in the State of Mississippi at the time of making application for renewal, may apply for registration on the "inactive" list. Such "inactive" list shall be maintained by the board and shall set out the names and post office addresses of all persons registered but not actively practicing in this state, arranged alphabetically by name and also by the municipalities and states of their last-known professional or residential address. Only the cosmetologists, estheticians and manicurists registered on the appropriate list as actively practicing in the State of Mississippi shall be authorized to practice those professions. For the purpose of this section, any licensed cosmetologist, esthetician or manicurist who has actively practiced his or her profession for at least three (3) months of the immediately preceding license renewal period shall be considered inactive practice. No cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist shall be registered on the "inactive" list until the person has furnished a statement of intent to take such action to the board. Any licensed cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist or wigologist registered on the "inactive" list shall not be eligible for registration on the active list until either of the following conditions have been satisfied:

(a) Written application shall be submitted to the State Board of Cosmetology stating the reasons for such inactivity and setting forth such other information as the board may require on an individual basis and completion of the number of clock hours of continuing education as approved by the board; or

(b) Evidence to the satisfaction of the board shall be submitted that they have actively practiced their profession in good standing in another state and have not been guilty of conduct that would warrant suspension or revocation as provided by applicable law; and

(c) Payment of the fee for processing such inactive license shall be paid biennially in accordance to board rules.

SECTION 10. Section 73-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-14. (1) Any person who holds a current, valid cosmetology, manicuring or esthetics license may be licensed as a master cosmetologist, manicurist or esthetician if he or she has been a licensed cosmetologist, manicurist or esthetician in this state for a period of not less than twelve (12) months, and has completed a minimum course of sixteen (16) hours' study in continuing education approved by the board within the licensing period preceding initial application for the license, and has paid the original license fee. Master cosmetologist, manicurist or esthetician licenses shall be renewable upon completion of a minimum course of eight (8) hours' study in continuing education approved by the board within a licensing period and payment of the required renewal fee.

This is an optional license and persons who do not wish to complete the continuing education requirement may obtain a cosmetology license when renewing their license.

(2) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. Section 73-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-15. (1) The board shall admit to examination for a cosmetology instructor's license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

- (a) Is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (b) Can read, write and speak English;
- (c) Is a graduate of a licensed cosmetology school;
- (d) Has a high school education or its equivalent;
- (e) Has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school of cosmetology;
- (f) Has successfully completed six (6) semester hours in college courses approved by the board;
- (g) Holds a current, valid Mississippi cosmetology license; and
- (h) Has at least one (1) year active practical experience as a cosmetologist or, as an alternative to such experience, has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school of cosmetology.

(2) The board shall admit to examination for an esthetics instructor's license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

- (a) Is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (b) Can read, write and speak English;
- (c) Has a high school education or its equivalent;
- (d) Has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school in which the practice of esthetics is taught;
- (e) Has successfully completed six (6) semester hours in college courses approved by the board;
- (f) Holds a current, valid Mississippi esthetician's license; and
- (g) Has had one (1) year of active practical experience as an esthetician or, as an alternative to such experience, has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school in which the practice of esthetics is taught.

(3) The board shall admit to examination for a manicurist instructor's license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

- (a) Is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (b) Can read, write and speak English;
- (c) Has a high school education or its equivalent;
- (d) Has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school in which the practice of manicuring is taught;
- (e) Has successfully completed six (6) semester hours in college courses approved by the board;
- (f) Holds a current, valid Mississippi manicurist's license; and
- (g) Has had one (1) year of active practical experience as a manicurist or, as an alternative to such experience, has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school in which the practice of manicuring is taught.

(4) Applicants shall satisfactorily pass the examination prescribed by the board for licensing instructors prior to the issuance of the licenses provided for in this section. However, the board may, in its discretion, issue a temporary instructor's permit until such time as the next examination may be held, but such applicant shall be issued only one (1) temporary permit. All applications for an instructor's examination shall be accompanied by two (2) recent head photographs of the applicant.

(5) All instructors licensed pursuant to this section shall biennially obtain twenty-four (24) clock hours of continuing education in teacher training instruction in cosmetology or esthetics or manicuring, as the case may be, as approved by the board. Any instructor who fails to obtain the continuing education required by this subsection shall not be allowed to instruct nor enroll students under his or her license until such education requirement has been met. The board may issue an inactive instructor's license to such instructors, and an inactive license may be converted into an active license after proof satisfactory to the board of completion of at least twenty-four (24) clock hours of approved continuing education required for teacher training instruction.

(6) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

SECTION 12. Section 73-7-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-16. (1) All schools of cosmetology or school owners shall have a school license and shall pay to the board the required license fee biennially therefor. A grace period of sixty (60) days will be given in which to renew the license, and upon the expiration of the grace period of sixty (60) days, any applicant for the renewal of a school license will be required to pay a delinquent fee in addition to the renewal fee. The board is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate necessary and reasonable rules and regulations for the issuance and renewal of school licenses. However, the board shall not refuse to issue or renew a school's license because of the number of schools already in that area of the state, and any rule promulgated by the board for that purpose shall be null and void.

(2) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

(3) The board shall require all schools of cosmetology to only admit students who have not less than a Tenth-Grade education or a high school diploma or its equivalency.

SECTION 13. Section 73-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-17. (1) All salon owners shall have a salon license and shall pay to the board the required license fee therefor and pay the required renewal fee for renewal thereof. A grace period of sixty (60) days will be given in which to renew the license, and upon the expiration of the grace period of sixty (60) days any applicant for the renewal of a salon license will be required to pay a delinquent fee in addition to the renewal fee. A salon license that has been expired for over one (1) year is nonrenewable and requires a new application. Prior to the initial issuance of such license, the board shall inspect the premises to determine if same qualifies with the law, upon payment by the applicant of the required inspection fee.

(2) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 14. Section 73-7-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-18. (1) The board shall admit to examination for an esthetician's license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

- (a) Is not less than seventeen (17) years of age;
- (b) Can read, write and speak English;
- (c) Has a high school education or its equivalent; and
- (d) Has successfully completed a course of training in esthetics of

not less than six hundred (600) hours in an accredited school in which the practice of esthetics is taught, including not less than one hundred (100) hours of theory and five hundred (500) hours of skill practice.

Any licensed esthetician wishing to acquire a cosmetology license may apply the six hundred (600) hours of esthetics training toward the requirements for a cosmetology license.

(2) Every person who has completed not less than three hundred fifty (350) hours of training in esthetics approved by the board in this or any other state prior to July

1, 1987, shall be registered with the board within a period not exceeding six (6) months after July 1, 1987, and shall be granted an esthetician's license by the board if such person presents satisfactory evidence to the board that he or she has fulfilled all the requirements to be admitted to examination except the training hours requirement.

(3) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 15. Section 73-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-19. (1) Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, all licenses shall be renewed biennially under the fee schedule in Section 73-7-29. Applications for renewal of licenses for cosmetologists, estheticians, manicurists and instructors must be accompanied by the required renewal fee. A grace period of sixty (60) days will be given in which to renew the license; and upon the expiration of the grace period of sixty (60) days, any applicant for the renewal of a license will be required to pay the required renewal fee and a delinquent fee in addition to the renewal fee. The fees may be paid by either personal or certified check, cash or money order, under such safeguards, rules and regulations as the board may prescribe. Checks returned to the board because of insufficient funds shall result in nonrenewal of the license, which will require the penalty fee for insufficient fund checks plus all other amounts due for renewal of the license before the license may be renewed. After one (1) year has passed from the expiration date of the license, a delinquent fee must be paid for each year up to three (3) years, after which the required examination must be taken. All applications for examination required by this chapter shall expire ninety (90) days from the date thereof.

(2) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

SECTION 16. Section 73-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-21. (1) The board shall admit to examination for a manicurist's license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

- (a) Is at least seventeen (17) years of age;
- (b) Can read, write and speak English;
- (c) Has successfully completed no less than three hundred fifty (350) hours of practice and related theory in manicuring and pedicuring over a period of no less than nine (9) weeks in an accredited school of cosmetology in this or any other state; and
- (d) Has a high school education or its equivalent.

(2) Licensed manicurists desiring to pursue additional hours to be eligible for a license as a cosmetologist may be credited with the three hundred fifty (350) hours acquired in studying and training to be a manicurist which may be applied to the number of hours required for a cosmetology license examination.

(3) The board shall adopt regulations governing the use of electric nail files for the purpose of filing false or natural nails.

(4) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

SECTION 17. Section 73-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-23. (1) The board may, upon application, issue a license by reciprocity to any cosmetologist, esthetician or manicurist over the age of seventeen (17) years from any other state who has satisfactorily completed the required number of accredited hours in that state, provided the state board from which the applicant comes issues to cosmetologists, estheticians or manicurists, as the case may be, from the State of Mississippi a license under the same conditions. Applications must be accompanied by (a) proof satisfactory to the board that the required hours have been completed, and (b) the required reciprocity fee, which shall be paid to the board.

(2) An instructor from any other state may be qualified for a Mississippi instructor's license upon presenting a valid instructor's license and proof of a high school education or its equivalent, provided that the instructor (a) is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age, (b) has completed training equivalent to the State of Mississippi's training

as provided in Section 73-7-15 or has three (3) years or more of experience as a licensed instructor prior to application, (c) can read, write and speak English, (d) has completed twelve (12) semester hours in college courses approved by the board, and (e) has completed a minimum of five (5) continuing education hours in Mississippi board laws, rules and regulations. Such application must be accompanied by two (2) recent passport photographs of the applicant. Applicants shall pay the required license fee.

(3) An applicant for a Mississippi instructor's license by reciprocity who has not completed the college courses requirement at the time of application may apply for a onetime temporary teaching permit, which shall be valid for six (6) months and shall be nonrenewable. Such application must be accompanied by proof of enrollment in college course(s), required permit fee, two (2) recent passport photographs of the applicant and other documentation as required for application for a Mississippi instructor's license by reciprocity. Upon proof of completion of college courses and payment of the required license fee, a Mississippi instructor's license shall be issued.

(4) The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

SECTION 18. Section 73-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-25. Every demonstrator in the field of cosmetology shall, before making demonstrations in a salon or school, apply for and obtain a permit from the board. For such permit, which shall be for one (1) year, the required fee shall be paid to the board. This section shall be construed to apply to demonstrators in salons and schools.

SECTION 19. Section 73-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-27. (1) Any complaint may be filed with the board by a member or agent of the board or by any person charging any licensee of the board with the commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subsection (2) of this section. Such complaint shall be in writing, signed by the accuser or accusers, and verified under oath, and such complaints shall be investigated as set forth in Section 73-7-7. If, after the investigation, the board through its administrative review agents determines that there is not substantial justification to believe that the accused licensee has committed any of the offenses enumerated, it may dismiss the complaint or may prepare a formal complaint proceeding against the licensee as hereinafter provided. When used with reference to any complaint filed against a licensee herein, the term "not substantial justification" means a complaint that is frivolous, groundless in fact or law, or vexatious, as determined by unanimous vote of the board. In the event of a dismissal, the person filing the accusation and the accused licensee shall be given written notice of the board's determination. If the board determines there is reasonable cause to believe the accused has committed any of those offenses, the secretary of the board shall give written notice of such determination to the accused licensee and set a day for a hearing as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(2) The board shall have the power to revoke, suspend or refuse to issue or renew any license or certificate provided for in this chapter, and to fine, place on probation and/or otherwise discipline a student or licensee or holder of a certificate, upon proof that such person: (a) has not complied with or has violated any of the rules and regulations promulgated by the board; (b) has not complied with or has violated any of the sections of this chapter; (c) has committed fraud or dishonest conduct in the taking of the examination herein provided for; (d) has been convicted of a felony; (e) has committed grossly unprofessional or dishonest conduct; (f) is addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors or to the use of drugs to such an extent as to render him or her unfit to practice in any of the practices or occupations set forth in this chapter; (g) has advertised by means of knowingly false or deceptive statements; or (h) has failed to display the license or certificate issued to him or her as provided for in this chapter; or (i) has been convicted of violating any of the provisions of this chapter. A conviction of violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be grounds for automatic suspension of the license or certificate of such person.

(3) The board shall not revoke, suspend or refuse to issue or renew any license or certificate, or fine, place on probation or otherwise discipline any person in a disciplinary matter except after a hearing of which the applicant or licensee or holder of the certificate affected shall be given at least twenty (20) days' notice in writing, specifying the reason

or reasons for denying the applicant a license or certificate of registration, or in the case of any other disciplinary action, the offense or offenses of which the licensee or holder of a certificate of registration is charged. Such notice may be served by mailing a copy thereof by United States first-class certified mail, postage prepaid, to the last-known residence or business address of such applicant, licensee or holder of a certificate. The hearing on such charges shall be at such time and place as the board may prescribe.

(4) At such hearings, all witnesses shall be sworn by a member of the board, and stenographic notes of the proceedings shall be taken. Any party to the proceedings desiring it shall be furnished with a copy of such stenographic notes upon payment to the board of such fees as it shall prescribe, not exceeding, however, the actual costs of transcription.

(5) The board is hereby authorized and empowered to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers. The process issued by the board shall extend to all parts of the state and such process shall be served by any person designated by the board for such service. The person serving such process shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by the board, not to exceed the fee prescribed by law for similar services. All witnesses who shall be subpoenaed, and who shall appear in any proceedings before the board, shall receive the same fees and mileage as allowed by law.

(6) Where in any proceeding before the board any witness shall fail or refuse to attend upon subpoena issued by the board, shall refuse to testify, or shall refuse to produce any books and papers, the production of which is called for by the subpoena, the attendance of such witness and the giving of his testimony and the production of the books and papers shall be enforced by any court of competent jurisdiction of this state, in the same manner as are enforced for the attendance and testimony of witnesses in civil cases in the courts of this state.

(7) The board shall conduct the hearing in an orderly and continuous manner, granting continuances only when the ends of justice may be served. The board shall, within sixty (60) days after conclusion of the hearing, reduce its decision to writing and forward an attested true copy thereof to the last-known residence or business address of such applicant, licensee or holder of a certificate, by way of United States first-class certified mail, postage prepaid. Such applicant, licensee, holder of a certificate, or person aggrieved shall have the right of appeal from an adverse ruling, or order, or decision of the board to the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, upon forwarding notice of appeal to the board within thirty (30) days after the decision of the board is mailed in the manner here contemplated. An appeal will not be allowed in the event notice of appeal, together with the appeal bond hereinafter required, shall not have been forwarded to the board within the thirty-day period. Appeal shall be to the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi. The appeal shall thereupon be heard in due course by the court which shall review the record and make its determination thereon.

(8) The appellant shall, together with the notice of appeal, forward to and post with the board a satisfactory bond in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the payment of any costs which may be adjudged against him.

(9) In the event of an appeal, the court shall dispose of the appeal and enter its decision promptly. The hearing on the appeal may, in the discretion of the chancellor, be tried in vacation. If there is an appeal, such appeal may, in the discretion of and on motion to the chancery court, act as a supersedeas. However, any fine imposed by the board under the provisions of this chapter shall not take effect until after the time for appeal has expired, and an appeal of the imposition of such a fine shall act as a supersedeas.

(10) Any fine imposed by the board upon a licensee or holder of a certificate shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) For the first violation, a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each violation.

(b) For the second and each subsequent violation, a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for each violation.

The power and authority of the board to impose such fines under this section shall not be affected or diminished by any other proceeding, civil or criminal, concerning the same violation or violations.

(11) In addition to the reasons specified in subsection (2) of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

SECTION 20. Section 73-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-29. The State Board of Cosmetology shall assess fees in the following amounts and for the following purposes:

(a) Initial license/renewal for cosmetologist,
manicurist, esthetician, or wig specialist \$ 50.00

(b) Instructor initial license/renewal 80.00

(c) Master cosmetologist license/renewal 70.00

(d) Delinquent renewal penalty - cosmetologist,
manicurist, esthetician, wig specialist and instructor 50.00

There shall be no renewal fee for any licensee seventy (70) years of age or older.

(e) Salon application and initial inspection 85.00

(f) Salon reinspection 35.00

(g) Salon change of ownership or location,
or both 85.00

(h) Salon renewal 60.00

(i) Salon delinquent renewal penalty 50.00

(j) Application and initial inspection for a
new school 300.00

(k) New school reinspection 100.00

(l) School change of ownership 300.00

(m) School relocation 150.00

(n) School renewal 75.00

(o) School delinquent renewal penalty 100.00

(p) Duplicate license 10.00

(q) Penalty for insufficient fund checks 20.00

(r) Affidavit processing 15.00

The State Board of Cosmetology may charge additional fees for services which the board deems appropriate to carry out its intent and purpose. These additional fees shall not exceed the cost of rendering the service.

The board is fully authorized to make refunds of any deposits received by the board for services which are not rendered. Refunds will automatically be made on overpayment of fees. Refunds will be made on underpayments by written requests from applicants. If no request for refund is made within sixty (60) days, the fees will be forfeited.

SECTION 21. Section 73-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

73-7-31. Nothing in this chapter shall apply to:

(a) Hairdressing, manicuring or facial treatments given in the home to members of family or friends for which no charge is made.

(b) Persons whose practice is limited to * * * only performing makeup artistry, threading or applying or removing eyelash extensions; however, a person may

perform a combination of not more than three (3) such practices and still be exempt from this chapter.

(c) Barbers, and nothing in this chapter shall affect the jurisdiction of the State Board of Barber Examiners.

(d) Persons engaged in the practice of hair braiding as defined in Section 73-7-71 who have completed the self-test part of the brochure on infection control techniques prepared by the State Department of Health and who keep the brochure and completed self-test available at the location at which the person is engaged in hair braiding.

(e) Persons engaged in the practice of threading, which is defined as the removal of facial hair using a strand of thread.

(f) Persons engaged in the practice of applying or removing eyelash extensions, which is defined as gluing artificial eyelash extensions to natural eyelashes.

SECTION 22. Section 73-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-33. In addition to the rules and regulations that may be prescribed and promulgated by the board under authority of this chapter, the following rules and regulations shall be observed:

Every establishment must be kept sanitary, including all utensils and equipment, must be well ventilated and properly lighted. Each salon must be provided with hot and cold running water. Electrical appliances must be properly installed and grounded.

Cosmetologists shall be allowed to wear any type of clothing or apparel while at work as long as such clothing or apparel is sanitary.

Cosmetologists shall be allowed to use any type of hair roller as long as they do so in a sanitary manner.

Persons with a communicable disease or parasitic infection that is medically recognized to be a direct threat of transmission by the type of contact that practitioners have with clients are not to be permitted to practice in an establishment until their condition is no longer communicable under those circumstances. No work shall be performed on any patron having a visible disease unless the patron shall produce a certificate from a practicing physician stating that the patron is free from infectious, contagious or communicable disease. A cosmetologist's license does not authorize such person to treat or prescribe for an infectious, contagious or any other disease.

A home salon must have a solid wall to the ceiling with an outside entrance, or if a door exists between the salon and the remainder of the house, the door must be kept closed at all times while service is being rendered.

SECTION 23. Section 73-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

73-7-35. (1) No person licensed pursuant to this chapter shall practice his or her profession except within the physical confines of a salon possessing and displaying a properly executed license issued pursuant to Section 73-7-17. However, this requirement shall not prevent a person from rendering his or her services to any person who may be confined to his or her home, a hospital, or other place as a result of illness, and cosmetologists shall be permitted to render their services to deceased persons away from their salons.

(2) No salon owner licensed pursuant to this chapter shall allow a cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist to practice his/her profession in the salon without possessing a valid license issued pursuant to this chapter. No unlicensed person may practice his/her profession, including hair braiding, as defined by Section 73-7-71, and makeup artistry, as defined in Section 73-7-2, in a licensed salon.

SECTION 24. Section 73-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-37. (1) The violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, including the use of fraudulent statements to obtain any benefits or privileges under this chapter or practicing one (1) of these professions without a license, shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable in any court of competent jurisdiction at the seat of government, and any person or firm convicted of the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars

(\$500.00). The court shall not be authorized to suspend or suspend the execution of the fine required under this section.

(2) If any person, firm or corporation violates any of the provisions of this chapter, the secretary of the board, upon direction of a majority of the board and in the name of the board, acting through the Attorney General or an attorney employed by the board, shall apply in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, for an order enjoining such violation or for an order enforcing compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Upon the filing of a verified petition in the chancery court and after notice as provided under the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure, such court, if satisfied by the sworn petition, by affidavit or otherwise, that such person has violated any of the provisions of this chapter, may issue an injunction without notice or bond, enjoining such continued violation and such injunction shall remain in force and effect until a final hearing. If at such hearing it is established that such person has violated or is violating any of the provisions of this chapter, the court may enter a decree permanently enjoining such violation or enforcing compliance with this chapter. In addition, the court may enter a judgment against such person for attorney's fees, court costs and the actual costs incurred by the board in investigating the actions of such person for which the board brought the suit for an injunction. In case of violation of any decree issued in compliance with this subsection, the court may punish the offender for contempt of court and the court shall proceed as in other cases.

(3) The proceedings in this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of the other remedies and penalties provided in this chapter.

SECTION 25. Section 73-7-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-7-63. Sections 73-7-1 through 73-7-37, which create the State Board of Cosmetology and prescribe its duties and powers, shall stand repealed * * * on July 1, * * * 2024.

SECTION 26. Section 73-5-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-5-41. (1) The following persons are exempt from the provisions of this chapter, wholly in the proper discharge of their professional duties, to wit:

(a) Persons authorized by the law of Mississippi to practice medicine and surgery.

(b) Commissioned medical or surgical officers of the United States Army, Navy or Marine hospital service.

(c) Registered nurses.

(d) Cosmetologists, and nothing in this chapter shall affect the jurisdiction of the State Board of Cosmetology.

(e) Persons whose practice is limited to only makeup artistry, threading or applying or removing eyelash extensions.

(2) The provision of this section shall not be construed to authorize any of the persons exempted to shave, trim the beard, or cut the hair of any person, or perform any other act that constitutes barbering, for cosmetic purposes, with the exception of persons licensed by the State Board of Cosmetology or persons whose practice is limited to only makeup artistry, threading or applying or removing eyelash extensions.

SECTION 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 73-7-1 THROUGH 73-7-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-7-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "COSMETOLOGY" AND "ESTHETICS" TO REMOVE THREADING AND MAKEUP ARTISTRY FROM THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE LAW; TO DEFINE "MAKEUP ARTISTRY" IN THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE LAW; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-7-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE DUPLICATE REPEALER ON THE STATUTE REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY TO CONDUCT

STUDENT EXAMINATIONS INSTEAD OF CONTRACTING WITH A TESTING SERVICE; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-7-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT FROM THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE LAW PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF THREADING AND PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF APPLYING OR REMOVING EYELASH EXTENSIONS; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-7-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT PERSONS NOT LICENSED UNDER THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE LAW FROM PRACTICING THEIR PROFESSION, INCLUDING HAIR BRAIDING AND MAKEUP ARTISTRY, IN A LICENSED SALON; TO AMEND SECTION 73-7-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THOSE REENACTED SECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-5-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT PERSONS WHOSE PRACTICE IS LIMITED TO ONLY MAKEUP ARTISTRY, THREADING OR APPLYING OR REMOVING EYELASH EXTENSIONS FROM LICENSING UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Charles Young, Jr., Joseph Tubb

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, Brice Wiggins, Rita Pott Parks

Rep. Boyd moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Boyd called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2816: Public officials and employees; allow Department of Revenue appraisers to receive same pay increases as county tax assessors.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2816: Public officials and employees; allow Department of Revenue appraisers to receive same pay increases as county tax assessors.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Neil S. Whaley

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Dana Criswell, Steve Hopkins (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Boyd the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Guice. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Byrd called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2024: Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2024: Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-105-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-105-305. The board of supervisors at the regular December 1997 meeting, and annually thereafter or, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, * * * thereafter at such other interval of time as determined by the board of supervisors, but no less frequently than every four (4) years, shall give notice to all financial institutions in its county whose accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (or any successor thereto), by publication, that bids will be received from financial institutions at the following January meeting, or some subsequent meeting, for the privilege of keeping the county funds, or any part thereof, which notice shall refer by name to this article and it shall not be necessary to incorporate in the notice the provisions of this article; and at the January meeting, or a subsequent meeting as may be designated in the notice, as the case may be, the board of supervisors shall receive such bids or proposals as the financial institutions may make for the privilege of keeping the county funds, or any part thereof. The bids or proposals shall designate the kind of security as authorized by law which the financial institutions propose to give as security for funds, and the board shall cause the county funds and all other funds in the hands of the county treasurer to be deposited in the qualified financial institution or qualified institutions proposing the best terms, taking into consideration all material aspects of the proposal, including, but not limited to, net earnings, account costs, costs of transfer of accounts from existing depositories, banking services provided and other service considerations, and meeting the requirements provided in Section 27-105-315, having in view the safety of such funds. However, if a bank submits a bid or offer to the board of supervisors to act as a depository for the county and the bid or offer, if accepted, would result in a contract in which a member of the board of supervisors would have a direct or indirect interest, the board of supervisors may elect to not open or consider any bids received and submit the matter to the State Treasurer. Upon receipt of the bids received from the board of supervisors, the State * * * Treasurer shall open and consider the bids received, select a depository or depositories, make all

decisions and take any action within the authority of the board of supervisors under this section relating to the selection of a depository or depositories, including:

- (a) The selecting and opening of accounts;
- (b) Approval of securities;
- (c) The transfer and deposit of funds between depositories; and
- (d) All other related functions.

If the board of supervisors elects to open and consider the bids or offers, it shall not open or consider any bid which, if accepted, would result in a contract in which a member of the board of supervisors would have a direct or indirect interest.

SECTION 2. Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

(a) Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00. Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing authority from establishing procedures which require competitive bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

(b) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but not over \$50,000.00. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any state agency or community/junior college purchasing commodities or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the lowest competitive written bid under Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid. Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase clerk, or * * * his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent or purchase clerk, or * * * his designee, constituting a violation of law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or governing authority and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down by components to provide detail of component description and pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing authorities.

(c) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$50,000.00.

(i) Publication requirement.

1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority is located. However, all

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the state, then that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design or construction of public facilities, including buildings, roads and bridges and term contracts as provided in paragraph (n) of this section. The Public Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning.

3. The date as published for the bid opening shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. For any projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, publication shall be made one (1) time and the bid opening for construction projects shall not be less than ten (10) working days after the date of the published notice. The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. Submissions received by the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program for projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act shall be displayed on a separate and unique internet web page accessible to the public and maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority for the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program. Those American Recovery and Reinvestment Act related submissions shall be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt by the Mississippi Development Authority and the bid opening shall not occur until the submission has been posted for ten (10) consecutive days. The Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain information regarding contracts and other expenditures from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, on a unique internet web page accessible to the public. The Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules regarding format, content and deadlines, unless otherwise specified by law, of the posting of award notices, contract execution and subsequent amendments, links to the contract documents, expenditures against the awarded contracts and general expenditures of funds from the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act. Within one (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award, including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department. The information provided by the agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web page for the duration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding or until the project is completed, whichever is longer.

(ii) Bidding process amendment procedure. If all plans and/or specifications are published in the notification, then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification, then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued within two (2) working days of the time established for the receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum.

(iii) Filing requirement. In all cases involving governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to the bid.

(iv) Specification restrictions.

1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

(v) Electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies or governing authorities that are

currently without available high speed internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed internet access becomes available. Any county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids electronically. When construction bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

(d) Lowest and best bid decision procedure.

(i) Decision procedure. Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(ii) Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing Offices. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

(iii) Decision procedure for Mississippi Landmarks. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or any other historical building designated for at least five (5) years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(iv) Construction project negotiations authority. If the lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%) above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or renovation project, then the agency or governing

authority shall be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

(e) Lease-purchase authorization. For the purposes of this section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, for such financing without advertising for such bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or, where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5), and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8). Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same information as required to be maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from State of Mississippi income taxation.

(f) Alternate bid authorization. When necessary to ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2) alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event, purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

(g) Construction contract change authorization. In the event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the circumstances without the necessity of further public bids; provided that such change shall be made in a commercially reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person, the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing authority with respect to any public construction contract shall have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or governing authority when any such change or modification is less than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of such emergency changes or modifications.

(h) Petroleum purchase alternative. In addition to other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or governing authority may purchase the commodity after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2) competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. In the event any agency or governing authority shall have advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such commodities.

(i) Road construction petroleum products price adjustment clause authorization. Any agency or governing authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction, maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets, may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor, including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed, upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such petroleum products.

(j) State agency emergency purchase procedure. If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency, which shall include a detailed description of the events leading up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding requirements.

If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any officer or agent of the agency having general or specific authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract was made.

Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a term of one (1) year.

Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (j).

(k) Governing authority emergency purchase procedure. If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing authority having general or special authority therefor in making such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor, and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract, including a description of the commodity purchased, the price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such governing authority. Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

(l) Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease authorization.

(i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment terms do not exceed five (5) years.

(ii) In addition to the authority granted in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (l), the commissioners or board of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set forth in this section.

(m) Exceptions from bidding requirements. Excepted from bid requirements are:

(i) Purchasing agreements approved by department. Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations executed or approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Outside equipment repairs. Repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or other such components shall not be included in this exemption when replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need for such total component replacement is known before disassembly of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment, specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name, supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such repairs.

(iii) In-house equipment repairs. Purchases of parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being replaced instead of being repaired.

(iv) Raw gravel or dirt. Raw unprocessed deposits of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by the purchaser.

(v) Governmental equipment auctions. Motor vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a governing authority under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon the

minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(vi) Intergovernmental sales and transfers. Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency or governing authority of another state. Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

(vii) Perishable supplies or food. Perishable supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals, the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding of county or municipal prisoners.

(viii) Single source items. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

(ix) Waste disposal facility construction contracts. Construction of incinerators and other facilities for disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however, in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public construction projects, concerning the design, construction, ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities, wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities and such other matters as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals.

(x) Hospital group purchase contracts. Supplies, commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

(xi) Information technology products. Purchases of information technology products made by governing authorities under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designated for use by governing authorities.

(xii) Energy efficiency services and equipment. Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school districts, community and junior

colleges, institutions of higher learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

(xiii) Municipal electrical utility system fuel. Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

(xiv) Library books and other reference materials. Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals; processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides; recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items as would be used for teaching, research or other information distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders, audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt under this subparagraph.

(xv) Unmarked vehicles. Purchases of unmarked vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

(xvi) Election ballots. Purchases of ballots printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

(xvii) Multichannel interactive video systems. From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority for Educational Television with any private educational institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

(xviii) Purchases of prison industry products by the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons. Purchases made by the Mississippi Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured, processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

(xix) Undercover operations equipment. Purchases of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(xx) Junior college books for rent. Purchases by community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book service system.

(xxi) Certain school district purchases. Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors with which any levying authority of the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

(xxii) Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts. Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection or disposal.

(xxiii) Municipal water tank maintenance contracts. Professional maintenance program contracts for the repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more years.

(xxiv) Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the Blind products. Purchases made by state agencies or governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured, processed or produced by the Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

(xxv) Purchases of state-adopted textbooks. Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

(xxvi) Certain purchases under the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

(xxvii) Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment for installation of soil and water conservation practices purchased at auction. Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment used for the installation and implementation of soil and water conservation practices or measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State Soil and

Water Conservation Commission under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(xxviii) Hospital lease of equipment or services. Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in compliance with paragraph (l)(ii).

(xxix) Purchases made pursuant to qualified cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchases made by certified purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal government, provided that the notification to potential contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best interest of the governmental entity.

(xxx) School yearbooks. Purchases of school yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; provided, however, that state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(xxxi) Design-build method and dual-phase design-build method of contracting. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

(xxxii) Toll roads and bridge construction projects. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

(xxxiii) Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1-221.

(xxxiv) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-105-1(7). Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(xxxv) Certain purchases or transfers entered into with local electrical power associations. Contracts or agreements entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

(xxxvi) Certain purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school. Purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(xxxvii) Certain purchases made under the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law. Contracts made by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.

(n) Term contract authorization. All contracts for the purchase of:

(i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities, equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to, repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the contract.

(ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public construction.

(o) Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor penalty. No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims submitted shall be forfeited.

(p) Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment purchase procedure. When in response to a proper advertisement therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid therefor although the price is not firm.

(q) Fuel management system bidding procedure. Any governing authority or agency of the state shall, before contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for competitive written bids to provide the services and products for the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include, but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access systems under the terms of a state contract established by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(r) Solid waste contract proposal procedure. Before entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal, contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), a governing authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals concerning the specifications for such services which shall be advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r) shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000) population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of any other county or municipality may contract with the governing authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

(s) Minority set-aside authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian, Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following definitions:

(i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any black racial group of Africa.

(iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

(iv) "Native American" means persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, including American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

(t) Construction punch list restriction. The architect, engineer or other representative designated by the agency or governing authority that is contracting for public construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial completion and one (1) final list immediately before final completion and final payment.

(u) Procurement of construction services by state institutions of higher learning. Contracts for privately financed construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for proposals are solicited.

(v) Insurability of bidders for public construction or other public contracts. In any solicitation for bids to perform public construction or other public contracts to which this section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business days from bid acceptance.

(w) Purchase authorization clarification. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not authorized by law.

SECTION 3. In order for the county's financial records to fairly represent the financial condition of the county as of the date of the external audit, the clerk of the board of supervisors or, where applicable, the county administrator shall record into the county's accounting system the year-end adjusting accounting entries recommended by the county's external independent financial auditors selected by the Office of the State Auditor. If the clerk of the board of supervisors or, where applicable, the county administrator declines to make any year-end adjusting accounting entries recommended by the external financial auditors, the board of supervisors shall spread upon the board's minutes the reasons why the recommended year-end accounting entries were not entered into the county's accounting system and the impact that not including the recommended year-end accounting entries in the county's financial records will have regarding the fair representation of the financial condition of the county.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-105-305, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS THE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE INTERVAL OF TIME FOR PROVIDING NOTICE TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE OPENING OF THE BIDDING PROCESS FOR SERVING AS DEPOSITORIES OF COUNTY FUNDS; TO CLARIFY THAT THE SELECTION OF DEPOSITORIES IS TO BE BASED UPON ALL RELEVANT FACTORS; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT REVERSE AUCTIONS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR CERTAIN TERM CONTRACTS; TO REQUIRE THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENTER THE RECOMMENDED YEAR-END ADJUSTING ACCOUNTING ENTRIES INTO THE COUNTY'S ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SPREAD THE REASON THAT ANY RECOMMENDED ENTRY WAS NOT ENTERED UPON ITS MINUTES IF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLINES TO MAKE THE ENTRY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Angela Burks Hill, Neil S. Whaley, Joseph M. Seymour
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Larry Byrd, Cheikh Taylor, Troy Smith

On motion of Rep. Byrd the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B. Guice. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2121: Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2121: Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. As used in this section:

(a) "Intimate parts" means the naked genitals, pubic area, anus, buttocks or female nipple of a person.

(b) "Promote" means to procure, manufacture, issue, sell, give, provide, lend, mail, deliver, transfer, transmit, publish, distribute, circulate, disseminate, present, exhibit or advertise or to offer or agree to promote.

(c) "Sexual conduct" means sexual contact, actual or simulated sexual intercourse, deviate sexual intercourse, sexual bestiality, masturbation or sadomasochistic abuse.

(d) "Simulated" means the explicit depiction of sexual conduct that creates the appearance of actual sexual conduct and during which a person engaging in the conduct exhibits any uncovered portion of the genitals, buttocks or female nipple.

(e) "Visual material" means:

(i) Any film, photograph, videotape, negative or slide or any photographic reproduction that contains or incorporates in any manner any film, photograph, videotape, negative or slide; or

(ii) Any disk, diskette or other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen by telephone line, cable, satellite transmission, or other method.

SECTION 2. (1) A person commits an offense if:

(a) Without the effective consent of the depicted person and with the intent to harm the depicted person, the offender discloses visual material depicting another person with the depicted person's intimate parts exposed or engaged in sexual conduct;

(b) At the time of the disclosure, the offender knows or has reason to believe that the visual material was obtained by the offender or created under circumstances in which the depicted person had a reasonable expectation that the visual material would remain private;

(c) The disclosure of the visual material causes harm to the depicted person; and

(d) The disclosure of the visual material reveals the identity of the depicted person in any manner, including through:

(i) Any accompanying or subsequent information or material related to the visual material; or

(ii) Information or material provided by a third party in response to the disclosure of the visual material.

(2) A person commits an offense if the offender intentionally threatens to disclose, without the consent of the depicted person, visual material depicting another person with the depicted person's intimate parts exposed or engaged in sexual conduct and the offender makes the threat to obtain a benefit:

(a) In return for not making the disclosure; or

(b) In connection with the threatened disclosure.

(3) A person commits an offense if, knowing the character and content of the visual material, the offender promotes visual material described by subsection (1) of this section on an internet website or other forum for publication that is owned or operated by the offender.

(4) It is not a defense to prosecution under this section that the depicted person:

(a) Created or consented to the creation of the visual material; or

(b) Voluntarily transmitted the visual material to the actor.

(5) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under subsection (1) or (3) of this section that:

(a) The disclosure or promotion is made in the course of:

(i) Lawful and common practices of law enforcement or medical treatment;
(ii) Reporting unlawful activity; or
(iii) A legal proceeding, if the disclosure or promotion is permitted or required by law; or

(b) The disclosure or promotion consists of visual material depicting in a public or commercial setting only a person's voluntary exposure of:

- (i) The person's intimate parts; or
- (ii) The person engaging in sexual conduct.

(6) Where content is provided by another person or entity, nothing in this act shall be construed to impose criminal liability on the following:

- (a) An internet service provider;
- (b) an interactive computer service, as defined in 47 USC Section

230;

(c) A provider of an electronic communications service, as defined in 18 USC Section 2510;

(d) A telecommunications service, information service or mobile service, as defined in 47 USC Section 153, including a commercial mobile service, as defined in 47 USC Section 332(d); or

(e) A cable operator, as defined in 47 USC Section 522.

(7) (a) A first offense under this section is a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six (6) months or by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(b) A second or subsequent violation of this section is a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year or by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or both.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, any offense under this section committed for financial profit shall constitute a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year or by fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or both.

(8) A person shall be subject to prosecution in this state for any conduct made unlawful by this section which the person engages in while:

(a) Either within or outside of this state if, by such conduct, the person commits a violation of this section which involves an individual who resides in this state; or

(b) Within this state if, by such conduct, the person commits a violation of this section which involves an individual who resides within or outside this state.

(9) The provisions of this section are supplementary to the provisions of any other statute of this state. If conduct that constitutes an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under another law, the actor may be prosecuted under this section, the other law, or both.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE THE DISCLOSURE WITHOUT CONSENT OF INTIMATE VISUAL MATERIAL; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME; TO ENUMERATE CERTAIN DEFENSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Joseph Thomas

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jansen Owen, Jill Ford

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Guice. Total-2.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2434: Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2434: Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of House Bill No. 974, 2021 Regular Session, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2. (1) The Department of Public Safety, through the Office of Capitol Police, shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of the State of Mississippi on the properties, from curb to curb, including adjoining streets, sidewalks and leased parking lots within the Capitol Complex, set forth in Section 29-5-2, the Court of Appeals Building, the Mississippi Department of Transportation Building and the Public Employees' Retirement System Building, and any property purchased, constructed or otherwise acquired by the State of Mississippi for conducting state business and not specifically under the supervision and care by any other state entity, but which is reasonably assumed the Department of Public Safety would be responsible for such. The Department of Public Safety shall, through any person or persons appointed by the commissioner, make arrests for any violation of any law of the State of Mississippi on the grounds of or within those properties. The Department of Public Safety shall, in addition, enforce the provisions of this section and Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95, and prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary therefor. The powers and duties related to the administration of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95 shall remain with the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Board of Trustees and the Department of Public Safety shall be authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Board of Trustees located at the corner of Ridgewood Road and Lakeland Drive in the City of Jackson.

(3) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Department of Agriculture located at 121 North Jefferson Street and the new Farmers Market Building located at the corner of High and Jefferson Streets in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety will not post any security personnel at such buildings, but will provide regular vehicle patrols and responses to security system alarms.

(4) The Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi Fair Commission are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Mississippi Fair Commission known as the "Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex" and any and all of its outlying buildings and property. The Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi Fair Commission are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel to the Mississippi Fair Commission with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on this property and any and all buildings on this property.

(5) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Revenue are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi at the Alcoholic Beverage Control facility and the Department of Revenue main office.

(6) The Department of Public Safety shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of the State of Mississippi within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District created in Section 29-5-203. The Department of Public Safety shall, through any person or persons appointed by the Department of Public Safety, make arrests for any violation of any law of the State of Mississippi which occurs within the boundaries of the district. The jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety under this subsection (6) shall be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and that of Hinds County, Mississippi. At any time and/or during any event necessitating the coordination of and/or utilization at multiple jurisdictions, the Department of Public Safety shall be the lead agency when the event occurs on property as defined herein. The jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Public Safety under this subsection (6) shall be in addition to any other jurisdiction and authority provided to the department under this section or any other law.

(7) The Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a contract with any county for the county to take custody of the misdemeanor offenders arrested under the authority granted under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF HOUSE BILL NO. 974, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANY COUNTY FOR THE COUNTY TO TAKE CUSTODY OF THE MISDEMEANOR OFFENDERS ARRESTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Jeremy England, Jenifer B. Branning
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Gene Newman, Jill Ford

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Evans, B, Karriem, Stamps, Summers. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Present--Hudson, Paden. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Carpenter called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2294: Veteran Driver's License Designation; allow proof of military service in person.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2294: Veteran Driver's License Designation; allow proof of military service in person.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 63-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-35. (1) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall prescribe the form of license issued pursuant to this article which shall, among other features, include a driver's license number assigned by the Department of Public Safety. A licensee shall list his social security number with the department which shall cross reference the social security number with the driver's license number for purposes of identification. Additionally, each license shall bear a full-face color photograph of the licensee in such form that the license and the photograph cannot be separated. The photograph shall be taken so that one (1) exposure will photograph the applicant and the application simultaneously on the same film. The department shall use a process in the issuance of a license with a color photograph that shall prevent as nearly as possible any alteration, counterfeiting, duplication, reproduction, forging or modification of the license or the superimposition of a photograph without ready detection. The photograph shall be replaced by the department at the time of renewal. Drivers' licenses, including photographs appearing

thereon, may be renewed by electronic means according to rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner in conformity to Section 27-104-33.

(2) The commissioner shall prescribe the form of license issued pursuant to this article to licensees who are not United States citizens and who do not possess a social security number issued by the United States government. The license of such persons shall include a number and/or other identifying features.

(3) Any new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit, intermediate license or commercial driver's license issued to a person required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Section 45-33-25 shall bear a designation identifying the licensee or permittee as a sex offender.

(4) The commissioner is authorized to provide the new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit, intermediate license or commercial driver's license to any honorably discharged veteran as defined in Title 38 of the United States Code, and such license or permit shall exhibit the letters "Vet" or any other mark identifying the person as a veteran. The veteran requesting the "Vet" designation shall present his DD-214 * * *, Military Retiree Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Identification Card or National Guard Form NGB 22. The veteran requesting the "Vet" designation may present his DD-214, Military Retiree Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Identification Card or National Guard Form NGB 22 in person at the Mississippi Department of Public Safety Driver's License Station.

(5) Not later than July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall develop and implement a driver's license or driving permit in electronic format as an additional option for license or permit holders. Acceptable electronic formats include display of electronic images on a cellular phone or any other type of electronic device.

(6) If false documents are provided by an individual for purposes of obtaining a veteran driver's license, such action shall be considered fraudulent use of identity under Section 97-19-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be punishable, upon conviction, as a felony pursuant to the provisions of that section.

SECTION 2. Section 97-19-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-19-85. (1) Any person who shall make or cause to be made any false statement or representation as to his or another person's or entity's identity, social security account number, credit card number, debit card number, DD-214 or other identifying information for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining or with the intent to obtain goods, services or any thing of value, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, for a first offense shall be fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisoned for a term not to exceed five (5) years, or both. For a second or subsequent offense such person, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or imprisoned for a term not to exceed ten (10) years, or both. In addition to the fines and imprisonment provided in this section, a person convicted under this section shall be ordered to pay restitution as provided in Section 99-37-1 et seq.

(2) A person is guilty of fraud under subsection (1) who:

(a) Shall furnish false information willfully, knowingly and with intent to deceive anyone as to his true identity or the true identity of another person; or

(b) Willfully, knowingly, and with intent to deceive, uses a social security account number to establish and maintain business or other records; or

(c) With intent to deceive, falsely represents a number to be the social security account number assigned to him or another person, when in fact the number is not the social security account number assigned to him or such other person; or

(d) With intent to deceive, falsely represents to be a representative of an entity in order to open banking accounts, obtain credit cards, or other services and supplies in the entity's name; or

(e) Knowingly alters a social security card, buys or sells a social security card or counterfeit or altered social security card, counterfeits a social security card, or possesses a social security card or counterfeit social security card with intent to sell or alter it * * *; or

(f) Willfully and knowingly, with intent to deceive, falsely uses a form DD-214, Military Retiree Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Identification Card, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Identification Card or National Guard Form NGB 22, for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining a veterans driver's license or any other state or federal government benefit available only to honorably discharged veterans.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE A VETERAN TO ESTABLISH PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE FOR VETERAN DRIVER'S LICENSE DESIGNATION IN PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVER'S LICENSE STATION; TO AMEND SECTION 97-19-85, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR SUBMITTING FALSE DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN A VETERAN DRIVER'S LICENSE OR OTHER VETERAN'S BENEFITS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joseph M. Seymour, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Lydia Graves Chassaniol

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Lester Carpenter, Dale Goodin, Mac Huddleston

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Powell called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2649: Public contracts for energy efficiency; extend repeal date on use of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2649: Energy efficiency contracts; extend repeal date on use of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joel R. Carter, Jr., Rita Potts Parks, Josh Harkins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Brent Powell, Jeff Hale, Christopher M. Bell

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1494: Walnut Grove; authorize Walnut Grove Correctional Authority to contract with the state to operate correctional facility.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Evans, B, Hopkins, Horne, Hudson, Rosebud, Stamps, Summers, Taylor. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Kinkade, Rushing. Total-3.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

At 10:27 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:35 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Rep. Barton called up:

H. B. No. 1510: City of Baldwin; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County.

On request of Rep. Barton, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 1510**:

Change Baldwin to Baldwin.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1510. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Guice, Kinkade, Owen, Scott. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 2539: Hinds County; authorize assessments on convictions, for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2539. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen,

Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Guice, Hood, Oliver, Owen, Scott, Watson. Total-7.

Present--Paden. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3072: Lafayette County; change governing law for county trust fund investments from PERS to MS Uniform Prudent Investor Act.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3072. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Darnell, Evans, B, Horne. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Clark, Guice, Holloway, Hood, Miles, Oliver, Rosebud, Scott, Williams-Barnes. Total-10.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3080: City of Vicksburg; authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3080. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bailey, Burnett, Guice, Haney, Patterson, Young. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3086: Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3086.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bailey, Brown, B, Burnett, Guice, Ladner, Rushing, Young. Total-8.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3087: Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3087.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, Newman, Owen, Rushing, Williamson. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Calvert, Gibbs, D, Guice, Johnson, Smith. Total-6.

Present--Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--76

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3090: Washington County; extend the repeal date on the Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3090.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Hood, Ladner, McKnight, Rushing. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Representative Young entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 3086: Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission.

Representative Yancey entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following resolution passed.

H. C. R. No. 45: Kratom; urge the United States Food and Drug Administration to regulate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 506: Express intent of Legislature that daylight saving time shall be the year-round standard time in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 533: Recommend that the United States Forest Service reconsider certain restrictive action on National Forest Lands in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 534: Declare September 2021 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month."

S. B. No. 2827: Public purchases; specify prequalification process for construction manager at risk soliciting bids for projects.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 196: "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 40: Reverend Robert L. Cook; commend upon retirement as Deputy Executive Director for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. R. No. 41: Mr. Joe and Mrs. Jane Tubb; commend and congratulate upon celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

H. R. No. 42: Joe C. Bradford; commend his life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 43: Lanier High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 44: James Lockett; commend and congratulate upon being named 2020 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year.

H. R. No. 45: Dorothy Jean Murray-Gilbert; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy of upon her passing.

H. R. No. 46: Emanuel F. Barnes, Sr.; commend upon his retirement from Alcorn State University.

H. R. No. 47: Madison Central High School Girls Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 6A Girls North State Soccer Championship.

H. R. No. 48: Madison Central High School Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA 6A State Soccer Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 49: Alfred "Skip" Robinson; honor legacy and recognize many outstanding civil rights accomplishments.

H. R. No. 50: Representative Sara Richardson Thomas; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon her retirement.

H. R. No. 51: Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi; declare March 21, 2021, as.

H. R. No. 52: Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Soccer Championship.

H. R. No. 53: Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America of First Baptist Church of Jackson; commemorate 100th anniversary.

H. R. No. 54: "Bugg" Mills; commend upon being named the 2020 "Farm Dog of the Year" by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

H. R. No. 55: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Day in Mississippi; declare March 23, 2021 as.

H. R. No. 56: Jackson State University Men's Basketball Team; commend upon winning SWAC regular season championship.

H. R. No. 57: Melvyn Eugene "Man" Page; mourn the loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 58: Dayzsha Rogan; commend Jackson State Lady Tiger upon being named 2020-2021 SWAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 59: Curtis Whitley; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 60: Robert Earl Hill, Sr.; commend upon celebration of his 101st birthday.

H. R. No. 61: Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020.

H. R. No. 62: Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2021 Cricket Wireless Women's Basketball Tournament.

H. R. No. 63: The Jones Act; affirm support for and celebrate the centennial anniversary of its passage.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carolyn Ree Shook, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert, Evans (45th) and Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hardy Graham, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson (122nd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles "Charlie" Perniciaro, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of R. W. "Rudolph" Wade, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara Elaine Cuevas, Donald Ray Necaise, Kathryn Meighen, Beverly Ann Singley, Robert Edward Seal, Donald Ray Saucier, Joseph Louis Lakota, Kimberly Clark Cuevas, and Robert King Morris, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hood moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Edward Draine, Margaret Ann Nunn Stevens, Delores Christine Hatcher, Howard Lyndon Cooper, Deborah Kilgore, Sharon L. Hughes, Billy Morris Smallwood, Jr., Joshua Adam "Josh" White, Billy Hays, William E. "Boukum" Bright, Zane Vanlandingham, Bobby Burdine, Reginald LuRue Washington, Vivian Cassie Mae Ashford, Virginia Whitt Castle, Robert Earl Tate, Harold Vanderford, Evelyn Cummings Dean, Jimmy Ray Caffey, Frank Allen Sanders, Marcia Collins, Jerry Wayne Raybourn, Ouida A. Richardson Loper, Larry Lloyd McIntire, and Alvin Delay "Al" Montgomery, Sr., which motion prevailed.

At 10:53 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Sunday, March 28, 2021, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FIRST DAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

(EIGHTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Guice.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1509: Hancock County; extend the date of repeal on the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and hotel/motel tax.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

H. B. No. 1414: Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem tax; provide assessment rate for transformative renewable energy project property designated by the county board.

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1077: Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2035: Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2294: Veteran Driver's License Designation; allow proof of military service in person.

Adopted: 03/27/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 754: Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan.

S. B. No. 2024: Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities.

S. B. No. 2121: Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of.

S. B. No. 2267: Teacher license; allow reciprocity if teacher possesses standard license from other state.

Adopted: 03/27/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1502: MS Coast Transportation Authority; authorize to bear the full cost of processing electronic payments.

H. B. No. 1504: City of Forest; authorize a tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1335: Lincoln County; include food sold at county's civic center as retail merchandise when processing electronic payments for such merchandise.

H. B. No. 1350: City of Ripley; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tax.

H. B. No. 1434: Tallahatchie County; authorize contributions to Mid-State Opportunity, Inc.

H. B. No. 1438: City of Petal; authorize a tax on hotels, motels, bars and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

H. B. No. 1453: City of Booneville; extend date of repeal on city's hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

H. B. No. 1465: Town of Mize; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

H. B. No. 1466: Oxford Municipal Reserve and Trust Fund; make technical correction concerning certain internal reference within.

H. B. No. 1479: City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1482: City of Indianola; extend repeal date on tourism commission and hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

H. B. No. 1483: City of Senatobia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1487: City of Vicksburg; authorize to execute certain agreement to make contributions to Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Foundation.

H. B. No. 1490: Coahoma County; authorize contributions to Tri-County Workforce Alliance.

H. B. No. 1491: Coahoma County; authorize contributions to the Family and Youth Opportunities, Inc.

H. B. No. 1493: Jackson County; revise duties of civil service commission for sheriff's department relating to certain personnel matters.

H. B. No. 1497: Jackson County; direct contributions to Management and Operations for the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts and Education.

H. B. No. 1498: Holmes County; authorize contributions to P.E.A.R.L.S. Mentoring for Girls, Inc.

H. B. No. 1499: Holmes County; authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

H. B. No. 1500: Holmes County; authorize transfer of funds/property from defunct county economic development authority to county economic development district.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3088: City of Baldwyn; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 82: (Representatives McKnight, Bennett) Superintendent Roy Gill; congratulate on the occasion of retirement from the Harrison County School District. Rules.

H. R. No. 83: (Representative Robinson) Reverend Gerald F. Sawyer; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 84: (Representatives Gunn, Johnson) Joe Robinson; commend esteemed career of service with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon his retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 85: (Representative Carpenter) Lieutenant Jerry "Ten Speed" Boyd; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement from the Corinth Police Department. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

S. B. No. 3088: City of Baldwyn; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 57: The Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice; urge to create a study committee to consider and recommend proposals. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 59: MS Tails n' Scales program; recognize as best scientific information available for monitoring red snapper catch and effort in MS. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 60: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 21, 2021, as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 61: New Site Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 64: Holmes County Central High School Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 65: Holmes County Central High School Lady Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon finishing runner-up for Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 66: Honorable Judith "Judy" Hall McLeod; commend distinguished career as Ward 2 Alderwoman for the City of Louisville upon her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 67: Don Kessinger; congratulate upon occasion of the retirement of his jersey number by the University of Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 68: MS Tails N' Scales program; recognize as best scientific information available for monitoring red snapper catch and effort in MS. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 69: Billy "Jackie" F. Miller; mourn loss and commemorate the life of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 70: Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi; commend for its outstanding and compassionate works in granting wishes of terminally ill MS children. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 71: Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency; support and oppose new federal regulations on. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 72: Mayor Leo "Chipper" McDermott; congratulate upon retirement and commend for exceptional service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 73: Tishomingo County High School Cheerleading Squad; commend for winning the 2020 MHSAA State Cheerleading Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 74: Coahoma Community High School Boys Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 75: Coahoma Community College Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning North District Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 76: Lumberton High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 77: Popp's Ferry Elementary School; commend for receiving the 2020 National Blue Ribbon School Award. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 78: Long Beach High School Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 79: Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend upon winning first-ever Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 80: Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 2-9, 2021, as week of observance of in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 81: Alan Dedeaux; congratulate upon the occasion of retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 82: Superintendent Roy Gill; congratulate on the occasion of retirement from the Harrison County School District. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 83: Reverend Gerald F. Sawyer; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 84: Joe Robinson; commend esteemed career of service with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 85: Lieutenant Jerry "Ten Speed" Boyd; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement from the Corinth Police Department. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

At 2:04 PM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:14 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the Chair. A quorum was present

Rep. Read called up for consideration the following Conference Reports:

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

H. B. No. 1414: Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021.

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing conference reports were recommitted, for further conference.

Rep. Read called up for consideration the following Conference Reports:

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing conference reports were recommitted, for further conference.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1378: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1378: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, criminal investigators, tort claims assessments, and paying office expenses of district attorneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 25,196,499.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Prosecutor Compensation Fund, referred to in Section 99-19-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying salaries of assistant district attorneys of the state as authorized in Section 25-31-5(1) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 713,062.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds authorized in this section shall be used to reimburse district attorneys or their staff for taxable meals incurred within their geographical district.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated herein, office expenses of district attorneys as authorized by Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thirty-four Thousand Dollars (\$1,234,000.00).

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, office expenses and such funds for salaries shall be provided as authorized in Section 25-3-35(6), Mississippi Code of 1972, to fund the salary for one (1) full-time legal assistant in the Sixth Circuit Court District as authorized in Section 25-31-5(2)(f), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the district attorneys and assistant district attorneys of the state shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds provided herein, the district attorneys shall submit their Five-Year Strategic Plan(s) as required in Section 27-103-129(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SALARIES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OF THE STATE AND PAYING OFFICE EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total--1.

Present--Miles. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Fire Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 5,098,824.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Fire Academy which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022\$ 538,350.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	63
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal

Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Training	
Number of Students Trained	16,000
Average Cost per Student Trained (\$)	346.22

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Fire Academy shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds

as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the State Fire Academy for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1699, 2020 Regular Session to provide for Airport Rescue Crash Truck for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 84,500.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 10. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Fire Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 220,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE FIRE ACADEMY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Charles Busby

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1382: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1382: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

...\$ 1,545,238.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 215,258.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	9
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Office of Capital Post-Conviction for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds, as authorized in HB 1697, 2020 Regular Session to provide for prior year invoices and agency operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 51,724.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds reappropriated in Section 5, the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel is hereby authorized to pay

invoices submitted by Dr. Robert G. Stanulis, for services in prior fiscal years in an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Seventy-five Dollars (\$12,075.00).

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature the funds reappropriated in Section 5, that the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel is hereby authorized to pay invoices submitted by Dr. Robert D. Shaffer, for services in prior fiscal years in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF CAPITAL POST-CONVICTION
COUNSEL OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Jenifer B. Branning

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Hood. Total-2.

Present--Bain. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1383: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1383: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of State Public Defender of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 3,315,298.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	25
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Capital Defense	
Percentage of trial cases opened less than one year	75.00
Percentage Change in Running Average of Reversals due to Ineffective Assistance of Counsel	0.10
Average of Reversals due to Ineffective Assistance of Counsel	8

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of State Public Defender shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and

whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided in Section 1, Two Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$278,500.00) shall be provided for the Indigent Parental Representation for the purpose of contracting with trained and certified attorneys to represent indigent parents or guardians in abuse, neglect or termination of parental rights proceedings as provided under Sections 43-21-201 and 99-18-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Joseph M. Seymour

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Guice, Hood, Hudson, Taylor. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of the Attorney General for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 25,428,540.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Attorney General which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the office, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 7,022,208.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	94
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	243
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of the Attorney General shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Supportive Services	
Cost of Support Services as Percentage of Budget (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 5.10%	6.00
Training	
Ratings of Continuing Legal Education Training Presentation by Participants	95.00
Ratings of CRIMES System Training Presentation by Participants	95.00
Litigation	
Minimum Affirmations of Criminal Convictions (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	90.00
Minimum Affirmations of Death Penalty Appeals (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 83.33%	70.00
Minimum Denial of Relief in Federal Habeas Corpus (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 86.96%	95.00
Minimum Positive Results of Civil Cases (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 96.00%	98.00
Percentage Change of Affirmations of Criminal Convictions Attained (%)	0.00
Percentage Change of Death Penalty Review Cases Affirmed (%)	5.00
Percentage of Change of Appeals for	

	Relief in Federal Habeas Corpus Cases Denied (%)	0.00
	Percentage Change of Positive Results from Civil Cases (%)	0.00
Opinions		
	Assigned to Attorneys in 3 Days or Less (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 100.00%	100.00
	Opinions Completed in 30 Days or Less (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 76.00%	75.00
	Percentage Change of Opinion Requests Assigned to Attorneys Within 3 Days or Less (%)	0.00
	Percentage Change of Opinion Requests Completed Within 30 Days or Less (%)	5.00
State Agency Contracts		
	Good & Excellent Ratings for Legal Services (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 94.00%	100.00
	Percentage Change of Good/Excellent Ratings for Legal Services (%)	0.00
Insurance Integrity Enforcement		
	Minimum Positive Results of Workers' Compensation Cases (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	99.00
	Minimum Positive Results of Insurance Cases (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	99.00
	Percentage Change of Positive Results of Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud (%)	5.00
	Percentage Change of Positive Results of Other Insurance Cases (%)	0.00
Other Mandated Programs		
	Medicaid Fraud Convictions vs Dispositions (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 100.00%	85.00
	Medicaid Abuse Convictions vs Dispositions (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 95.00%	98.00
	Minimum Defendants Convicted after Indictments (PID) (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 96.00%	90.00
	Response to Consumer Complaints (Days) 2011-2012 Baseline: 3.14%	5
	Average Number of Days to Respond to Consumer Complaints	5
	Percentage Change of Medicaid Fraud Convictions vs Dispositions (%)	5.00
	Percentage Change of Medicaid Abuse Convictions vs Dispositions (%)	5.00
	Percentage Change of Defendants Convicted After Indictment (%)	0.00
Crime Victims Compensation		
	Claims Processed in 12 Weeks or Less (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 67.97%	57.88
	Percentage Change of Claims Processed Timely (%)	0.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds included therein which are derived from penalties and/or other funds collected by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit shall be available for the purpose of providing the state match for federal funds available for the support of the unit, or for other lawful purposes as deemed appropriate by the Attorney General. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that any penalties and/or other funds collected and/or expended shall be accounted for separately as to source and/or application of such funds.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be made available for expenditure by the Prosecutors Training Division.

SECTION 8. No part of the money herein appropriated shall be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received; however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 9. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Office of the Attorney General that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$680,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health for the Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Unit.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Five Million Six Hundred Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$5,690,346.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

State Prosecutor Education	\$	662,582.00
Crime Victims Compensation	\$	1,901,332.00
Vulnerable Persons Training, Invest and Prosecution Trust	\$	565,165.00
Child Support Prosecution Trust	\$	128,475.00
Law Enforcement & Firefighters Disability Benefits Trust	\$	133,666.00
Cyber Crime Unit	\$	944,722.00
Domestic Violence Training	\$	376,580.00
Children's Advocacy Centers	\$	554,489.00
Crime Victims Compensation Admin	\$	347,547.00
Motorcycle Officer Training	\$	62,763.00
District Attorney Operations	\$	13,025.00

It is the intention of the Legislature that the Attorney General's Office shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Chairmen of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives that details the expenditures made for programs supported from General Fund court assessments allocated in this section.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Attorney General for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds, as

authorized in HB 1694, 2020 Regular Session to provide for Case Management System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 646,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in this act, funds are provided to defray the expenses of litigation defending the constitutionality of Mississippi statutes.

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Percy W. Watson (No Signature)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Bell, C, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Scott. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Rosebud. Total-2.

Present--Hines, Karriem, Porter, Summers. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1386: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1386: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 9,646,364.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Archives and History which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 9,050,033.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	168
Part Time	5	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	8
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or

positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

With the funds appropriated herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is authorized to set the compensation of PINs 48 and 234 based on the education and experience not to exceed the end salary which may include realignment of the classification as established by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Archives and History shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Archives and History shall charge the maximum amount allowable for services rendered, consistent with the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

SECTION 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for the payment of rent for the museum and public space in the State Historical Museum, Old Capitol Restoration.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided to the Department of Archives and History from the Mississippi Landmark Grant Fund as created in House Bill No. 1082, Regular Session of 1999, to help support the preservation of Mississippi Landmark Properties.

SECTION 8. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the purpose of capital development and maintenance of Beauvoir Shrine, the last home of Jefferson Davis, the only President of the Confederate States of America, subject to approval by the Department of Archives and History. The expenditure of funds available in this section shall be subject to prior approval by the Department of Archives and History.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of supporting the Statewide Oral History Project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 45,748.00.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code

of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) is provided from Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Treasury fund created in Section 27-19-56.69(8), Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying the costs of repair and renovation of the New Capitol, the Old Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, and the War Memorial Building, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of funds.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1703, 2020 Regular Session to provide for the de la Pointe-Krebs House for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 651,319.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized in HB 1703, 2020 Regular Session to provide for Beauvoir, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 100,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 15. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

SECTION 16. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Mississippi Department of Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 300,000.00.

SECTION 17. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of funding Historic Site Preservation grants as created in Senate Bill 2834, 2021 Regular Session and administered by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$1,000,000.00.

SECTION 18. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Timmy Ladner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, Robert L. Jackson

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Young. Total-2.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1388: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1388: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022\$ 3,986,808.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Authority, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 8,916,173.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 86

Part Time 0
Time-Limited: Full Time 9
Part Time 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

Funds appropriated herein shall first be used for the continuation of a full and complete broadcast schedule of educational and instructional, professional growth, and public service programs, with the production of new films and programs to be secondary thereto.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level

of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$2,118,966.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor shall any personnel paid or equipment purchased with funds appropriated hereby be transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity or publication activities of such office.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall have the authority to expend funds in the Capital Equipment Replacement Revolving Fund, in accordance with Section 37-63-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of purchasing technical equipment for operating the educational radio and television facilities.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Content Operations	
Locally produced TV programs (Number of)	150
Locally produced radio programs (Number of)	1,092
Monthly average number of web site users (Number of)	4,500
New programs produced and broadcast related to Fit to Eat programming (Number of)	13
Increase in visitors viewing the Healthy Living related items on MPB site (%)	31.00
Radio broadcasts and TV alerts during times of emergency (%)	100.00
Education Services	
Increase in users using MPB Education online resources for Pre-K children and families (%)	15.00
Students served by the Digital Education Network (DEN) Classroom (Number of)	2,000
School Districts participating in the DEN Classroom (Number of)	30
Teachers taking e-Learning courses (Number of)	1,200
Teacher Continuing Education Units (CEUs) provided by e-Learning courses offered (Number of)	400
Increase of visitors to the MPB Education website (%)	20.00
Rotary clubs sponsoring with MPB (Number of)	20
Early childhood educators attending MPB resource workshops involving PBS and MPB programs/content (Number of)	250
Childcare centers using PBS content (Number of)	30
Parents participating in Parents Are Teachers Too (PATT) initiative (Number	

of)	300
Technical Services	
Transmitters on air (Number of)	8
On-air reliability (%)	99.95
IT Help Desk orders filled (Number of)	600

Administration

Community engagements/outreach events including virtual engagements (Number of)	125
State agency partners (Number of)	40
New grant dollars acquired (\$)	75,000.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that an amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot shall be paid to the Executive Office of the State Board of Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Authority for Educational Television may fund a program to focus on the manufacturing industry in Mississippi.

SECTION 12. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of tower maintenance and upgrades of the Educational Television Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 13. Mississippi Authority for Educational Television is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR
EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Timmy Ladner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby,

Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Aguirre, Bomgar, Brown, C, Calvert, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Kinkade, Ladner, McLeod, Newman, Owen, Powell, Rushing, Sanford, Shanks, Smith, Turner, Wallace, Williamson. Total--23.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Home. Total-2.

Present--Bounds. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1389: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1389: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Arts Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,169,164.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Arts Commission which is comprised of special source funds and donations collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,522,502.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	10
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	2
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Arts Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$490,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following:

Training of educators and promotion
of arts programs in public schools \$100,000.00.

Miscellaneous grants and programs \$ 350,000.00
Whole Schools Initiative \$ 40,000.00

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Arts Commission shall have the authority to transfer dollars appropriated herein designated for the "Challenge Program," specific amounts to a special fund in the State Treasury called the Arts Commission Challenge Initiative Fund. The unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and may be expended by the commission in subsequent fiscal years upon appropriation of the Legislature. Any interest earned on the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund and may be disbursed by the commission upon appropriations of the Legislature. It is the intention of the Legislature that the commission may award grants to arts organizations from monies in the fund and the grantees will be required to provide matching funds for the grants in an amount of not less than two (2) times the amount of the grant.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Timmy Ladner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, Robert L. Jackson

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Wallace, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1390: Appropriation; Library Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1390: Appropriation; Library Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Library Commission and for carrying out the provisions of Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 9,514,331.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Library Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 2,987,562.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	48
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

Funds to be distributed to eligible public library systems under the Personnel Incentive Grants Program shall be paid quarterly in advance on or before September 30, December 31, March 31 and June 30.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Library Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Four Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-seven Dollars (\$493,847.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Administrative Services	
Help desk tickets resolved (Number of)	1,350
Library Services	
Continuing education workshops held per year (Number of)	30
Increase of citizens informed by acquiring needed information through	

Mississippi libraries (%)	1.00
Library visits by commission staff (Number of)	175
Patrons utilizing Braille, Audio, etc (Number of)	3,500
Children participating in Statewide Summer Library program (Number of)	120,000
Items borrowed and loaned on the interlibrary loan system (Number of)	13,000
Items available for use statewide on the interlibrary loan system (Number of)	5,000,000
Searches on MAGNOLIA (Number of)	45,000,000
Items available for use at MLC (primary resource library) (Number of)	100,000

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated herein, Three Million Eight Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$3,884,675.00) is provided for the cost of health insurance for all full-time library staff members in each public library in Mississippi.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Timmy Ladner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Robert L. Jackson

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson,

Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 3393100000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds previously appropriated for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions, as authorized in House Bill No. 1705, 2020 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 62,940,672.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of special funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions that had been authorized by the Legislature in prior fiscal years.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 3390200000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session; HB 1616, 2018 Regular Session; SB 3015, 2017 Regular Session; SB 2911, 2016 Regular Session; SB 2902, 2014 Regular Session; and SB 2896, 2013 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,739,055.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 3390300000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 6,593,047.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at the Institutions of Higher Learning and Community and Junior Colleges and various state agencies and institutions.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493C00000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session; HB 1616, 2018 Regular Session; and SB 3015, 2017 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 477,879.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for upgrades and renovation of the water treatment facility at the Alcorn State University and related purposes.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 6493200000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; and House Bill 1667, 2019 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 207,965.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for improvements for the Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493300000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; and Senate Bill 3049, 2019 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 3,801,654.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense funds for construction and/or repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges that had been authorized by the Legislature in a prior fiscal year.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 7. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services is expressly authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state, local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of construction and/or repair and renovation projects.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING A REAPPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO REAUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR AND RENOVATION PROJECTS AT VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Karl Oliver

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1394: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1394: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 270,982.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 160,165.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	7
Part Time	1	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or

positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, Jeff Tate

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Guice, Karriem, Scott, Williams-Barnes. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1395: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1395: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the State Oil and Gas Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,315,432.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Oil and Gas Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise

available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 967,415.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	33
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Oil and Gas Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the

intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sampson Jackson II, Angela Burks Hill

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total-3.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Funds not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Public Service Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 4,355,157.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Public Service Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 493,431.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	61
Part Time	6	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	5
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and

Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Utility Regulatory Services	
Utility Docket Cases (Number of)	240
Utility Complaints (Number of)	4,560
Electric Complaints as a Percentage of Total (%)	48.00
Telecommunication Complaints as a Percentage of Total (%)	32.00
Water Complaints as a Percentage of Total (%)	10.00
Gas Complaints as a Percentage of Total (%)	8.00
Sewer Complaints as a Percentage of Total (%)	1.00
Average Cost per Utility Complaint (\$)	638.00
Time To Resolve Utility Complaints (Days)	3
Average Price of Electricity per Kilowatt Hour in MS for Residential Customers, by Utility Type: Investor-Owned Utilities (Cents/kWh)	0.11
Average Price of Electricity per Kilowatt Hour in MS for Residential Customers, by Utility Type: Electric Cooperatives (Cents/kWh)	0.11
Average Price of Electricity for Residential Customers in MS as a Percentage of the April 2016 National Average, 12.43 Cents/kWh - Investor Owned Utilities (%)	86.89
Average Price of Electricity for Residential Customers in MS as a Percentage of the April 2016 National Average, 12.43 Cents/kWh - Electric Cooperative (%)	95.14
Average Monthly Residential Electric Usage in MS (kWh)	1,200
Average Monthly Residential Electric Usage in MS as a Percentage of the 2015	

National Average, 909 kWh (%)	135.00
Pipeline Inspections (Number of)	630
Average Cost per Pipeline Inspection (\$)	883.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 5. None of the funds herein appropriated by this act to the Public Service Commission shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Mississippi Public Service Commission that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Service Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Public Service Commission to administer the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 66,372.00.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the Public Service Commission to administer the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 287,121.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Public Service Commission administration of the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 287,121.00.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Telephone "no-call"	
No-Call Complaints (Number of)	15,425
Average Cost per No-Call Complaint (\$)	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Service Commission shall compile the amount of time that is expended on each regulated entity during Fiscal Year 2021. On or before August 1, 2021, the Public Service Commission shall report these findings to the House of Representatives' Public Utilities Committee.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Pigott. Total--2.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1397: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1397: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Public Utilities Staff for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....

..... \$ 2,222,348.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Utilities Application Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the staff for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....

..... \$ 375,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	27
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Utilities Staff shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Guice, Hines. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1401: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1401: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022
\$ 33,274,222.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Health which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022
\$ 518,585,463.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, Five Hundred Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred Two Dollars (\$526,102.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund and Nine Million One Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$9,178,783.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund, created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the State Department of Health. The funds provided in this section shall be allocated as follows:

Maternal and Child Health Care

Program \$ 1,242,943.00

Health Department Programs \$ 8,461,942.00

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in this act, Twenty-eight Million Dollars (\$28,000,000.00) is allocated to the Trauma Care System. Of the General Fund court assessments provided in Section 1, Seven Million Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$7,023,197.00) shall be allocated for Trauma Care Systems and One Million Eight Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,805,859.00) shall be allocated for Emergency Medical Services. All additional funds are appropriated in Section 2. The State Department of Health may transfer a portion of Trauma Care System funds to the Division of Medicaid for the development and implementation of an enhanced reimbursement fee program related to trauma care and services, used to match federal funds, under a cooperative agreement between the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds authorized herein for the Trauma Care System shall be expended to the benefit of any hospital located outside the boundaries of the State of Mississippi, unless otherwise excepted in this paragraph. Funds shall be expended by the Mississippi Department of Health for distribution to the Regional Medical Center or Le Bonheur Children's Hospital at Memphis, located in Memphis, Tennessee, or the University of South Alabama Medical Center located in Mobile, Alabama, or the Joseph M. Still Burn Centers, Inc., located in Augusta, Georgia, or the Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstruction Center at Merit Health Central or any affiliates or any other Level 1 Trauma Center, or Tertiary Pediatric Trauma Center that participates in the Mississippi Trauma Care System, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Health.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Tobacco Control Program Fund, created in Section 41-113-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be allocated as follows:

University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer
Institute \$ 4,250,000.00
Department of Education - Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell -
Mary Sprayberry Public School
Nurse Program \$ 3,060,000.00
Attorney General's Office - Alcohol and
Tobacco Enforcement Unit \$ 680,000.00
University of Mississippi Medical Center -
A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT)
Center \$ 595,000.00
Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated
Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI) \$ 382,500.00
Mississippi Qualified Health
Center Grant Program \$ 3,400,000.00
Mississippi Health Care Alliance for the
Stroke System of Care Plan \$ 212,500.00
Mississippi Health Department Programs \$ 7,420,000.00

Of the funds appropriated in this section, the State Department of Health is authorized to expend funds to create and administer the Office of Tobacco Control within the department as outlined and created in Section 41-113-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Five Hundred Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$558,795.00) shall be allocated as follows:

Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST
Elevated Myocardial Infarction
Program (STEMI) \$ 139,700.00.
Mississippi Health Care Alliance for
the Stroke System of Care Plan \$ 139,700.00.
Mississippi Qualified Health Center
Grant Program \$ 55,880.00.
Mississippi Health Department Programs \$ 223,515.00.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
Permanent: Full Time 1,010
Part Time 4
Time-Limited: Full Time 1,391
Part Time 4

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise

authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

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Performance Measures

Target

Health Services

State infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	8.20
Percentage of women who received prenatal care in first trimester	73.40
Percentage of live births delivered	

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prior to 37 weeks of gestation	12.00
Teenage birth rate age 15-19 years (live births per 1,000 women age 15-19)	22.90
Percentage of newborns with positive and inconclusive genetic screens who received recommended follow-up	100.00
Percentage of adults who are obese (Body Mass Index of 30 or more, regardless of sex)	42.20
Health Protection	
Percentage of Mississippi population receiving water from a public water supply	92.00
Percentage of Mississippi population receiving optimally fluoridated water	59.00
Transfer time of Level III and IV trauma centers to appropriate facilities for treatment (minutes)	130
Communicable Disease	
Primary and Secondary Syphilis: Case rate per 100,000	23.50
Tuberculosis: Number of cases	55
Tuberculosis: Case rate per 100,000	1.75
HIV Disease: Number of cases	450
HIV Disease: Case rate per 100,000	15.10
Rate of two year old children fully immunized (National Immunization Survey: 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series - 19 to 35 months)	76.00
Tobacco Control	
Percentage of current smokers among public middle school students	2.60
Percentage of current smokers among public high school students	6.10
Percentage of current smokers among adults 18 years and older	19.80
Public Health Emerg Prep/resp	
Time required for command staff to report to Emergency Operations Center in response to a natural or man-made disaster (minutes)	20
Admin & Support Services	
Percentage of Mississippi population living in an area designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Mental Health	79.00
Percentage of Mississippi population living in an area designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Dental	46.00
Percentage of Mississippi population living in an area designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Primary Care	46.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds provided herein, the State Department of Health may provide and administer without charge, Hepatitis B vaccinations to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel who are in need of such vaccinations through job related exposure.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 34,342,704.00.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from the Department of Human Services, Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate special funds for the purpose of child care licensure. These funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no later than July 31, 2021. The State Department of Health shall make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health shall expend not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the funds appropriated herein for providing the oil known as "Lorenzo's Oil" for the treatment of the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), to children and Mississippi residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who have the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy and for whom Medicaid does not reimburse the cost of providing the oil. The department may also provide needed pathology and biannual MRI exams.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) are provided for the purpose of purchasing AIDS drugs and other necessary AIDS related medical services.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.

SECTION 16. In addition to all other funds heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Burn Care Fund which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of funding reimbursement for uncompensated medical care to Mississippi burn victims through the trauma care system at in-state burn facilities including the Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstruction Center at Merit Health Central or for uncompensated aero medical transportation to out-of-state qualified United States Burn Care facilities, and such other provisions necessary to provide burn care for Mississippi residents, including reimbursement for travel, lodgings, meals and other reasonable travel-related expenses incurred by burn victims, family members and/or caregivers, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,000,000.00.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Health shall implement same day service to receive birth and death certificates.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a report of all grants received by September 15, 2021. This notification will consist of the name of the grant and agency or nonprofit making the award, the award amount, and a short list of goals to be achieved.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall be the fiscal agent in all allowable grants awarded.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall come from the Department of Education for the purpose of maintenance of effort for the Early Intervention Program. These funds are to

be transferred to the State Department of Health no later than December 31, 2021. The State Department of Health shall make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department of Education.

SECTION 22. The Mississippi Department of Health is authorized to obtain a line of credit through the State Treasurer from the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or any other special source funds maintained in the State Treasury in an amount not exceeding Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to fund shortfalls which, from time to time, may occur due to insufficient working cash spent in anticipation of receiving federal reimbursement. The length of indebtedness under this provision shall not carry past the end of the quarter following the loan origination. Loan proceeds shall be received by the State Treasurer and shall be placed in a Mississippi Department of Health designated special fund account. The division may pledge as security for such interim financing future funds that will be received by the division. Any such loans shall be repaid from the first available funds received by the department in the manner of and subject to the same terms provided in this section.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 24. With the funds appropriated herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Health is authorized to set the compensation of all nurse PINs, Epidemiologists and Disease Intervention Specialist Series based on the education and experience of the incumbent not to exceed the end salary as established by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 25. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Chairman of the Board of Health may appoint an official replacement or representative with voting privileges to the Advisory Board of the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce.

SECTION 26. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Health Officer shall have the authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Health. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Health Officer shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$859,903.00) shall be allocated to the Domestic Violence program that is supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 28. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall have authority to escalate the various budgets in both funds and positions, with the approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from any special funds collected or available for HIV medical or support services, clinical quality management, and administrative expenses not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to the agency for expenditure. Upon such approval, the Mississippi State Department of Health may expend such funds in the manner authorized by law. Funds may be made available to local HIV/AIDS service providers.

The Executive Director of the Mississippi State Department of Health shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration a certified statement providing a detailed explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing positions.

SECTION 29. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 250,000.00.

SECTION 30. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount not to exceed Three Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$3,240,000.00) may be used to

purchase accumulated compensatory time incurred before June 30, 2022, by employees who are activated under emergency orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 31. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 32. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Burks Hill, Philip Moran

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Guice, Mims. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1402: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1402: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registered Foresters Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Board of Registration for Foresters for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 44,129.00.

SECTION 2. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Registration for Foresters shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAIVING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Joseph M. Seymour

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.
Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Guice, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1403: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1403: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the State Forestry Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 14,058,192.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Forestry Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the support and maintenance of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 11,996,306.00.

Of the funds specified in this section, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be deposited in a fund created in the State Treasury called the "Forest Improvement Revolving Fund." Money in this fund shall be used by the State Forestry Commission to assist in the reforestation and growth improvement of the forests, woodlands, and publicly owned lands of the state, including sixteenth section lands, Camp Shelby, Columbia Training School and colleges and universities. Landowners who contract with the commission for such work shall pay to the commission its actual cost for conducting such work. Money received for this work by the commission shall be paid into the State Treasury, and the State Treasurer shall deposit such money in the "Forest Improvement Revolving Fund."

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	352
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	7
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless

programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Forestry Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Forest Protection & Information	
Average Suppression Time (Hrs from	

Detection to Control)	3.00
Acres Burned under a Prescribed Burn	
Program (Number of)	14,500
Fires Suppressed at 100 Acres or less (%)	90.00
Forest Management	
Forest Resource Development Program	
Acres Regenerated or Improved	35,000.00
Acres monitored for Insect, Storm or Disease	19,800,000.00
Re-inventory 20% of State's Forest Lands	
(% of Regions)	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 6. There is created in the State Treasury a fund designated as the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving Fund to be used by the State Forestry Commission to assist in the conversion of vehicles acquired by the State Forestry Commission through the Federal Excess Personal Property Program or by volunteer fire departments through other means to adapt them for use in the suppression of wildland fires. This assistance shall be in the form of fabrication of water tanks or other accessories necessary for the operation of fire suppression units, installation of piping and valves, painting or other similar or associated component work necessary to place fire suppression equipment into service. It is not for general vehicle maintenance or repair.

The Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving Fund shall be funded by monies received from charges for work and services performed for volunteer fire departments by the State Forestry Commission. Monies collected from such charges shall be deposited into the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving Fund. The State Treasurer shall make disbursements therefrom for payment of materials, supplies and labor upon requisition of the Forestry Commission and upon the issuance of warrants therefor by the Department of Finance and Administration.

The amount of monies deposited into the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Fund through this work shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Funds in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be placed in the State Forestry Commission's regular appropriated special funds. Monies in this revolving fund are to be considered special funds and shall be carried forward from one fiscal year to the next.

SECTION 7. There is created in the State Treasury a fund designated as the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund to be used by the State Forestry Commission to direct forest management activities on the Camden State Forest in Madison County, Mississippi. The forest management activities will include, but not be limited to, maintenance of property, timber sale activities and regeneration work.

The Camden State Forest Revolving Fund shall be funded by monies received from timber sales, leases, and any other source. Monies collected from these income sources shall be deposited into the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund. The State Treasurer shall make disbursements therefrom for payments of materials, supplies and labor upon requisition of the State Forestry Commission and upon the issuance of warrants therefor by the Department of Finance and Administration.

It is the intention of the Legislature that any revolving funds in excess of the budgeted amount needed for the necessary operation and maintenance of all properties under the direct supervision and management of the State Forestry Commission shall remain in the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund for use in future years.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, it is the intention of the Legislature that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the Beaver Control or Eradication Program during the Fiscal Year 2022.

SECTION 9. Any funds in the Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits major object of expenditure may be used to purchase accumulated compensatory time within the funds available.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and

whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. Any person who was an employee of the Forestry Commission who was laid off during Fiscal Year 2006 shall be given first priority in any new employment by the commission.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sampson Jackson II, Benjamin Suber

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Lamar, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1404: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1404: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the commission and carrying out the provisions of Section 69-27-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 535,995.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 7,834,008.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	12
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	5
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission is authorized to retain all funds generated from the sale of equipment. Any funds made available from the sale of equipment shall be deposited into the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and shall be used solely for the purpose of purchasing equipment.

SECTION 6. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission is authorized to receive, budget and expend any proceeds derived from the sale of bonds authorized in Section 69-27-331 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. All expenditures shall be in accordance with conditions provided in Section 69-27-331 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) be used for the purpose of funding a Beaver Control Cost Share program. The Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for the establishment and operation of the program on a fund matching basis with the county unit of government. Funds not expended or encumbered in a county may be transferred to another county during the fiscal year. Only those funds specifically appropriated for the Beaver Control Cost Share program shall be used in any such program.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds

as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sampson Jackson II, Sarita Simmons

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Dewese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1408: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1408: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District, for the purpose of paying bond maturities, accrued interest, maintenance expenses, project development costs, and any other authorized expenses of the water management district, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 8,833,401.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	17
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. All monies in possession of the district in excess of necessary operating funds shall be deposited with a bank or banks selected by the board of directors of the district. These funds shall be deposited in such bank or banks and in such manner that interest earned shall be at least equal to interest earnings on state funds deposited by the State Treasury.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE TOMBIGBEE RIVER VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, William Tracy Arnold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, Albert Butler

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Huddleston. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1410: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1410: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Expense Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System, or out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Retirement System Building Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of maintenance and general operation of the Retirement System Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 19,603,302.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	167
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year

2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 4. In accordance with the purposes of this article, there shall be established in the State Treasury the Public Employees' Retirement System Building Repair and Maintenance Fund, into which shall be deposited all funds collected as rental income from the building owned by the system located at 301 North President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. At the end of each fiscal year, any and all unexpended funds shall be transferred to the Administrative Budget Fund of the system.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more than Three Million Five Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$3,538,000.00) is provided for the purpose of defraying those expenses associated with the replacement computer system.

SECTION 7. The Public Employees' Retirement System is further authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds for the purchase of service pins for employees of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided, only for the explicit purpose of building maintenance and repair.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Mac Huddleston, Karl Oliver

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2917: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2917: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-15-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 3,960,661.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the agency, for the support and maintenance of the agency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....

.....\$ 36,258,572.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	123
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	71
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency may, upon the request of a local public emergency management organization in an area which has suffered a natural disaster, supply equipment to rural water associations to enable their continued operation when the local emergency management organization determines that such private entities provide services essential to the welfare of the community.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall provide enhanced training to local governments, supervisors, mayors, civil defense groups and municipal associations in disaster management.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of defraying certain administrative expenses and the state share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including, but not being limited to, public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 585,056.00.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Fund Nos. 3725, 3728, 372U, 3729, 37AH, 6820174300, and 58202 for the purpose of defraying certain administrative expenses and the state and federal share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including, but not being limited to, public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 638,551,214.00.

SECTION 8. The funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 6 and 7 of this act are provided to defray certain administrative expenses and the state and federal share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs resulting from, but not being limited to, the following:

1604	Hurricane Katrina
4175	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding - Cities of Louisville & Tupelo
4205	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Marion County & City of Columbia
	Hazard Mitigation
	Other Needs Assistance
	Mississippi Temporary Housing Program
	Pre-Disaster Response
	Emergency Preparedness Programs
4429	Feb 22-March 29, 2019 Flooding
4450	Severe Weather April 13, 2019
4470	Severe Weather October 26, 2019
4478	Severe Weather January 10-11, 2020
4528	Coronavirus Pandemic

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4536	Severe Weather April 12, 2020 Easter Tornadoes
4538	Flooding Feb 10-18, 2020 (Pearl River Flood)
4248	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding - North Mississippi/Holly Springs
4268	Delta Flooding
4295	Pine Belt Tornado/Flooding
4314	Severe Storms, Flooding in Adams, Calhoun, Carroll, Claiborne, Holmes, Jefferson, Montgomery, Webster & Yazoo Counties
4350	Hurricane Nate
4415	Severe Storms, Flooding & Tornado in Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Marion, Newton, Perry & Wayne Counties
4551	Severe Weather April 22-23, 2020
3539	Hurricane Marco/TS Laura
3544	Hurricane Sally
3548	Hurricane Delta
3550	Hurricane Zeta
4576	Hurricane Zeta

SECTION 9. None of the funds appropriated in Section 6 shall be used to establish a special reserve fund in the State Treasury for disaster relief except as provided for in Section 33-15-307, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 11. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2022 Target
Performance Measures	
Emergency Mgmt Preparedness	
Percentage of the Affected Population Informed	100.00
Average Time to Deliver Goods and Services (Hours)	24.00
Recovery	
Number of Ongoing Projects	1,205
Number of Meetings Conducted	3,500
Average Cost Per Project	195,658.00
Percentage of Recovery Objectives Complete	100.00
Mitigation	
Number of Workshops Conducted	22
Number of Ongoing Projects	85
Average Cost Per Project	500,000.00
Reduction in Damage Due to Natural and Man-Made Incidents (%)	7.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall have authority to transfer not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from any general or special fund treasury fund and major object budget category to another special or general fund treasury fund and major object budget category accordingly under the control of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive

Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall submit a notification and summary of all state support funding on all disasters that require general funds or state support special funds to the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that from any funds appropriated in this act, the agency shall maintain a minimum of nine (9) Area Coordinators to provide daily assistance to local jurisdictions with emergency management activities as well as to provide quicker response to incidents and/or disasters. In addition, it is the intent of the Legislature that these Area Coordinators shall reside in or within fifty (50) miles of their assigned districts.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State Capital Expense, as authorized in SB 2938, 2020 Regular Session, to provide matching grant funds for Next Generation (NG) 911, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 240,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 17. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses for vehicles at the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 75,500.00.

SECTION 18. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act shall be under the direction of the Governor and shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A DISASTER RELIEF RESERVE FUND AND DEFRAYING THE COSTS RELATED TO CERTAIN DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Joseph M. Seymour

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore,

Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Karriem, Scott. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Guice. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2920: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2920: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 614,890.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	6
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the

expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature, that of the funds provided in Section 1, the Ethics Commission is hereby authorized to purchase and pay premiums for casualty insurance on passenger vehicles owned and operated by the agency.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Jenifer B. Branning

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Randy P. Boyd

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Guice. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2921: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2921: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 614,855.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Judicial Performance, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....\$ 40,029.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	5
Part Time		0
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time		0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Judicial Performance Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail

comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Jenifer B. Branning

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Guice. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2924: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2924: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Board of Tax Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 522,777.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	6
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or

positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Joseph M. Seymour

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Scoggin. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2925: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2925: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 5,269,686.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 75,000.00.

SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated herein, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	56
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action

increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds appropriated in Section 1, the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission shall enter into a contract with the industrial private sector for the purpose of implementing a safety education and training program.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Adjudication	
Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level Within 3 Months (Number of)	900
Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level Within 6 Months (Number of)	950
Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level Within 9 Months (Number of)	900
Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level Within 1 Year (Number of)	900
Self-insurance	
Percentage of Individual Self-Insurers Reviewed in the Past Fiscal Year (%)	34.00
Percentage of Individual Self-Insurer Reviews Conducted in the past Fiscal Year Showing That Reserves Are	

Insufficient to Cover Claims (%)	5.00
Percentage of Self-Insurance Groups Reviewed in the Past Fiscal Year (%)	100.00
Percentage of Self-Insurance Group Reviews Conducted in the past Fiscal Year Showing That Reserves Are Insufficient to Cover Claims (%)	0.00
Medical Cost Containment	
Fee Schedule Adjustments (Cost in Millions)	35.00
Medical Cost Savings to Payers (as a % of Total Billings)	46.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the salary of the Workers' Compensation Commission members shall be equal and the salary of the Commission Chairman shall exceed these salaries as approved by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Second Injury Fund (Fund Number 3352300000) for the purpose of making payments under the provisions of Section 71-3-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 100,000.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 75,000.00.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Brice Wiggins
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B,

Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2927: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2927: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of State Aid Road Construction Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of State Aid Road Construction of the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 195,514,836.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 54

Part Time 0
 Time-Limited: Full Time 0
 Part Time 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is authorized to be expended from funds received from the Mississippi Development Authority as reimbursements for actual expenses incurred by the Office of State Aid Road Construction for administering and providing engineering services to political subdivisions as authorized under Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972. Any such funds shall be deposited into the Office of State Aid Roads Administrative Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) is authorized to be

expended for the purpose of replacement of structurally deficient bridges on the Local System Bridge Program (LSBP).

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of State Aid Road Construction shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Administrative	
Administrative Costs as Compared to Construction Costs (%)	4.00
State Aid Construction Funds Allocated to Counties (%)	95.00
Number of Projects Let to Contract	175
Personnel Devoted to Construction Programs (%)	81.00
Federal Percentage of Total Project Fund Obligations (%)	35.00
Construction	
Reduction of Structurally Deficient Bridges (%)	0.00
Increase in Total Miles Paved (%)	1.00
Total State Aid Funds Available Programmed or Obligated to Projects (%)	75.00
Number of State Aid Projects Let to Contract	75
Number of Federal Projects Let to Contract	50
Number of State Aid Projects Completed	30
Number of Federal Projects Completed	20
Average Time from Initiation to Completion of a Federal Project (Days)	450
Number of Bridges Replaced or Repaired	85
Number of Structurally Deficient Bridges on the State Aid System	750
Average Cost of a State Aid/Federal Bridge Project	1,550,000
Local System Bridge	
Change in Deficient LSBP Bridges (%)	3.00
Average Number of Active LSBP Projects Per County	1
LSBP Funds Available Programmed or Obligated to Projects (%)	85.00
Number of LSBP Projects Let to Contract	55
Number of LSBP Projects Completed	70
Number of LSBP Bridges Replaced or Repaired	70
Number of Eligible Deficient LSBP Bridges	4,080
Average Time From Initiation to Completion of a LSBP Project (Days)	450
Counties Utilizing All of Their Available LSBP Funds (%)	30.00
Bridges Eligible for LSBP Funds (%)	10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 7. With the funds appropriated in this act, the Office of State Aid Road Construction shall notify members of the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives upon the award of projects within their respective districts and at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature." The signage shall further state the four-year legislative term in which the project was funded.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature to authorize the State Aid Engineer to utilize funds available to the Office of State Aid Road Construction, from any source herein appropriated or made available by the counties or any other source, to pay for costs necessary to comply with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and the Federal Highway Administration's requirements for bridge inspections and/or special studies necessary to comply with federal laws. The State Aid Engineer shall follow the same procedures as have heretofore been established by Sections 65-9-9, 65-9-15 and 65-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for payment of such costs. The Office of State Aid Road Construction may accept, budget and expend these funds subject to and in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal or state funds.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that in the letting of contracts for which the Office of State Aid Road Construction administers and provides engineering services to political subdivisions under the Economic Development Highway Act, bids may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive sealed bids once in a newspaper published or having a circulation in the county or municipality where the contract will be performed, and the date published for the bid opening may be not less than seven (7) working days after the advertisement is published.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, Tammy Witherspoon

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Busby, Dan Eubanks

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2937: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2937: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Gaming Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending

June 30, 2022 \$ 8,176,132.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 1,019,813.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	121
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, a portion shall be derived from the amount of forfeited property that is seized by the Gaming Commission, which shall be deposited into a special fund created by the Department of Finance and Administration and may be expended by the commission for the specific purpose of increasing law enforcement resources as outlined in Section 41-29-185, Mississippi Code 1972.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, a portion shall be derived from the amount that is received by the Gaming Commission under the Gaming Control Act, which shall be deposited into a special fund created by the Department of Finance and Administration and may be expended by the commission for the purpose of

investigating, permitting, interagency fees, and providing fingerprint analysis by the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Gaming Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Riverboat Gaming	
Annual State Riverboat Gaming Revenues (\$)	2,000,000,000.0
Casinos Regulated (Number of)	26
Average Cost per Employee to Total State Riverboat Gaming Revenues (\$)	16,025,457.00
Charitable Bingo	
Bingo Applications Received (Number of)	50
Bingo Halls Regulated (Number of)	68
Average Cost per Employee to Total State Charitable Bingo Revenues (\$)	4,676,905.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 9. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Gaming Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Kathy L. Chism

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Darnell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hopkins, Newman. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2945: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2945: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce's special fund account, to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the purposes of defraying the costs of prizes, premiums, judges and other actual and necessary costs of putting on the Dixie National Livestock Show at the State Fairgrounds in Jackson, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 954,150.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce as follows:

(a) For the support of annual roundup shows for junior exhibitors of junior steers, junior breeding cattle, beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 54,066.00.

(b) To supplement the funds paid by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for livestock premiums at the State Fair, all livestock premiums to be paid on the American system of judging (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) on all classes entered in the senior division for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 18,565.00.

(c) For the county livestock shows in offering and paying prizes or awards to competitors in the approved county livestock shows of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 12,644.00.

Provided, however, that of the amount herein appropriated in paragraph (c), not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be expended or used in any one (1) county of the state during each fiscal year. Provided, further, that none of the monies herein appropriated in paragraph (c) shall be used in offering or paying prizes or awards for any livestock show that is not held where there are adequate barns, pens and other facilities available for such a show.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that the management of such shows shall be in the hands of a county livestock association, and such association shall guarantee a minimum amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be used in the paying of prizes, premiums or awards, and after said county show has been held and premiums paid, fifty percent (50%) of the amount, not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be paid upon requisition to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that in any county which has two (2) shows with proper facilities, and a contiguous county has no such fair and desires to participate in a fair to be held in an adjoining county, each of the two (2) fairs in one (1) county may receive an equal proportion of the funds hereby appropriated, provided, both shows shall not receive an aggregate sum of more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(d) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) district livestock shows, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 54,585.00.

(e) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) state dairy shows as provided in Section 69-5-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 7,066.00.

Provided, further, that no part of the money herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be used for any other purpose than to pay premium awards at said shows and state shows and expositions receiving legislative appropriation shall not conflict in dates in order that livestock exhibitors may make the circuit of shows. Provided, further, that none of the above-mentioned funds shall be paid to any district shows unless shows are held prior to roundup.

Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be used in awarding prizes or premiums to 4-H Club members and Smith-Hughes School members and other boys and girls having entries in said shows.

All funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) for the five (5) district livestock shows and the five (5) fall state dairy shows shall be distributed in such manner that the livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each of the said five (5) district spring shows and the five (5) fall state shows. The management of each district spring show and each state fall show shall submit to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, within fifteen (15) days after the close of each said show, a full report on the number of exhibitors at each said show, with the grades and placings of the different classes of livestock exhibited.

The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, together with a committee of three (3) to be named by the President of the Mississippi Livestock Council

from that organization, shall summarize and prepare a unified list of awards for like classes in all spring district livestock shows and fall state dairy shows receiving state premium money, as authorized in paragraphs (d) and (e). The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall approve and present a requisition to the State Fiscal Officer for the payment of the amount of funds in paragraphs (d) and (e) due each show and said State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrant thereon, and it shall be paid by the State Treasurer.

Provided, however, as a condition of expenditure of the funds appropriated in paragraphs (d) and (e), that the board of directors of any district livestock show may, in its discretion, choose to hold its show in the fall instead of the spring. If district shows are held in both spring and fall, then all funds herein appropriated for the five (5) district livestock shows shall be distributed in such a manner that the spring livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district spring show, and the fall livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district fall show.

(f) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the Mississippi High School Rodeo for attending the national finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 11,884.00.

(g) For the support of the NCHA Eastern National Championship, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 42,730.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds in Section 2, any funds that are remaining at the end of the fiscal year may be transferred between the different show awards and prize monies, with the exception that no county show in paragraph (c) shall receive more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW; A ROUNDUP FOR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK AND GOATS; SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR LIVESTOCK PREMIUMS; COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS IN OFFERING AND PAYING PRIZES OR AWARDS TO COMPETITORS IN APPROVED COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE STATE DAIRY SHOWS; THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL RODEO; AND TO PROVIDE HOW SAID MONEY SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE STATE TREASURY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sampson Jackson II, Benjamin Suber
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J,

Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Deweese, Guice. Total-3.

Present--Hines, Porter. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2946: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2946: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries and defraying the expenses of the State Department of Audit in making the audits and investigations of public offices of the state and counties as provided by Section 7-7-201 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 8,363,577.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any special funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Audit's special fund account for the purpose of paying salaries and defraying the expenses of the State Department of Audit in making the audits and investigations of public offices of the state and counties as provided by Section 7-7-201 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 6,885,996.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	167
Part Time	3	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

Part Time 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Finance & Compliance	
County Government Audits (82) -	
Percentage Audited by CPA Firms (%)	70.00
County Government Audits (82) -	
Percentage Audited by OSA (%)	30.00
Single Audit Federal Program Coverage -	

Percentage Audited by CPA Firms (%)	0.00
Single Audit Federal Program Coverage - Percentage Audited by OSA (%)	100.00
CAFR Opinion Units - Percentage General Fund Assets (%)	75.00
CAFR Opinion Units - Percentage General Fund Reserves (%)	75.00
Technical Assistance	
Technical Assistance Inquiries (Number of)	6,100
Cost per Technical Assistance Inquiry (\$)	15.00
Customer Satisfaction Rating of 70% or Higher (%)	75.00
Investigations	
Recovered Embezzled and/or Misspent Funds as a Result of Investigations Conducted by this Office (\$)	600,000.00
Recovered Funds as a Percent of Total Misspent Funds (%)	18.00
Performance Audits	
Performance Audit Reports Completed (Number of)	10
Positive Changes Recommended in Performance Audits or Bond Monitoring Reports (Number of)	25

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, it is the intention of the Legislature that Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) is provided for the purpose of paying fees for a CPA Review Course for the Office of the State Auditor's employees to be reimbursed over a 12-month period by the employee taking the course.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Auditor is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from any source made available to comply with the Single Audit Act of 1984 for the purpose of employing staff, paying related expenses, or to engage private accountants, as necessary, to comply with the provisions of the act, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 8. No more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) may be provided to defray expenses incurred by the Office of the State Auditor pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Justice Federal Equitable Sharing Program. These funds may only be used for nonbudgeted law enforcement purposes by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Audit shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 10. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses for equipment and other

onetime expenditures of the State Department of Audit for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Eure, Guice, Holloway, Hood, Karriem, Scott, Summers. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2947: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2947: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, for the support of the State Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 11,517,996.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	86
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's

responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Banking and Consumer Finance shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Tammy Witherspoon

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Scott. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Guice, Karriem, Summers. Total-4.

Present--Clark. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2950: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2950: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 28,241,471.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services as provided in Senate Bill 2779, 2018 Legislative Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 25,010,850.00.

The funds in this section are provided to defray the costs incurred by the Department of Information Technology Services for providing telecommunication services, data center services, and/or other information technology services to state agencies.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	132
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award

salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of Information Technology Services (ITS) shall have authority to transfer an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) to the ITS Revolving Fund (3360900000). The purpose of this authority is to provide operating cash to alleviate cash flow problems in the ITS Revolving Fund. Any funds transferred during the fiscal year shall be transferred back to the State General Fund before the end of the lapse period for the fiscal year.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Wireless Communication Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....

..... 10,446,099.00.

The Wireless Communication Commission shall follow all state procurement and bid laws for all contracts and consultants.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	10
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

The commission is hereby authorized to escalate federal funds and other special funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the Wireless Communication Commission (WCC) shall be expended for the purpose of making a payment of any kind or for any purpose, directly or indirectly, to a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature, state official, WCC member, or person who has been a member of the WCC within the last year.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Information Technology Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request

for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Bart Williams

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Evans, B, Guice, Scott, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2952: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2952: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the State Personnel Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 4,195,168.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Personnel Board for the purpose of defraying the expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 113,803.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	41
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within

this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act may be expended until the State Personnel Board, based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, determines and publishes the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions for all agencies with compliance language in their appropriation bills.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Personnel Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses for the implementation of ERP Success Factors and other equipment of the State Personnel Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 113,803.00.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Personnel Board for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in SB 2973, 2020 Regular Session, to provide additional funding for the development of the variable compensation program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 130,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer, and the State

Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2954: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2954: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Treasurer's office which are collected by or otherwise become available, to defray the expenses of the Office of the State Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 5,713,711.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	42
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 3. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State

Treasury to the credit of the Education Improvement Trust Fund No. 3219 for the purpose of investing funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 150,000.00.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Trust Fund for the purpose of paying all amounts due for prepaid tuition contracts of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 35,000,000.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from any funds authorized for the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, for paying amounts due for prepaid tuition contracts of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program. Such funds shall be escalated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 5. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of said funds be used either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of the civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; provided that when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of the State Treasurer shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated to the State Treasury under the provisions of Section 1, the following amounts shall be available for expenditure in the following program budgets:

(a) Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program \$ 1,854,655.00.

(b) Mississippi Affordable College Savings
program \$ 177,860.00.

(c) Treasury Office - Support
programs \$ 3,267,827.00.

Further, no funds to the credit of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Administrative Fund shall be expended for purposes related to any program other than the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Scott. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying service charges to banks for acting as agents of the State of Mississippi in paying bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the state, this

appropriation to be available from the effective date of this act until such bonds shall be paid or until June 30, 2022, whichever shall first occur; and for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2022 \$ 438,569,629.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury which is comprised of special source funds and interest earnings on bond proceeds for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2022

\$ 30,514,951.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to expend any money in the State Treasury which is comprised of special source funds and interest earnings on bond proceeds for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the revenue bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2022 \$ 35,618,100.00.

SECTION 4. The several items covering maturing bonds and interest as evidenced by coupons on the bonds shall be paid out of the State Treasury as and when provided by law and according to the schedule of interest payments in the several issues of full faith and credit bonds or revenue bonds on which principal and interest is due and payable between the dates of July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend any excess funds which become available from interest earnings on bond proceeds or from loan repayments received pursuant to bond documents. Such funds shall be escalated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 hereof, the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is herein appropriated for paying bank service charges. Itemized statements of banks making service charges shall be attached to requisitions of the State Treasurer.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGES TO BANKS FOR ACTING AS AGENTS OF THE STATE IN PAYING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS AND INTEREST OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT UNTIL SUCH BONDS SHALL BE PAID OR UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022, WHICHEVER SHALL FIRST OCCUR; AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF MATURING BONDS AND INTEREST ON THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FALLING DUE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold,

Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Guice, McLean, Scott. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem tax; provide assessment rate for transformative renewable energy project property designated by the county board.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Boyd called up the conference report #2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 73-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-1. There is hereby continued and reconstituted a State Board of Cosmetology, composed of five (5) members to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and whose term of office shall be four (4) years from the date of appointment except as otherwise provided herein. However, no more than two (2) members shall be appointed from each Supreme Court district.

There shall be a president of the board and such other officers as deemed necessary by the board elected by and from its membership, provided that the member elected as president shall have at least one (1) year of experience on the board. Any member appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a term to begin on

or after July 1, 1997, who was designated by the Governor to serve as president of the board, shall be fully qualified to serve on the board for a full term of office, but shall not serve as president of the board unless elected by the membership of the board as provided under this paragraph.

To be eligible for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, the person applying shall have been a citizen of this state for a minimum of five (5) years immediately prior to appointment. Such person shall be at least thirty (30) years of age, possess a high school education or its equivalent, and shall have been a licensed cosmetologist with not less than ten (10) years' active practice in cosmetology. No member of the board shall be connected in any way with any school wherein cosmetology is taught, nor shall any two (2) members of the board be graduates of the same school of cosmetology.

However, in the event of vacancy by death or resignation of any member of the board, the Governor shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint a person possessing all qualifications required to serve the remainder of the term. Any member who shall not attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the board for reasons other than illness of such member shall be subject to removal by the Governor. The president of the board shall notify the Governor in writing when any such member has failed to attend two (2) consecutive regular meetings.

The salaries of all paid employees of the board shall be paid out of funds in the board's special fund in the State Treasury. Each member of the board, excepting the inspectors provided for herein, shall receive per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69, and shall be reimbursed for such other expenses at the same rate and under the same conditions as other state employees as provided for in Section 25-3-41.

The board shall give reasonable public notice of all board meetings not less than ten (10) days prior to such meetings.

SECTION 2. Section 73-7-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

73-7-2. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Cosmetology.

(b) "Cosmetology" means any one (1) or a combination of the following practices if they are performed on a person's head, face, neck, shoulder, arms, hands, legs or feet for cosmetic purposes:

(i) Cutting, clipping or trimming hair and hair pieces.

(ii) Styling, arranging, dressing, curling, waving, permanent waving, straightening, cleansing, bleaching, tinting, coloring or similarly treating hair and hair pieces.

(iii) Cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, beautifying or applying oils, antiseptics, clays, lotions or other preparations, either by hand or by mechanical or electrical apparatus.

(iv) Arching eyebrows, to include tweezing, waxing, threading or any other methods of epilation, or tinting eyebrows and eyelashes.

(v) Removing superfluous hair by the use of depilation.

(vi) Manicuring and pedicuring.

For regulation purposes, the term "cosmetology" does not include persons whose practice is limited to only performing makeup artistry, threading or applying or removing eyelash extensions; however, a person may perform a combination of not more than three (3) such practices and still be exempt from this chapter.

(c) "Cosmetologist" means a person who for compensation, whether direct or indirect, engages in the practice of cosmetology.

(d) "Esthetics" means any one (1) or a combination of the following practices:

(i) Massaging the face or neck of a person.

(ii) Arching eyebrows to include trimming, tweezing, waxing, threading or any other method of epilation or tinting eyebrows and eyelashes.

(iii) Tinting eyelashes or eyebrows.

(iv) Waxing, stimulating, cleaning or beautifying the face, neck, arms or legs of a person by any method with the aid of the hands or any mechanical or electrical apparatus, or by the use of a cosmetic preparation.

The term "esthetics" shall not include the diagnosis, treatment or therapy of any dermatological condition. For regulation purposes, the term "esthetics" does not include persons whose practice is limited to only performing makeup artistry, threading or applying or removing eyelash extension; however, a person may perform a combination of not more than three (3) such practices and still be exempt from this chapter.

(e) "Esthetician" means any person who, for compensation, either direct or indirect, engages in the practice of esthetics.

(f) "Instructor" means a person licensed to teach cosmetology, or manicuring and pedicuring, or esthetics, or all of those, pursuant to this chapter, and shall include those persons engaged in the instruction of student instructors.

(g) "Manicuring and pedicuring" means any one (1) or a combination of the following practices:

(i) Cutting, trimming, polishing, coloring, tinting, cleansing or otherwise treating a person's nails.

(ii) Applying artificial nails.

(iii) Massaging or cleaning a person's hands, arms, legs or feet.

(h) "Manicurist" means a person who for compensation, either direct or indirect, engages in the practice of manicuring and pedicuring.

(i) "Master" means a person holding a cosmetology, manicuring and esthetics license who has completed the minimum course of continuing education prescribed by Section 73-7-14.

(j) "Salon" means an establishment operated for the purpose of engaging in the practice of cosmetology, or manicuring and pedicuring, or esthetics, or wigology, or all of those.

(k) "School" means an establishment, public or private, operated for the purpose of teaching cosmetology, or manicuring and pedicuring, or esthetics, or wigology, or all of those.

SECTION 3. Section 73-7-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-3. The board shall be authorized to employ such clerical and stenographic assistance, bookkeepers, investigators and other agents as they may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and to fix their tenure of employment and compensation therefor. The members of the board shall file a bond with the Secretary of State in the sum of not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) payable to the State of Mississippi for the faithful performance of their duties. The bond shall be made by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, the premium of the bond to be paid out of any money in the board's special fund in the State Treasury.

The office of the board shall be located in the greater metropolitan area of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and in the event office space cannot be obtained in any state-owned building, the board is authorized to rent suitable office space and to pay therefor out of funds in the board's special fund. The board shall employ inspectors as needed, not to exceed seven (7), who shall be full-time employees and whose salaries and duties shall be fixed by the board.

The salaries of all paid employees of the board shall be paid out of the funds in the board's special fund. The inspectors shall, in addition to their salaries, be reimbursed for such expenses as are allowed other state employees under the provisions of Section 25-3-41. In addition to the paying of office rent, the board is authorized to purchase necessary office furniture and equipment, stationery, books, certificates and any other equipment necessary for the proper administration of this chapter.

SECTION 4. Section 73-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-5. (1) All fees and any other monies received by the board shall be deposited in a special fund that is created in the State Treasury and shall be used for the implementation and administration of this chapter when appropriated by the Legislature for such purpose. The monies in the special fund shall be subject to all provisions of the state budget laws that are applicable to special fund agencies, and shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer only upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer upon

requisitions signed by the president of the board or another board member designated by the president, and countersigned by the secretary of the board. Any interest earned on this special fund shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the fund and shall not be paid into the State General Fund. Any unexpended monies remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund.

(2) The State Auditor shall audit the financial affairs of the board and the transactions involving the special fund at least once a year in the same manner as for other special fund agencies. In addition, the Governor, in his discretion, shall have the power from time to time to require an audit of the financial affairs of the board, the same to be made by the State Auditor upon request of the Governor. The Governor shall have the power to suspend any member of the board who shall be found in default in any account until such time as it shall be determined whether such default was a result of an act of dishonesty on the part of the member, and in the event it is found that such default is an act of dishonesty, misfeasance or nonfeasance on the part of the member, such member shall be immediately removed by the Governor from office.

SECTION 5. Section 73-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-7. (1) The board shall have authority to make reasonable rules and regulations for the administration of the provisions of this chapter. The board shall set up a curriculum for operation of schools of cosmetology and the other professions it is charged to regulate in this state. The board shall receive and consider for adoption recommendations for rules and regulations, school curriculum, and related matters from the Mississippi Cosmetology Council, whose membership shall consist of, in addition to the board members, five (5) elected delegates from the Mississippi Cosmetology Association, five (5) elected delegates from the Mississippi Cosmetology School Association, five (5) elected delegates from the Mississippi Independent Beauticians Association, and five (5) elected delegates from the School Owners and Teachers Association. The board may revoke the license of any cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, instructor, school of cosmetology, or salon, or may refuse to issue a license to any cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, instructor, school of cosmetology, or salon that fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the board in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

(2) The board shall have authority to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations governing sanitation of schools of cosmetology and beauty salons for the guidance of persons licensed under this chapter in the operation of schools of cosmetology, or a beauty salon, and in the practice of cosmetology, esthetics, manicuring and pedicuring, and wigology. However, any and all rules and regulations relating to sanitation shall, before adoption by the board, have the written approval of the State Board of Health. When the board has reason to believe that any of the provisions of this chapter or of the rules and regulations of the board have been violated, either upon receipt of a written complaint alleging such violations or upon the board's own initiative, the board, or any of its authorized agents, shall investigate same and shall have authority to enter upon the premises of a school of cosmetology or salon at any time during the regular business hours of that school or salon to conduct the investigation. Such investigation may include, but not be limited to, conducting oral interviews with the complaining party, school or salon owner(s) and/or students of the school, and reviewing records of the school or salon pertinent to the complaint and related to an area subject to the authority of the board. Such investigation shall not include written interviews or surveys of school employees or students, and the privacy of patrons shall be respected by any person making such investigation.

(3) On or before July 1, 2001, the board shall adopt regulations to ensure that all fingernail service products used by licensed cosmetologists, manicurists and other licensees do not contain methyl methacrylate (MMA) as a monomer agent for cosmetic nail applications.

(4) If the board finds that a violation of the provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board has occurred, it may cause a hearing to be held as set forth in Section 73-7-27.

SECTION 6. Section 73-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-9. No person required by this chapter to have a license shall conduct a beauty salon or school of cosmetology, or practice cosmetology, esthetics, manicuring

and pedicuring, or practice as an instructor, unless such person has received a license or temporary permit therefor from the board. Students determined to have violated any of these rules or regulations prior to being licensed by the board shall be subject to the same discipline by the board as licensees. They may be disciplined and fined accordingly.

SECTION 7. Section 73-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-11. Each owner of a license issued by the board under the provisions of this chapter shall display the license in a conspicuous place in his or her principal office, place of business or employment, at all times.

Each practitioner and instructor license shall contain a head photograph of the license holder, the person's name, and the type of license held by the person. The requirements of this section shall apply at the time of issuance of a new license or at the time of renewal of an existing license.

SECTION 8. Section 73-7-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

73-7-12. * * * Effective January 1, 2020, the State Board of Cosmetology shall terminate its student testing contract with proper notice and shall conduct examinations for cosmetologists, estheticians, manicurists and instructors at such times and locations as determined by the board. The members of the board shall not personally administer or monitor the examinations, but the board shall contract for administrators of the examinations. A member of the board shall not receive any per diem compensation for any day that the member is present at the site where the examinations are being administered.

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SECTION 9. Section 73-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-13. (1) The board shall admit to examination for a cosmetology license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who (a) is at least seventeen (17) years of age, (b) can read, write and speak English, (c) has successfully completed no less than fifteen hundred (1500) hours over a period of no less than nine (9) months in a licensed school of cosmetology, and (d) has a high school education or its equivalent or has been successfully enrolled in a community college.

(a) The board may, in its discretion, issue to any student who has completed the prescribed hours in a licensed school and paid the required fee a temporary permit until such time as the next examination may be held, but such student shall be issued only one (1) temporary permit. Application for an examination and license shall be accompanied by two (2) passport photographs of the applicant. No temporary permit will be issued to an applicant from any other state to operate a beauty salon or school of cosmetology in this state unless in case of emergency.

(b) Applicants for the cosmetologist examination, after having satisfactorily passed the prescribed examination, shall be issued a cosmetology license which until June 30, 2001, shall be valid for one (1) year, and after July 1, 2001, shall be valid for two (2) years, and all those licenses shall be subject to renewal.

(c) Any barber who can read, write and speak English and has successfully completed no less than fifteen hundred (1500) hours in a licensed barber school, and who holds a current valid certificate of registration to practice barbering and who holds a current valid license, is eligible to take the cosmetology examination to secure a cosmetology license upon successfully completing five hundred (500) hours in a licensed school of cosmetology. All fees for application, examination, registration and renewal thereof shall be the same as provided for cosmetologists.

(2) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

(3) Any licensed cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist who is registered but not actively practicing in the State of Mississippi at the time of making application for renewal, may apply for registration on the "inactive" list. Such "inactive" list shall be maintained by the board and shall set out the names and post office addresses of all persons registered but not actively practicing in this state, arranged alphabetically by name and also by the municipalities and states of their last-known professional or

residential address. Only the cosmetologists, estheticians and manicurists registered on the appropriate list as actively practicing in the State of Mississippi shall be authorized to practice those professions. For the purpose of this section, any licensed cosmetologist, esthetician or manicurist who has actively practiced his or her profession for at least three (3) months of the immediately preceding license renewal period shall be considered inactive practice. No cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist shall be registered on the "inactive" list until the person has furnished a statement of intent to take such action to the board. Any licensed cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist or wigologist registered on the "inactive" list shall not be eligible for registration on the active list until either of the following conditions have been satisfied:

(a) Written application shall be submitted to the State Board of Cosmetology stating the reasons for such inactivity and setting forth such other information as the board may require on an individual basis and completion of the number of clock hours of continuing education as approved by the board; or

(b) Evidence to the satisfaction of the board shall be submitted that they have actively practiced their profession in good standing in another state and have not been guilty of conduct that would warrant suspension or revocation as provided by applicable law; and

(c) Payment of the fee for processing such inactive license shall be paid biennially in accordance to board rules.

SECTION 10. Section 73-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-14. (1) Any person who holds a current, valid cosmetology, manicuring or esthetics license may be licensed as a master cosmetologist, manicurist or esthetician if he or she has been a licensed cosmetologist, manicurist or esthetician in this state for a period of not less than twelve (12) months, and has completed a minimum course of sixteen (16) hours' study in continuing education approved by the board within the licensing period preceding initial application for the license, and has paid the original license fee. Master cosmetologist, manicurist or esthetician licenses shall be renewable upon completion of a minimum course of eight (8) hours' study in continuing education approved by the board within a licensing period and payment of the required renewal fee. This is an optional license and persons who do not wish to complete the continuing education requirement may obtain a cosmetology license when renewing their license.

(2) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. Section 73-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-15. (1) The board shall admit to examination for a cosmetology instructor's license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

(a) Is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;

(b) Can read, write and speak English;

(c) Is a graduate of a licensed cosmetology school;

(d) Has a high school education or its equivalent;

(e) Has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school of cosmetology;

(f) Has successfully completed six (6) semester hours in college courses approved by the board;

(g) Holds a current, valid Mississippi cosmetology license; and

(h) Has at least one (1) year active practical experience as a cosmetologist or, as an alternative to such experience, has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school of cosmetology.

(2) The board shall admit to examination for an esthetics instructor's license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

(a) Is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;

(b) Can read, write and speak English;

(c) Has a high school education or its equivalent;

(d) Has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school in which the practice of esthetics is taught;

(e) Has successfully completed six (6) semester hours in college courses approved by the board;

(f) Holds a current, valid Mississippi esthetician's license; and

(g) Has had one (1) year of active practical experience as an esthetician or, as an alternative to such experience, has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school in which the practice of esthetics is taught.

(3) The board shall admit to examination for a manicurist instructor's license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

(a) Is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;

(b) Can read, write and speak English;

(c) Has a high school education or its equivalent;

(d) Has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school in which the practice of manicuring is taught;

(e) Has successfully completed six (6) semester hours in college courses approved by the board;

(f) Holds a current, valid Mississippi manicurist's license; and

(g) Has had one (1) year of active practical experience as a manicurist or, as an alternative to such experience, has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of instructor training in a licensed school in which the practice of manicuring is taught.

(4) Applicants shall satisfactorily pass the examination prescribed by the board for licensing instructors prior to the issuance of the licenses provided for in this section. However, the board may, in its discretion, issue a temporary instructor's permit until such time as the next examination may be held, but such applicant shall be issued only one (1) temporary permit. All applications for an instructor's examination shall be accompanied by two (2) recent head photographs of the applicant.

(5) All instructors licensed pursuant to this section shall biennially obtain twenty-four (24) clock hours of continuing education in teacher training instruction in cosmetology or esthetics or manicuring, as the case may be, as approved by the board. Any instructor who fails to obtain the continuing education required by this subsection shall not be allowed to instruct nor enroll students under his or her license until such education requirement has been met. The board may issue an inactive instructor's license to such instructors, and an inactive license may be converted into an active license after proof satisfactory to the board of completion of at least twenty-four (24) clock hours of approved continuing education required for teacher training instruction.

(6) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

SECTION 12. Section 73-7-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-16. (1) All schools of cosmetology or school owners shall have a school license and shall pay to the board the required license fee biennially therefor. A grace period of sixty (60) days will be given in which to renew the license, and upon the expiration of the grace period of sixty (60) days, any applicant for the renewal of a school license will be required to pay a delinquent fee in addition to the renewal fee. The board is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate necessary and reasonable rules and regulations for the issuance and renewal of school licenses. However, the board shall not refuse to issue or renew a school's license because of the number of schools already in that area of the state, and any rule promulgated by the board for that purpose shall be null and void.

(2) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

(3) The board shall require all schools of cosmetology to only admit students who have not less than a Tenth-Grade education or a high school diploma or its equivalency.

SECTION 13. Section 73-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-17. (1) All salon owners shall have a salon license and shall pay to the board the required license fee therefor and pay the required renewal fee for renewal thereof. A grace period of sixty (60) days will be given in which to renew the license, and upon the expiration of the grace period of sixty (60) days any applicant for the renewal of a salon license will be required to pay a delinquent fee in addition to the renewal fee. A salon license that has been expired for over one (1) year is nonrenewable and requires a new application. Prior to the initial issuance of such license, the board shall inspect the premises to determine if same qualifies with the law, upon payment by the applicant of the required inspection fee.

(2) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 14. Section 73-7-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-18. (1) The board shall admit to examination for an esthetician's license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

- (a) Is not less than seventeen (17) years of age;
- (b) Can read, write and speak English;
- (c) Has a high school education or its equivalent; and
- (d) Has successfully completed a course of training in esthetics of

not less than six hundred (600) hours in an accredited school in which the practice of esthetics is taught, including not less than one hundred (100) hours of theory and five hundred (500) hours of skill practice.

Any licensed esthetician wishing to acquire a cosmetology license may apply the six hundred (600) hours of esthetics training toward the requirements for a cosmetology license.

(2) Every person who has completed not less than three hundred fifty (350) hours of training in esthetics approved by the board in this or any other state prior to July 1, 1987, shall be registered with the board within a period not exceeding six (6) months after July 1, 1987, and shall be granted an esthetician's license by the board if such person presents satisfactory evidence to the board that he or she has fulfilled all the requirements to be admitted to examination except the training hours requirement.

(3) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 15. Section 73-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-19. (1) Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, all licenses shall be renewed biennially under the fee schedule in Section 73-7-29. Applications for renewal of licenses for cosmetologists, estheticians, manicurists and instructors must be accompanied by the required renewal fee. A grace period of sixty (60) days will be given in which to renew the license; and upon the expiration of the grace period of sixty (60) days, any applicant for the renewal of a license will be required to pay the required renewal fee and a delinquent fee in addition to the renewal fee. The fees may be paid by either personal or certified check, cash or money order, under such safeguards, rules and regulations as the board may prescribe. Checks returned to the board because of insufficient funds shall result in nonrenewal of the license, which will require the penalty fee for insufficient fund checks plus all other amounts due for renewal of the license before the license may be renewed. After one (1) year has passed from the expiration date of the license, a delinquent fee must be paid for each year up to three (3) years, after which the required examination must be taken. All applications for examination required by this chapter shall expire ninety (90) days from the date thereof.

(2) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

SECTION 16. Section 73-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-21. (1) The board shall admit to examination for a manicurist's license any person who has made application to the board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

- (a) Is at least seventeen (17) years of age;
- (b) Can read, write and speak English;
- (c) Has successfully completed no less than three hundred fifty (350) hours of practice and related theory in manicuring and pedicuring over a period of no less than nine (9) weeks in an accredited school of cosmetology in this or any other state; and
- (d) Has a high school education or its equivalent.

(2) Licensed manicurists desiring to pursue additional hours to be eligible for a license as a cosmetologist may be credited with the three hundred fifty (350) hours acquired in studying and training to be a manicurist which may be applied to the number of hours required for a cosmetology license examination.

(3) The board shall adopt regulations governing the use of electric nail files for the purpose of filing false or natural nails.

(4) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

SECTION 17. Section 73-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-23. (1) The board may, upon application, issue a license by reciprocity to any cosmetologist, esthetician or manicurist over the age of seventeen (17) years from any other state who has satisfactorily completed the required number of accredited hours in that state, provided the state board from which the applicant comes issues to cosmetologists, estheticians or manicurists, as the case may be, from the State of Mississippi a license under the same conditions. Applications must be accompanied by (a) proof satisfactory to the board that the required hours have been completed, and (b) the required reciprocity fee, which shall be paid to the board.

(2) An instructor from any other state may be qualified for a Mississippi instructor's license upon presenting a valid instructor's license and proof of a high school education or its equivalent, provided that the instructor (a) is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age, (b) has completed training equivalent to the State of Mississippi's training as provided in Section 73-7-15 or has three (3) years or more of experience as a licensed instructor prior to application, (c) can read, write and speak English, (d) has completed twelve (12) semester hours in college courses approved by the board, and (e) has completed a minimum of five (5) continuing education hours in Mississippi board laws, rules and regulations. Such application must be accompanied by two (2) recent passport photographs of the applicant. Applicants shall pay the required license fee.

(3) An applicant for a Mississippi instructor's license by reciprocity who has not completed the college courses requirement at the time of application may apply for a onetime temporary teaching permit, which shall be valid for six (6) months and shall be nonrenewable. Such application must be accompanied by proof of enrollment in college course(s), required permit fee, two (2) recent passport photographs of the applicant and other documentation as required for application for a Mississippi instructor's license by reciprocity. Upon proof of completion of college courses and payment of the required license fee, a Mississippi instructor's license shall be issued.

(4) The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

SECTION 18. Section 73-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-25. Every demonstrator in the field of cosmetology shall, before making demonstrations in a salon or school, apply for and obtain a permit from the board. For such permit, which shall be for one (1) year, the required fee shall be paid to the board. This section shall be construed to apply to demonstrators in salons and schools.

SECTION 19. Section 73-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-27. (1) Any complaint may be filed with the board by a member or agent of the board or by any person charging any licensee of the board with the commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subsection (2) of this section. Such complaint shall be in writing, signed by the accuser or accusers, and verified under oath, and such

complaints shall be investigated as set forth in Section 73-7-7. If, after the investigation, the board through its administrative review agents determines that there is not substantial justification to believe that the accused licensee has committed any of the offenses enumerated, it may dismiss the complaint or may prepare a formal complaint proceeding against the licensee as hereinafter provided. When used with reference to any complaint filed against a licensee herein, the term "not substantial justification" means a complaint that is frivolous, groundless in fact or law, or vexatious, as determined by unanimous vote of the board. In the event of a dismissal, the person filing the accusation and the accused licensee shall be given written notice of the board's determination. If the board determines there is reasonable cause to believe the accused has committed any of those offenses, the secretary of the board shall give written notice of such determination to the accused licensee and set a day for a hearing as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(2) The board shall have the power to revoke, suspend or refuse to issue or renew any license or certificate provided for in this chapter, and to fine, place on probation and/or otherwise discipline a student or licensee or holder of a certificate, upon proof that such person: (a) has not complied with or has violated any of the rules and regulations promulgated by the board; (b) has not complied with or has violated any of the sections of this chapter; (c) has committed fraud or dishonest conduct in the taking of the examination herein provided for; (d) has been convicted of a felony; (e) has committed grossly unprofessional or dishonest conduct; (f) is addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors or to the use of drugs to such an extent as to render him or her unfit to practice in any of the practices or occupations set forth in this chapter; (g) has advertised by means of knowingly false or deceptive statements; or (h) has failed to display the license or certificate issued to him or her as provided for in this chapter; or (i) has been convicted of violating any of the provisions of this chapter. A conviction of violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be grounds for automatic suspension of the license or certificate of such person.

(3) The board shall not revoke, suspend or refuse to issue or renew any license or certificate, or fine, place on probation or otherwise discipline any person in a disciplinary matter except after a hearing of which the applicant or licensee or holder of the certificate affected shall be given at least twenty (20) days' notice in writing, specifying the reason or reasons for denying the applicant a license or certificate of registration, or in the case of any other disciplinary action, the offense or offenses of which the licensee or holder of a certificate of registration is charged. Such notice may be served by mailing a copy thereof by United States first-class certified mail, postage prepaid, to the last-known residence or business address of such applicant, licensee or holder of a certificate. The hearing on such charges shall be at such time and place as the board may prescribe.

(4) At such hearings, all witnesses shall be sworn by a member of the board, and stenographic notes of the proceedings shall be taken. Any party to the proceedings desiring it shall be furnished with a copy of such stenographic notes upon payment to the board of such fees as it shall prescribe, not exceeding, however, the actual costs of transcription.

(5) The board is hereby authorized and empowered to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers. The process issued by the board shall extend to all parts of the state and such process shall be served by any person designated by the board for such service. The person serving such process shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by the board, not to exceed the fee prescribed by law for similar services. All witnesses who shall be subpoenaed, and who shall appear in any proceedings before the board, shall receive the same fees and mileage as allowed by law.

(6) Where in any proceeding before the board any witness shall fail or refuse to attend upon subpoena issued by the board, shall refuse to testify, or shall refuse to produce any books and papers, the production of which is called for by the subpoena, the attendance of such witness and the giving of his testimony and the production of the books and papers shall be enforced by any court of competent jurisdiction of this state, in the same manner as are enforced for the attendance and testimony of witnesses in civil cases in the courts of this state.

(7) The board shall conduct the hearing in an orderly and continuous manner, granting continuances only when the ends of justice may be served. The board shall,

within sixty (60) days after conclusion of the hearing, reduce its decision to writing and forward an attested true copy thereof to the last-known residence or business address of such applicant, licensee or holder of a certificate, by way of United States first-class certified mail, postage prepaid. Such applicant, licensee, holder of a certificate, or person aggrieved shall have the right of appeal from an adverse ruling, or order, or decision of the board to the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, upon forwarding notice of appeal to the board within thirty (30) days after the decision of the board is mailed in the manner here contemplated. An appeal will not be allowed in the event notice of appeal, together with the appeal bond hereinafter required, shall not have been forwarded to the board within the thirty-day period. Appeal shall be to the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi. The appeal shall thereupon be heard in due course by the court which shall review the record and make its determination thereon.

(8) The appellant shall, together with the notice of appeal, forward to and post with the board a satisfactory bond in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the payment of any costs which may be adjudged against him.

(9) In the event of an appeal, the court shall dispose of the appeal and enter its decision promptly. The hearing on the appeal may, in the discretion of the chancellor, be tried in vacation. If there is an appeal, such appeal may, in the discretion of and on motion to the chancery court, act as a supersedeas. However, any fine imposed by the board under the provisions of this chapter shall not take effect until after the time for appeal has expired, and an appeal of the imposition of such a fine shall act as a supersedeas.

(10) Any fine imposed by the board upon a licensee or holder of a certificate shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) For the first violation, a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each violation.

(b) For the second and each subsequent violation, a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for each violation.

The power and authority of the board to impose such fines under this section shall not be affected or diminished by any other proceeding, civil or criminal, concerning the same violation or violations.

(11) In addition to the reasons specified in subsection (2) of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

SECTION 20. Section 73-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-29. The State Board of Cosmetology shall assess fees in the following amounts and for the following purposes:

(a) Initial license/renewal for cosmetologist, manicurist, esthetician, or wig specialist \$ 50.00

(b) Instructor initial license/renewal 80.00

(c) Master cosmetologist license/renewal 70.00

(d) Delinquent renewal penalty - cosmetologist, manicurist, esthetician, wig specialist and instructor 50.00

There shall be no renewal fee for any licensee seventy (70) years of age or older.

(e) Salon application and initial inspection 85.00

(f) Salon reinspection	35.00	
(g) Salon change of ownership or location,		
or both	85.00	
(h) Salon renewal	60.00	
(i) Salon delinquent renewal penalty		50.00
(j) Application and initial inspection for a		
new school	300.00	
(k) New school reinspection	100.00	
(l) School change of ownership	300.00	
(m) School relocation	150.00	
(n) School renewal	75.00	
(o) School delinquent renewal penalty		100.00
(p) Duplicate license	10.00	
(q) Penalty for insufficient fund checks		20.00
(r) Affidavit processing	15.00	

The State Board of Cosmetology may charge additional fees for services which the board deems appropriate to carry out its intent and purpose. These additional fees shall not exceed the cost of rendering the service.

The board is fully authorized to make refunds of any deposits received by the board for services which are not rendered. Refunds will automatically be made on overpayment of fees. Refunds will be made on underpayments by written requests from applicants. If no request for refund is made within sixty (60) days, the fees will be forfeited.

SECTION 21. Section 73-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

73-7-31. Nothing in this chapter shall apply to:

(a) Hairdressing, manicuring or facial treatments given in the home to members of family or friends for which no charge is made.

(b) Persons whose practice is limited to * * * only performing makeup artistry, threading or applying or removing eyelash extensions; however, a person may perform a combination of not more than three (3) such practices and still be exempt from this chapter.

(c) Barbers, and nothing in this chapter shall affect the jurisdiction of the State Board of Barber Examiners.

(d) Persons engaged in the practice of hair braiding as defined in Section 73-7-71 who have completed the self-test part of the brochure on infection control techniques prepared by the State Department of Health and who keep the brochure and completed self-test available at the location at which the person is engaged in hair braiding.

SECTION 22. Section 73-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-33. In addition to the rules and regulations that may be prescribed and promulgated by the board under authority of this chapter, the following rules and regulations shall be observed:

Every establishment must be kept sanitary, including all utensils and equipment, must be well ventilated and properly lighted. Each salon must be provided with hot and cold running water. Electrical appliances must be properly installed and grounded.

Cosmetologists shall be allowed to wear any type of clothing or apparel while at work as long as such clothing or apparel is sanitary.

Cosmetologists shall be allowed to use any type of hair roller as long as they do so in a sanitary manner.

Persons with a communicable disease or parasitic infection that is medically recognized to be a direct threat of transmission by the type of contact that practitioners have with clients are not to be permitted to practice in an establishment until their condition is no longer communicable under those circumstances. No work shall be performed on any patron having a visible disease unless the patron shall produce a certificate from a practicing physician stating that the patron is free from infectious, contagious or communicable disease. A cosmetologist's license does not authorize such person to treat or prescribe for an infectious, contagious or any other disease.

A home salon must have a solid wall to the ceiling with an outside entrance, or if a door exists between the salon and the remainder of the house, the door must be kept closed at all times while service is being rendered.

SECTION 23. Section 73-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-35. (1) No person licensed pursuant to this chapter shall practice his or her profession except within the physical confines of a salon possessing and displaying a properly executed license issued pursuant to Section 73-7-17. However, this requirement shall not prevent a person from rendering his or her services to any person who may be confined to his or her home, a hospital, or other place as a result of illness, and cosmetologists shall be permitted to render their services to deceased persons away from their salons.

(2) No salon owner licensed pursuant to this chapter shall allow a cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist to practice his/her profession in the salon without possessing a valid license issued pursuant to this chapter.

SECTION 24. Section 73-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

73-7-37. (1) The violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, including the use of fraudulent statements to obtain any benefits or privileges under this chapter or practicing one (1) of these professions without a license, shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable in any court of competent jurisdiction at the seat of government, and any person or firm convicted of the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The court shall not be authorized to suspend or suspend the execution of the fine required under this section.

(2) If any person, firm or corporation violates any of the provisions of this chapter, the secretary of the board, upon direction of a majority of the board and in the name of the board, acting through the Attorney General or an attorney employed by the board, shall apply in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, for an order enjoining such violation or for an order enforcing compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Upon the filing of a verified petition in the chancery court and after notice as provided under the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure, such court, if satisfied by the sworn petition, by affidavit or otherwise, that such person has violated any of the provisions of this chapter, may issue an injunction without notice or bond, enjoining such continued violation and such injunction shall remain in force and effect until a final hearing. If at such hearing it is established that such person has violated or is violating any of the provisions of this chapter, the court may enter a decree permanently enjoining such violation or enforcing compliance with this chapter. In addition, the court may enter a judgment against such person for attorney's fees, court costs and the actual costs incurred by the board in investigating the actions of such person for which the board brought the suit for an injunction. In case of violation of any decree issued in compliance with this subsection, the court may punish the offender for contempt of court and the court shall proceed as in other cases.

(3) The proceedings in this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of the other remedies and penalties provided in this chapter.

SECTION 25. Section 73-7-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-7-63. Sections 73-7-1 through 73-7-37, which create the State Board of Cosmetology and prescribe its duties and powers, shall stand repealed * * * on July 1, * * * 2024.

SECTION 26. Section 73-5-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-5-41. (1) The following persons are exempt from the provisions of this chapter, wholly in the proper discharge of their professional duties, to wit:

(a) Persons authorized by the law of Mississippi to practice medicine and surgery.

(b) Commissioned medical or surgical officers of the United States Army, Navy or Marine hospital service.

(c) Registered nurses.

(d) Cosmetologists, and nothing in this chapter shall affect the jurisdiction of the State Board of Cosmetology.

(e) Persons whose practice is limited to only makeup artistry, threading or applying or removing eyelash extensions.

(2) The provision of this section shall not be construed to authorize any of the persons exempted to shave, trim the beard, or cut the hair of any person, or perform any other act that constitutes barbering, for cosmetic purposes, with the exception of persons licensed by the State Board of Cosmetology or persons whose practice is limited to only makeup artistry, threading or applying or removing eyelash extensions.

SECTION 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 73-7-1 THROUGH 73-7-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-7-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "COSMETOLOGY" AND "ESTHETICS" TO REMOVE PERSONS WHOSE PRACTICE IS LIMITED TO ONLY PERFORMING MAKEUP ARTISTRY, THREADING OR APPLYING OR REMOVING EYELASH EXTENSIONS FROM THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSING LAW; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-7-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE DUPLICATE REPEALER ON THE STATUTE REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY TO CONDUCT STUDENT EXAMINATIONS INSTEAD OF CONTRACTING WITH A TESTING SERVICE; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-7-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT FROM THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE LAW PERSONS WHOSE PRACTICE IS LIMITED TO ONLY PERFORMING MAKEUP ARTISTRY, THREADING OR APPLYING OR REMOVING EYELASH EXTENSIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-7-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THOSE REENACTED SECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-5-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT PERSONS WHOSE PRACTICE IS LIMITED TO ONLY MAKEUP ARTISTRY, THREADING OR APPLYING OR REMOVING EYELASH EXTENSIONS FROM LICENSING UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy P. Boyd, Charles Young, Jr., Joseph Tubb

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, Brice Wiggins, Rita Potts Parks

On motion of Rep. Boyd the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Anderson, J, Blackmon, Bomgar, Clark, Karriem, Osborne, Scott, Taylor, Thompson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne, Summers, Young. Total-4.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The Sheriff of Rankin County is authorized to establish a Pilot Work Release Program. No person sentenced for a crime listed in Section 97-3-2 shall be eligible for participation in the program established under this act. During the pilot phase of the program, there shall be a limit of twenty-five (25) people in the program at a time.

(2) The sheriff shall collect and maintain data which shall be shared semiannually with the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) and the Corrections and Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force in sortable electronic format. The first report shall be made before January 15, 2022, and in six-month intervals thereafter. The data shall include:

- (a) Total number of participants at the beginning of each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (b) Total number of participants at the end of each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (c) Total number of participants who began the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (d) Total number of participants who successfully completed the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (e) Total number of participants who left the program in each month and reason for leaving by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (f) Total number of participants who were arrested for a new criminal offense while in the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (g) Total number of participants who were convicted of a new crime while in the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (h) Total number of participants who completed the program and were convicted of a new crime within three (3) years of completing the program;
- (i) Total amount earned by participants and how the earnings were distributed in each month;
- (j) Results of any initial risk and needs assessments conducted on each participant by race, gender, and offenses charged; and
- (k) Any other data or information as requested by the task force.

(3) Any person who has been sentenced to confinement in jail or who has been sentenced for a felony conviction but is confined in a jail may request assignment to the work release program established under this act. Admission to the program shall be in

the discretion of the sheriff. The sheriff may further authorize the offender to participate in educational or other rehabilitative programs designed to supplement his work release employment or to prepare the person for successful reentry. No offender shall be eligible for this program if he has more than one (1) year remaining on their sentence.

(4) The sheriff shall adopt and publish rules and regulations prior to accepting inmates. These rules and regulations shall at a minimum include all requirements for work release programs established pursuant to Sections 47-5-451 through 47-5-471. Participating employers shall pay no less than the prevailing wage for the position and shall under no circumstance pay less than the federal minimum wage.

(5) Any offender assigned to such a program by the sheriff who, without proper authority or just cause, leaves the area to which he has been assigned to work or attend educational or other rehabilitative programs, or leaves the vehicle or route of travel involved in his or her going to or returning from such place, will be guilty of escape as provided in Section 97-9-49. An offender who is found guilty under this section shall be ineligible for further participation in a work release program during his or her current term of confinement.

(6) The offender shall maintain an account through a local financial institution and shall provide a copy of a check stub to the sheriff. The offender may be required to pay up to twenty-five percent (25%) of his wages after mandatory deductions for the following purposes:

(a) To pay support of dependents or to the Mississippi Department of Human Services on behalf of dependents as may be ordered by a judge of competent jurisdiction; and

(b) To pay any fines, restitution, or costs as ordered by the court to include any fines and fees associated with obtaining a valid driver's license upon release.

(7) The inmate shall have access to his account to purchase incidental expenses.

(8) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) shall conduct a review of the work release program established under this act and produce a report to the Legislature on their effectiveness by December 1, 2022. The PEER Committee shall seek the assistance of the Corrections and Criminal Justice Task Force and may seek assistance from any other criminal justice experts it deems necessary during its review.

(9) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF OF RANKIN COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A PILOT WORK RELEASE PROGRAM IN RANKIN COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF OF RANKIN COUNTY TO ASSIGN A NONVIOLENT CONVICTED OFFENDER TO A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM, IF THE OFFENDER IS CONFINED IN JAIL; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENDER ASSIGNED TO THE PROGRAM SHALL BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SHERIFF; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENDER MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM IF RULES ARE VIOLATED; TO PROVIDE THAT WAGES EARNED BY THE OFFENDER MAY, UPON ORDER OF THE COURT, BE PAID TO THE DIRECTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROGRAM AFTER STANDARD PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS ARE PAID; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENDER, IF APPROVED, MAY MAINTAIN A BANK ACCOUNT AS LONG AS A PHYSICAL ACCOUNTING IS PROVIDED TO THE SHERIFF; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENDER'S WAGES MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO PAY CERTAIN TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT, TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT, FINES, RESTITUTION OR COSTS, INCLUDING FEES FOR OBTAINING A DRIVER'S LICENSE UPON RELEASE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Fred Shanks, Kevin Felsher

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Brice Wiggins, Derrick T. Simmons (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Banks, Clarke, Harness, Scott. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Guice, Karriem, Rosebud, Young. Total-5.

Present--Brown, B, Clark, Evans, B. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Huddleston called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 82: Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 82: Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 31-11-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-11-3. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration, for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, in addition to all other rights and powers granted by law, shall have full power and authority to employ and compensate architects or other employees necessary for the purpose of making inspections, preparing plans and specifications, supervising the erection of any buildings, and making any repairs or additions as may be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration to be necessary, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board. The department shall have entire control and supervision of, and determine what, if any, buildings, additions, repairs, demolitions or improvements are to be made under the provisions of this chapter, subject to the regulations adopted by the Public Procurement Review Board.

(2) The department shall have full power to erect buildings, make repairs, additions or improvements, demolitions, to grant or acquire easements or rights-of-way, and to buy materials, supplies and equipment for any of the institutions or departments of the state subject to the regulations adopted by the Public Procurement Review Board. In addition to other powers conferred, the department shall have full power and authority, as directed by the Legislature, or when funds have been appropriated for its use for these purposes, to:

- (a) Build a state office building;
- (b) Build suitable plants or buildings for the use and housing of any state schools or institutions, including the building of plants or buildings for new state schools or institutions, as provided for by the Legislature;
- (c) Provide state aid for the construction of school buildings;
- (d) Promote and develop the training of returned veterans of the United States in all sorts of educational and vocational learning to be supplied by the proper educational institution of the State of Mississippi, and in so doing allocate monies appropriated to it for these purposes to the Governor for use by him in setting up, maintaining and operating an office and employing a state director of on-the-job training for veterans and the personnel necessary in carrying out Public Law No. 346 of the United States;
- (e) Build and equip a hospital and administration building at the Mississippi State Penitentiary;
- (f) Build and equip additional buildings and wards at the Boswell Retardation Center;
- (g) Construct a sewage disposal and treatment plant at the Mississippi State Hospital, and in so doing acquire additional land as may be necessary, and to exercise the right of eminent domain in the acquisition of this land;
- (h) Build and equip the Mississippi central market and purchase or acquire by eminent domain, if necessary, any lands needed for this purpose;
- (i) Build and equip suitable facilities for a training and employing center for the blind;
- (j) Build and equip a gymnasium at Columbia Training School;
- (k) Approve or disapprove the expenditure of any money appropriated by the Legislature when authorized by the bill making the appropriation;
- (l) Expend monies appropriated to it in paying the state's part of the cost of any street paving;
- (m) Sell and convey state lands when authorized by the Legislature, cause said lands to be properly surveyed and platted, execute all deeds or other legal instruments, and do any and all other things required to effectively carry out the purpose and intent of the Legislature. Any transaction which involves state lands under the provisions of this paragraph shall be done in a manner consistent with the provisions of Section 29-1-1;
- (n) Collect and receive from educational institutions of the State of Mississippi monies required to be paid by these institutions to the state in carrying out any veterans' educational programs;
- (o) Purchase lands for building sites, or as additions to building sites, for the erection of buildings and other facilities which the department is authorized to erect, and demolish and dispose of old buildings, when necessary for the proper construction of new buildings. Any transaction which involves state lands under the provisions of this paragraph shall be done in a manner consistent with the provisions of Section 29-1-1;
- (p) Obtain business property insurance with a deductible of not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) on state-owned buildings under the management and control of the department; and
- (q) In consultation with and approval by the Chairmen of the Public Property Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, enter into contracts for the purpose of providing parking spaces for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building.
- (r) The department is hereby authorized to transfer up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of available bond funds to each community college requesting to

be exempt from department control and supervision relating to the repair, renovation and improvement of existing facilities owned by the community colleges, including utility infrastructure projects; heating and air conditioning systems; and the replacement of furniture and equipment. The community colleges shall abide by all applicable statutes related to the purchase of the repair, renovation and improvement of such existing facilities.

(3) The department shall survey state-owned and state-utilized buildings to establish an estimate of the costs of architectural alterations, pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 USCS, Section 12111 et seq. The department shall establish priorities for making the identified architectural alterations and shall make known to the Legislative Budget Office and to the Legislature the required cost to effectuate such alterations. To meet the requirements of this section, the department shall use standards of accessibility that are at least as stringent as any applicable federal requirements and may consider:

(a) Federal minimum guidelines and requirements issued by the United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board and standards issued by other federal agencies;

(b) The criteria contained in the American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings Accessible and Usable by the Physically Handicapped and any amendments thereto as approved by the American Standards Association, Incorporated (ANSI Standards);

(c) Design manuals;

(d) Applicable federal guidelines;

(e) Current literature in the field;

(f) Applicable safety standards; and

(g) Any applicable environmental impact statements.

(4) The department shall observe the provisions of Section 31-5-23 in letting contracts and shall use Mississippi products, including paint, varnish and lacquer which contain as vehicles tung oil and either ester gum or modified resin (with rosin as the principal base of constituents), and turpentine shall be used as a solvent or thinner, where these products are available at a cost not to exceed the cost of products grown, produced, prepared, made or manufactured outside of the State of Mississippi.

(5) The department shall have authority to accept grants, loans or donations from the United States government or from any other sources for the purpose of matching funds in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

(6) The department shall build a wheelchair ramp at the War Memorial Building which complies with all applicable federal laws, regulations and specifications regarding wheelchair ramps.

(7) The department shall review and preapprove all architectural or engineering service contracts entered into by any state agency, institution, commission, board or authority, regardless of the source of funding used to defray the costs of the construction or renovation project, for which services are to be obtained to ensure compliance with purchasing regulations and to confirm that the contracts are procured by a competitive qualification-based selection process except where such appointment is for an emergency project or for a continuation of a previous appointment for a directly related project. The provisions of this subsection (7) shall not apply to:

(a) Any architectural or engineering contract fully paid for by self-generated funds of any of the state institutions of higher learning;

(b) Any architectural or engineering contract that is self-administered at a state institution of higher learning as provided under Section 27-104-7(2)(b) or 37-101-15(m);

(c) Community college projects that are fully funded from local funds or other nonstate sources which are outside the Department of Finance and Administration's appropriations or as directed by the Legislature;

(d) Any construction or design projects of the State Military Department that are fully or partially funded from federal funds or other nonstate sources; and

(e) Any project of the State Department of Transportation.

(8) (a) The department shall have the authority to obtain annually from the state institutions of higher learning, the state community colleges and junior colleges, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks information on all renovation and repair expenditures for buildings under their operation and control, including duties, responsibilities and costs of any architect or engineer hired by any such institutions, and shall annually report the same to the Legislative Budget Office, the Chairman of the House Public Property Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Public Property Committee before September 1.

(b) All state agencies, departments and institutions are required to cooperate with the Department of Finance and Administration in carrying out the provisions of this subsection.

(c) Expenditures shall not include those amounts expended for janitorial, landscaping or administrative support, but shall include expenditures from both state and nonstate sources.

(d) Expenditures shall not include amounts expended by the department on behalf of state agencies, departments and institutions through the Department of Finance and Administration administered contracts, but shall include amounts transferred to the Department of Finance and Administration for support of such contracts.

(9) As an alternative to other methods of awarding contracts as prescribed by law, the department may elect to use the method of contracting for construction projects set out in Sections 31-7-13.1 and 31-7-13.2; however, the dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting authorized under Section 31-7-13.1 may be used only when the Legislature has specifically required or authorized the use of this method in the legislation authorizing a project.

(10) The department shall have the authority, for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, and in addition to all other rights and powers granted by law, to create and maintain a list of suspended and debarred contractors and subcontractors. Consistent with this authority, the department may adopt regulations governing the suspension or debarment of contractors and subcontractors, which regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Public Procurement Review Board. A suspended or debarred contractor or subcontractor shall be disqualified from consideration for contracts with the department during the suspension or debarment period in accordance with the department's regulations.

(11) This section shall not apply to the Mississippi State Port Authority.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-11-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSFER UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF AVAILABLE BOND FUNDS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES REQUESTING TO BE EXEMPT FROM DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHTS OF CERTAIN REPAIR, RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES OWNED BY COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Mac Huddleston, Donnie Scoggin, C. Scott Bounds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Juan Barnett, Dean Kirby

On motion of Rep. Huddleston the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster,

Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Scott, Williamson. Total-3.

Present--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 330: Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 330: Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Clay Deweese

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Jenifer B. Branning, Angela Turner-Ford

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bailey. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure, Guice, Read. Total-4.

Present--Bell, C, Scott. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2623: Motor vehicle insurance; extend repealer on Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2623: Motor vehicle insurance; extend repealer on Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Dean Kirby, Josh Harkins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Gene Newman

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Criswell, Hopkins, Scott. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Summers. Total-2.

Present--Bell, C, Clark, Hines, Miles. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Rushing called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 359: Municipally-owned utilities; may use accounting system accommodation for uncollectible customer indebtedness.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 359: Municipally-owned utilities; may use accounting system accommodation for uncollectible customer indebtedness.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) A municipality having a population of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) as of the most recent decennial census or more may institute a program to address certain disputed or delinquent water and sewer customer accounts. The municipality must adopt rules and procedures to implement the program if instituted. Such rules may consider the customer's ability to pay the full amount of the disputed or delinquent claim. In order for the program to take effect, the mayor of the municipality, the Municipal Director of Public Works, and Executive Director of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff shall mutually approve such rules and procedures by July 1, 2021. The rules and procedures shall include, but not be limited to, an itemized summary of the amount and number of all accounts judged to be disputed or delinquent. The municipality's authority to compromise doubtful claims is limited to the following cases:

(a) (i) Instances of error on the part of the municipality such as equipment failure, process failure or billing failure;

(ii) Instances of error on the part of the municipality due to unforeseen circumstance such as damage, extreme weather-related event, declared disaster or emergency, or mandatory evacuation, but only to the extent the customer did not receive the benefit of the water or sewer service; and

(b) Instances where the customer's ability to pay or the amount of the customer's overdue balance for water and sewer service can be reasonably adjudged to be uncollectible, in which case the municipality may utilize an installment payment agreement to allow the customer additional time to pay a prescribed portion of the outstanding balance, and as part of the installment payment plan, to offer the utilization by the municipality of accounting procedures to move the remaining balance as an uncollectible debt to a special municipal accounting category of uncollectible or inactive accounts as outlined in the program rules if the customer fulfills all terms of the installment plan. The prescribed portion must require some payment by the customer. The program must provide that the accounting adjustments under this paragraph (b) do not result in forgiveness of uncollectible debts.

(2) The municipality may set program parameters to take into account the principle of collateral estoppel as to its own prior service, billing or collection actions.

(3) Any utility that participates in the program shall provide by January 1, 2022, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Mississippi Public Utilities Staff a report that details the utility's revenue collection, the number of accounts that have been adjudged uncollectable, the number of accounts that are participating in the installment payment plans, the number of accounts that are overdue, and the effect of the program on the utility's revenue collection. Such report shall also include the utility's plan to address any remaining disputed or delinquent claims that have not been resolved, to provide fair and accurate bills to all of its customers, and to reduce equipment failure, process failure, and billing failures in the future.

(4) For the purpose of this section, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff may enter into professional services contracts to ensure the success of the program. The municipally-owned utility shall reimburse the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff for such contracts, not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) over the duration of the program.

(5) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

SECTION 2. Section 31-19-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-19-27. A doubtful claim of the state, or of the county, city, town, village, or levee board is one for which judgment has been rendered and for the collection of which the ordinary process of law has been ineffectual; debts due by drainage districts or other

taxing districts or sinking funds to counties under the Rehabilitation Act of 1928, being Chapter 88 * * *, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16 of the Acts of the Special Session of 1931; those debts due counties by drainage districts, which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to refinance; those debts due a municipal utility system as authorized under Section 1 of this act; debts due for sixteenth section township school fund loans made to churches, where the board of supervisors finds that the value of the security given therefor is insufficient or inadequate to pay or satisfy the principal and interest of said loan, and when the church repays the principal of said loan; and debts due by counties and townships to drainage districts for drainage district assessments or taxes levied and assessed upon sixteenth section lands.

SECTION 3. Section 31-19-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-19-29. The Governor, on the advice of the Attorney General or * * * the Commissioner of Revenue at the State Department of Revenue, may, upon application of the defendant or debtor proposing a compromise, settle and compromise any doubtful claim of the state, or of any county, city, town, or village, or of any levee board against such defendant or debtor, upon such terms as he may deem proper, the board of supervisors in the case of a county, and the municipal authorities in the case of a city, town or village, and the levee board in the case of a claim of a levee board, concurring therein. The Governor, upon application of a drainage district having obligations outstanding to a county under the provisions of Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16, Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1931, or obligations which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to refinance, may settle and compromise any claim, debt or obligation that said drainage district may owe any county in the State of Mississippi for money loaned said district under the provisions of said Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, or any other claim, debt or obligation that said drainage district may owe the county which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to finance, if the board of supervisors of said county concurs in the application of the drainage district. A municipality may compromise a debt owed for water and sewer service only as provided in Section 1 of this act. The Governor, upon application by the board of supervisors for any taxing districts of said county or sinking funds of said county under the control and supervision of said board of supervisors having obligations outstanding and due to said county under the provisions of Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16, Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1931, may settle and compromise any claim, debt, or obligation that said taxing districts or sinking funds may owe said county for money loaned said taxing districts or sinking funds under the provisions of said Chapter 88, Laws of 1928; and provided that the Governor, on the advice of the Attorney General, and upon application of a church owing a sixteenth section township school fund loan, may settle and compromise such debt or obligation if the board of supervisors of the said county concurs in the application of the said church. The Governor may, on the advice of the Attorney General, in like manner compromise and settle a claim of a drainage district for unpaid assessments or taxes upon sixteenth section lands upon application of the board of supervisors wherein such sixteenth section is situated, if the commissioners of the drainage district concur therein.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES AUTHORIZING ACCOUNTING SYSTEM ACCOMMODATION OF CERTAIN UNCOLLECTIBLE INDEBTEDNESS OWED BY A CUSTOMER FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 31-19-27 AND 31-19-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, DEALING WITH DOUBTFUL CLAIMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy Rushing, Ronnie C. Crudup, De'Keither A. Stamps

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, David Blount, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Rushing the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--81

Rep. Kinkade called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures.

Rep. Kinkade moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Kinkade called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2035: Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

Rep. Carpenter moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Felsher called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 594: Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark".

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 594: Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark".

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 49-27-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-27-5. (a) "Coastal wetlands" means all publicly-owned lands subject to the ebb and flow of the tide; which are below the *** ordinary high *** water mark; all publicly-owned accretions above the *** ordinary high *** water mark and all publicly-owned submerged water-bottoms below the *** ordinary high *** water mark and includes the flora and fauna on the wetlands and in the wetlands.

(b) "Department" means the Department of Marine Resources.

(c) "Regulated activity" means any of the following activities:

(i) The dredging, excavating or removing of soil, mud, sand, gravel, flora, fauna or aggregate of any kind from any coastal wetland;

(ii) The dumping, filling or depositing of any soil, stones, sand, gravel, mud, aggregate of any kind or garbage, either directly or indirectly, on or in any coastal wetlands;

(iii) Killing or materially damaging any flora or fauna on or in any coastal wetland;

(iv) The erection on coastal wetlands of structures which materially affect the ebb and flow of the tide; and

(v) The erection of any structure or structures on suitable sites for water dependent industry.

(d) "Dredging" means the removal or displacement by any means of soil, sand, gravel, shells or other material, whether of intrinsic value or not, from coastal wetlands.

(e) "Executive director" means the Executive Director of the Department of Marine Resources.

(f) "Filling" means either the displacement of waters by the deposition into coastal wetlands of soil, sand, gravel, shells or other material; or the artificial alteration of water levels or water currents by physical structures, drainage ditches or otherwise.

(g) "Person" means any natural person, partnership, joint stock company, corporation, unincorporated association or society, or the state and any agency thereof, or any county, municipality or political subdivision, or any other corporation of any character whatsoever.

(h) "Commission" means the Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources.

(i) "Water dependent industry" means those commercial, industrial or manufacturing activities which, for purposes basic to their existence must occur or locate on or adjacent to the estuaries, sounds, channels, shores or marshlands of the coast. "Suitable sites for water dependent industry" means those areas of land which are suitable for the development of water dependent industry because of their proximity to waters of navigable depth, size and configuration, topography, soil conditions and access to other means of transportation. After consultation with local governments, port authorities, development commissions, port and harbor commissions and other interested parties, and after full consideration of zoning ordinances duly adopted by local governments, the *** department shall designate those sites it deems suitable for water dependent industry. The definition of "suitable sites for water dependent industry" shall be limited to, but not necessarily inclusive of, waterfront sites owned by county port authorities, development commissions and port and harbor commissions, and to areas that are now or are later made to be within one thousand (1,000) feet of the centerline of any natural or maintained channel having a depth of seven (7) feet or greater at mean low water. However, additional sites may be included in the definition of suitable sites for water dependent industry with the concurrence of the board of supervisors in the county affected.

(j) "Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM)" means a mark on the shore determined by the department staff, established by fluctuations in water level and indicated by physical and biological characteristics including, but not limited to, water stains, changes in the character of the soil, scour lines, presence of debris lines, changes

in plant communities and other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding area. The determination of OHWM shall not be made by the department staff during high tide where the above referenced characteristics are not observable. OHWM is not the same as mean high water and shall not be used for determination of the boundary between private property and public trust tidelands or for any purpose other than regulated activity as defined in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-27-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AMEND THE COASTAL WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT TO DEFINE "ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK" TO MEAN A MARK ON THE SHORE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT STAFF, ESTABLISHED BY FLUCTUATIONS IN WATER LEVEL AND INDICATED BY PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WATER STAINS, CHANGES IN THE CHARACTER OF THE SOIL, SCOUR LINES, PRESENCE OF DEBRIS LINES, CHANGES IN PLANT COMMUNITIES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEANS THAT CONSIDER THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SURROUNDING AREA; TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "COASTAL WETLANDS" TO MEAN ALL PUBLICLY OWNED LANDS SUBJECT TO THE EBB AND FLOW OF THE TIDE, WHICH ARE BELOW THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK, ALL PUBLICLY OWNED ACCRETIONS ABOVE THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK AND ALL PUBLICLY OWNED SUBMERGED WATER BOTTOMS BELOW THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK AND INCLUDES THE FLORA AND FAUNA ON THE WETLANDS AND IN THE WETLANDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Timmy Ladner, Kevin Felsher, Casey Eure (No Signature)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Philip Moran, Mike Thompson, Jeremy England

On motion of Rep. Felsher the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 754: Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 754: Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 37-173-16, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-173-16. (1) Each local school district shall make an initial determination of whether a student diagnosed with dyslexia meets the eligibility criteria under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to have an Individualized Education Program developed and to receive services. If a student's diagnosis of dyslexia does not result in an IDEA eligibility determination then the district must proceed with their process for determining if the student is eligible for a 504 Plan under the Rehabilitation Act based on the presumption that proficiency in spelling, reading and writing are essential for the student to achieve appropriate educational progress. Each local school district shall develop interventions and strategies to address the needs of those students diagnosed with dyslexia which provide the necessary accommodations to enable the student to achieve appropriate educational progress. The interventions and strategies developed shall include, but not be limited to, the use of the 3-Tier Instructional Model and the utilization of provisions of the IDEA and 504 Plan to address those needs.

(2) The State Department of Education shall require public school districts to conduct four (4) hours of in-service training in dyslexia and related disorder awareness education every three (3) years for all licensed educators and paraprofessionals responsible for instruction. Standard 1 and Standard 2 of the International Dyslexia Association's "Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading" 2018 Edition shall be the minimum content used for the dyslexia training. Additional content of the trainings shall also include the indicators and characteristics, screening processes, evidence-based interventions and accommodations for students with dyslexia and other related disorders. The training, which may be provided through live in-person instruction, online course instruction or through a prerecorded video presentation, shall be delivered by an individual who holds a State Department of Education License No. 203 in Dyslexia Therapy and a national certificate as a Certified Academic Language Therapist.

SECTION 2. Section 37-173-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-173-9. (1) (a) The parent or legal guardian is not required to accept the offer of enrolling in another public school in lieu of requesting a Mississippi Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship to a nonpublic school. However, if the parent or legal guardian chooses the public school option, the student may continue attending a public school chosen by the parent or legal guardian until the student completes Grade 12.

(b) If the parent or legal guardian chooses a public school within the district, the school district shall provide transportation to the public school selected by the parent or legal guardian. However, if the parent or legal guardian chooses a public school in another district, the parent or legal guardian is responsible to provide transportation to the school of choice.

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* * * These provisions do not prohibit a parent or legal guardian of a student diagnosed with dyslexia, at any time, from choosing the option of a Mississippi Dyslexia

Therapy Scholarship which would allow the student to attend another public school or nonpublic special purpose school.

(** *2) If the parent or legal guardian chooses the nonpublic school option and the student is accepted by the nonpublic school pending the availability of a space for the student, the parent or legal guardian of the student must notify the department thirty (30) days before the first scholarship payment and before entering the nonpublic school in order to be eligible for the scholarship when a space becomes available for the student in the nonpublic school.

(** *3) The parent or legal guardian of a student may choose, as an alternative, to enroll the student in and transport the student to a public school in an adjacent school district which has available space and has a program with dyslexia services that provide daily dyslexia therapy sessions delivered by a department licensed dyslexia therapist, and that school district shall accept the student and report the student for purposes of the district's funding under the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-173-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE STEPS SCHOOLS MUST TAKE FOR THE EDUCATION AND CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DYSLLEXIA AND OTHER RELATED DISORDERS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONDUCT FOUR HOURS OF AWARENESS TRAINING FOR DYSLLEXIA AND OTHER RELATED DISORDERS TO ALL LICENSED EDUCATORS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTRUCTION; TO PROVIDE THAT STANDARD 1 AND STANDARD 2 OF THE INTERNATIONAL DYSLLEXIA ASSOCIATION'S "KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS OF READING" 2018 EDITION SHALL BE THE MINIMUM CONTENT USED FOR THE DYSLLEXIA TRAINING; TO AMEND SECTION 37-173-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO SCHOOL'S DETERMINATION OF STUDENTS WITH DYSLLEXIA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Clay Deweese

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Nicole Boyd, Chris Johnson

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1179: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1179: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-36, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-36. (1) There is established the "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program."

(2) Subject to the availability of funds, an eligible applicant for an initial award must have:

(a) Graduated from a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher learning which is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) or a comparable accreditation body;

(b) Signed a contract as a full-time first-year teacher in a public school district in Mississippi;

(c) Obtained a standard five-year license. Persons with emergency licenses shall not be eligible applicants; and

(d) Outstanding qualifying undergraduate educational loans, which may include the principal, interest and related expenses such as the required interest premium on the unpaid balances of government and commercial loans obtained by the recipient for undergraduate educational expense.

(3) Persons who have received funds from other forgivable loan programs established for teachers under Mississippi law, or who are presently in default or delinquent on any federal, state, local or commercial qualifying educational loan, shall not be eligible for this program.

(4) Initial recipients shall be selected on a first-come, first-served basis of all eligible applicants, which shall be limited to only one hundred fifty (150) individuals receiving scholarship funds. In the second and subsequent years of an applicant's continued eligibility, priority consideration shall first be given to renewal applicants. In any given year only one hundred fifty (150) new applicants shall be eligible to receive funds under the program.

(5) Among first-time, first-year teacher recipients, priority consideration shall be given to persons who are teaching in a public school district designated as a geographical critical teacher shortage area by the State Board of Education.

(6) Awards for recipients who have signed a contract to teach in a public school district that is not designated as a geographical critical teacher shortage area shall be as follows:

(a) One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the first year of teaching;

(b) Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the second year of teaching; and

(c) Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for the third year of teaching.

(7) Awards for recipients who have signed a contract to teach in a public school district that is designated as a geographical critical teacher shortage area shall be as follows:

(a) Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the first year of teaching;

(b) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the second year of teaching, provided the recipient continues to teach in the same public school district or another public school district designated a geographical shortage area by the State Board of Education; and

(c) Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the third year of teaching, provided the recipient continues to teach in the same public school district or another public school district designated a geographical shortage area by the State Board of Education.

(8) A first-year recipient who moves to another public school district shall be eligible to receive an award based on the amount allowed under the program in the new district where the teacher is employed.

(9) Awards shall be granted on a year-to-year basis, and recipients shall have no obligation to seek a future award.

(10) Awards shall be paid annually, after the expiration of the one-year teaching contract for which the award was granted, to the recipient's lender or loan service provider, and shall be applied to the outstanding balance. Monies paid on the recipient's behalf toward qualifying undergraduate educational loans prior to receiving payment of the award shall not be eligible for repayment through the program.

(11) During the teaching year for which the award is granted, a recipient must at all times keep the State Financial Aid Board informed of any changes to the recipient's current contact information and employment status.

(12) Recipients who fail to maintain a standard license or fail to fulfill the one-year teaching contract on which the award was based shall forfeit any right to the award.

(13) The State Financial Aid Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, shall track recipients of an award under this program through their fifth teaching year, unless the recipient shall leave teaching in a public school district at an earlier date. Data collected shall include recipients' undergraduate institution, school district, subject area/grade level in teaching and any other pertinent information necessary to determine the efficacy of the program in retaining teachers in their first three (3) years of teaching.

(14) The State Financial Aid Board shall promulgate regulations necessary for the proper administration of this section.

(15) There is established in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated the "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Loan Repayment Program Fund," into which shall be deposited those funds appropriated by the Legislature, and any other funds that may be made available, for the purpose of implementing the loan repayment program established herein. Money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the General Fund, and interest earned on any amounts deposited into the fund shall be credited to the special fund.

(16) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. Section 37-106-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, which creates the Assistant Teacher Forgivable Loan Program, is repealed.

SECTION 3. Section 37-106-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, which creates the Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan Program, is repealed.

SECTION 4. Section 37-106-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, which creates the William F. Winter Teacher Forgivable Loan Program, is repealed.

SECTION 5. Section 37-106-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, which creates the Mississippi Teaching Fellows Forgivable Loan Program, is repealed.

SECTION 6. Section 37-106-79, Mississippi Code of 1972, which creates the Teacher Education Alternate Route Certification Scholars Program, is repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CODIFY NEW SECTION 37-106-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE "WILLIAM F. WINTER AND JACK REED, SR., TEACHER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE FINANCIAL AID BOARD; TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS UNDER THE LOAN PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH THE WILLIAM F. WINTER AND JACK REED, SR., LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FUND; TO REPEAL SECTION 37-106-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE ASSISTANT TEACHER FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTION 37-106-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARS FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTION 37-106-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE WILLIAM F. WINTER TEACHER FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTION 37-106-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE MISSISSIPPI TEACHING FELLOWS FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTION 37-106-79, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE TEACHER EDUCATION ALTERNATE ROUTE CERTIFICATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Kevin Felsher
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., David Blount, Chad McMahan

On motion of Rep. McCarty the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Paden. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2267: Teacher license; allow reciprocity if teacher possesses standard license from other state.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2267: Teacher license; allow reciprocity if teacher possesses standard license from other state.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-3-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1263, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

37-3-2. (1) There is established within the State Department of Education the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission to make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

(2) (a) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) qualified members. The membership of the commission shall be composed of the following members to be appointed, three (3) from each of the four (4) congressional districts, as such districts existed on January 1, 2011, in accordance with the population calculations determined by the 2010 federal decennial census, including: four (4) classroom teachers; three (3) school administrators; one (1) representative of schools of education of public institutions of higher learning located within the state to be recommended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; one (1) representative from the schools of education of independent institutions of higher learning to be recommended by the Board of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges; one (1) representative from public community and junior colleges located within the state to be recommended by the Mississippi Community College Board; one (1) local school board member; and four (4) laypersons. Three (3) members of the commission, at the sole discretion of the State Board of Education, shall be appointed from the state at large.

(b) All appointments shall be made by the State Board of Education after consultation with the State Superintendent of Public Education. The first appointments by the State Board of Education shall be made as follows: five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; and five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years.

(3) The State Board of Education when making appointments shall designate a chairman. The commission shall meet at least once every two (2) months or more often if needed. Members of the commission shall be compensated at a rate of per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(4) (a) An appropriate staff member of the State Department of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education to serve as executive secretary and coordinator for the commission. No less than two (2) other appropriate staff members of the State Department of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of Public Education to serve on the staff of the commission.

(b) An Office of Educator Misconduct Evaluations shall be established within the State Department of Education to assist the commission in responding to infractions and violations, and in conducting hearings and enforcing the provisions of subsections (11), (12), (13), (14) and (15) of this section, and violations of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics.

(5) It shall be the duty of the commission to:

(a) Set standards and criteria, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, for all educator preparation programs in the state;

(b) Recommend to the State Board of Education each year approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in the state, subject to a process and schedule determined by the State Board of Education;

(c) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, standards for initial teacher certification and licensure in all fields;

(d) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, standards for the renewal of teacher licenses in all fields;

(e) Review and evaluate objective measures of teacher performance, such as test scores, which may form part of the licensure process, and to make recommendations for their use;

(f) Review all existing requirements for certification and licensure;

(g) Consult with groups whose work may be affected by the commission's decisions;

(h) Prepare reports from time to time on current practices and issues in the general area of teacher education and certification and licensure;

(i) Hold hearings concerning standards for teachers' and administrators' education and certification and licensure with approval of the State Board of Education;

(j) Hire expert consultants with approval of the State Board of Education;

(k) Set up ad hoc committees to advise on specific areas; and

(l) Perform such other functions as may fall within their general charge and which may be delegated to them by the State Board of Education.

(6) (a) Standard License - Approved Program Route. An educator entering the school system of Mississippi for the first time and meeting all requirements as established by the State Board of Education shall be granted a standard five-year license. Persons who possess two (2) years of classroom experience as an assistant teacher or who have taught for one (1) year in an accredited public or private school shall be allowed to fulfill student teaching requirements under the supervision of a qualified participating teacher approved by an accredited college of education. The local school district in which the assistant teacher is employed shall compensate such assistant teachers at the required salary level during the period of time such individual is completing student teaching requirements. Applicants for a standard license shall submit to the department:

(i) An application on a department form;

(ii) An official transcript of completion of a teacher education program approved by the department or a nationally accredited program, subject to the following: Licensure to teach in Mississippi prekindergarten through kindergarten classrooms shall require completion of a teacher education program or a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis from a program accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) or by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Licensure to teach in Mississippi kindergarten, for those applicants who have completed a teacher education program, and in Grade 1 through Grade 4 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary program of studies. Licenses for Grades 4 through 8 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary program of studies with two (2) or more areas of concentration. Licensure to teach in Mississippi Grades 7 through 12 shall require a major in an academic field other than education, or a combination of disciplines other than education. Students preparing to teach a subject shall complete a major in the respective subject discipline. All applicants for standard licensure shall demonstrate that such person's college preparation in those fields was in accordance with the standards set forth by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) or, for those applicants who have a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis, the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). Effective July 1, 2016, for initial elementary education licensure, a teacher candidate must earn a passing score on a rigorous test of scientifically research-based reading instruction and intervention and data-based decision-making principles as approved by the State Board of Education;

(iii) A copy of test scores evidencing satisfactory completion of nationally administered examinations of achievement, such as the Educational Testing Service's teacher testing examinations;

(iv) Any other document required by the State Board of Education; and

(v) From and after July 1, 2020, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi who did not meet the following criteria for entrance into an approved teacher education program:

1. An ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent); or

2. Achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; or

3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program.

(b) Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route. From and after July 1, 2020, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi under the alternate route who did not meet the following criteria:

(i) An ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent); or

(ii) Achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; or

(iii) A minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program.

Beginning July 1, 2020, an individual who has attained a passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators or an ACT Score of twenty-one (21) (or SAT equivalent) or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on coursework prior to admission to an approved teacher education program and a passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment in the requested area of endorsement may apply for admission to the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program to teach students in Grades 7 through 12 if the individual meets the requirements of this paragraph (b). The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring that teacher preparation institutions which provide the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program for the preparation of nontraditional teachers shall meet the standards and comply with the provisions of this paragraph.

(i) The Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) shall include an intensive eight-week, nine-semester-hour summer program or a curriculum of study in which the student matriculates in the fall or spring semester, which shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in education, effective teaching strategies, classroom management, state curriculum requirements, planning and instruction, instructional methods and pedagogy, using test results to improve instruction, and a one (1) semester three-hour supervised internship to be completed while the teacher is employed as a full-time teacher intern in a local school district. The TMI shall be implemented on a pilot program basis, with courses to be offered at up to four (4) locations in the state, with one (1) TMI site to be located in each of the three (3) Mississippi Supreme Court districts.

(ii) The school sponsoring the teacher intern shall enter into a written agreement with the institution providing the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program, under terms and conditions as agreed upon by the contracting parties, providing that the school district shall provide teacher interns seeking a nontraditional provisional teaching license with a one-year classroom teaching experience. The teacher intern shall successfully complete the one (1) semester three-hour intensive internship in the school district during the semester immediately following successful completion of the TMI and prior to the end of the one-year classroom teaching experience.

(iii) Upon completion of the nine-semester-hour TMI or the fall or spring semester option, the individual shall submit his transcript to the commission for provisional licensure of the intern teacher, and the intern teacher shall be issued a provisional teaching license by the commission, which will allow the individual to legally serve as a teacher while the person completes a nontraditional teacher preparation internship program.

(iv) During the semester of internship in the school district, the teacher preparation institution shall monitor the performance of the intern teacher. The school district that employs the provisional teacher shall supervise the provisional

teacher during the teacher's intern year of employment under a nontraditional provisional license, and shall, in consultation with the teacher intern's mentor at the school district of employment, submit to the commission a comprehensive evaluation of the teacher's performance sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the nontraditional provisional license. If the comprehensive evaluation establishes that the provisional teacher intern's performance fails to meet the standards of the approved nontraditional teacher preparation internship program, the individual shall not be approved for a standard license.

(v) An individual issued a provisional teaching license under this nontraditional route shall successfully complete, at a minimum, a one-year beginning teacher mentoring and induction program administered by the employing school district with the assistance of the State Department of Education.

(vi) Upon successful completion of the TMI and the internship provisional license period, applicants for a Standard License - Nontraditional Route shall submit to the commission a transcript of successful completion of the twelve (12) semester hours required in the internship program, and the employing school district shall submit to the commission a recommendation for standard licensure of the intern. If the school district recommends licensure, the applicant shall be issued a Standard License - Nontraditional Route which shall be valid for a five-year period and be renewable.

(vii) At the discretion of the teacher preparation institution, the individual shall be allowed to credit the twelve (12) semester hours earned in the nontraditional teacher internship program toward the graduate hours required for a Master of Arts in Teacher (MAT) Degree.

(viii) The local school district in which the nontraditional teacher intern or provisional licensee is employed shall compensate such teacher interns at Step 1 of the required salary level during the period of time such individual is completing teacher internship requirements and shall compensate such Standard License - Nontraditional Route teachers at Step 3 of the required salary level when they complete license requirements.

Implementation of the TMI program provided for under this paragraph (b) shall be contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated specifically for such purpose by the Legislature. Such implementation of the TMI program may not be deemed to prohibit the State Board of Education from developing and implementing additional alternative route teacher licensure programs, as deemed appropriate by the board. The emergency certification program in effect prior to July 1, 2002, shall remain in effect.

A Standard License - Approved Program Route shall be issued for a five-year period, and may be renewed. Recognizing teaching as a profession, a hiring preference shall be granted to persons holding a Standard License - Approved Program Route or Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route over persons holding any other license.

(c) Special License - Expert Citizen. In order to allow a school district to offer specialized or technical courses, the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education, may grant a one-year expert citizen-teacher license to local business or other professional personnel to teach in a public school or nonpublic school accredited or approved by the state. Such person may begin teaching upon his employment by the local school board and licensure by the Mississippi Department of Education. The board shall adopt rules and regulations to administer the expert citizen-teacher license. A Special License - Expert Citizen may be renewed in accordance with the established rules and regulations of the State Department of Education.

(d) Special License - Nonrenewable. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations to allow those educators not meeting requirements in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subsection (6) to be licensed for a period of not more than three (3) years, except by special approval of the State Board of Education.

(e) Nonlicensed Teaching Personnel. A nonlicensed person may teach for a maximum of three (3) periods per teaching day in a public school district or a nonpublic school accredited/approved by the state. Such person shall submit to the department a transcript or record of his education and experience which substantiates his

preparation for the subject to be taught and shall meet other qualifications specified by the commission and approved by the State Board of Education. In no case shall any local school board hire nonlicensed personnel as authorized under this paragraph in excess of five percent (5%) of the total number of licensed personnel in any single school.

(f) Special License - Transitional Bilingual Education. Beginning July 1, 2003, the commission shall grant special licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who possess such qualifications as are prescribed in this section. Teachers of transitional bilingual education shall be compensated by local school boards at not less than one (1) step on the regular salary schedule applicable to permanent teachers licensed under this section. The commission shall grant special licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who present the commission with satisfactory evidence that they (i) possess a speaking and reading ability in a language, other than English, in which bilingual education is offered and communicative skills in English; (ii) are in good health and sound moral character; (iii) possess a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree in teacher education from an accredited institution of higher education; (iv) meet such requirements as to courses of study, semester hours therein, experience and training as may be required by the commission; and (v) are legally present in the United States and possess legal authorization for employment. A teacher of transitional bilingual education serving under a special license shall be under an exemption from standard licensure if he achieves the requisite qualifications therefor. Two (2) years of service by a teacher of transitional bilingual education under such an exemption shall be credited to the teacher in acquiring a Standard Educator License. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit a local school board from employing a teacher licensed in an appropriate field as approved by the State Department of Education to teach in a program in transitional bilingual education.

(g) In the event any school district meets the highest accreditation standards as defined by the State Board of Education in the accountability system, the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may exempt such school district from any restrictions in paragraph (e) relating to the employment of nonlicensed teaching personnel.

(h) Highly Qualified Teachers. Beginning July 1, 2006, any teacher from any state meeting the federal definition of highly qualified, as described in the No Child Left Behind Act, must be granted a standard five-year license by the State Department of Education.

(7) Administrator License. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations and to administer the licensure process of the school administrators in the State of Mississippi. There will be four (4) categories of administrator licensure with exceptions only through special approval of the State Board of Education.

(a) Administrator License - Nonpracticing. Those educators holding administrative endorsement but having no administrative experience or not serving in an administrative position on January 15, 1997.

(b) Administrator License - Entry Level. Those educators holding administrative endorsement and having met the department's qualifications to be eligible for employment in a Mississippi school district. Administrator License - Entry Level shall be issued for a five-year period and shall be nonrenewable.

(c) Standard Administrator License - Career Level. An administrator who has met all the requirements of the department for standard administrator licensure.

(d) Administrator License - Nontraditional Route. The board may establish a nontraditional route for licensing administrative personnel. Such nontraditional route for administrative licensure shall be available for persons holding, but not limited to, a master of business administration degree, a master of public administration degree, a master of public planning and policy degree or a doctor of jurisprudence degree from an accredited college or university, with five (5) years of administrative or supervisory experience. Successful completion of the requirements of alternate route licensure for administrators shall qualify the person for a standard administrator license.

Individuals seeking school administrator licensure under paragraph (b), (c) or (d) shall successfully complete a training program and an assessment process prescribed by the State Board of Education. All applicants for school administrator licensure shall

meet all requirements prescribed by the department under paragraph (b), (c) or (d), and the cost of the assessment process required shall be paid by the applicant.

(8) Reciprocity. * * * The department shall grant a standard five-year license to any individual who possesses a valid standard license from another state * * * within a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of a completed application. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

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(9) Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses. The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for the renewal and reinstatement of educator and administrator licenses. Effective May 15, 1997, the valid standard license held by an educator shall be extended five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the license in order to afford the educator adequate time to fulfill new renewal requirements established pursuant to this subsection. An educator completing a master of education, educational specialist or doctor of education degree in May 1997 for the purpose of upgrading the educator's license to a higher class shall be given this extension of five (5) years plus five (5) additional years for completion of a higher degree. For all license types with a current valid expiration date of June 30, 2021, the State Department of Education shall grant a one-year extension to June 30, 2022. Beginning July 1, 2022, and thereafter, applicants for licensure renewal shall meet all requirements in effect on the date that the complete application is received by the State Department of Education.

(10) All controversies involving the issuance, revocation, suspension or any change whatsoever in the licensure of an educator required to hold a license shall be initially heard in a hearing de novo, by the commission or by a subcommittee established by the commission and composed of commission members, or by a hearing officer retained and appointed by the commission, for the purpose of holding hearings. Any complaint seeking the denial of issuance, revocation or suspension of a license shall be by sworn affidavit filed with the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. The decision thereon by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, shall be final, unless the aggrieved party shall appeal to the State Board of Education, within ten (10) days, of the decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal to the State Board of Education shall be perfected upon filing a notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of the costs of the preparation of the record of proceedings by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal shall be on the record previously made before the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations adopted by the board. The decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer shall not be disturbed on appeal if supported by substantial evidence, was not arbitrary or capricious, within the authority of the commission, and did not violate some statutory or constitutional right. The State Board of Education in its authority may reverse, or remand with instructions, the decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. The decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

(11) (a) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, may deny an application for any teacher or administrator license for one or more of the following:

(i) Lack of qualifications which are prescribed by law or regulations adopted by the State Board of Education;

(ii) The applicant has a physical, emotional or mental disability that renders the applicant unfit to perform the duties authorized by the license, as certified by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist;

(iii) The applicant is actively addicted to or actively dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens or other drugs having similar effect, at the time of application for a license;

(iv) Fraud or deceit committed by the applicant in securing or attempting to secure such certification and license;

(v) Failing or refusing to furnish reasonable evidence of identification;

(vi) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this subparagraph (vi) of this paragraph (a), a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(vii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or post-release supervision for a felony or conviction, as defined by federal or state law. However, this disqualification expires upon the end of the probationary or post-release supervision period.

(b) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, shall deny an application for any teacher or administrator license, or immediately revoke the current teacher or administrator license, for one or more of the following:

(i) If the applicant or licensee has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(ii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or post-release supervision for a sex offense conviction, as defined by federal or state law;

(iii) The license holder has fondled a student as described in Section 97-5-23, or had any type of sexual involvement with a student as described in Section 97-3-95; or

(iv) The license holder has failed to report sexual involvement of a school employee with a student as required by Section 97-5-24.

(12) The State Board of Education, acting through the commission, may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any teacher or administrator license for specified periods of time or may place on probation, reprimand a licensee, or take other disciplinary action with regard to any license issued under this chapter for one or more of the following:

(a) Breach of contract or abandonment of employment may result in the suspension of the license for one (1) school year as provided in Section 37-9-57;

(b) Obtaining a license by fraudulent means shall result in immediate suspension and continued suspension for one (1) year after correction is made;

(c) Suspension or revocation of a certificate or license by another state shall result in immediate suspension or revocation and shall continue until records in the prior state have been cleared;

(d) The license holder has been convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this paragraph, a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

(e) The license holder knowingly and willfully committing any of the acts affecting validity of mandatory uniform test results as provided in Section 37-16-4(1);

(f) The license holder has engaged in unethical conduct relating to an educator/student relationship as identified by the State Board of Education in its rules;

(g) The license holder served as superintendent or principal in a school district during the time preceding and/or that resulted in the Governor declaring a state of emergency and the State Board of Education appointing a conservator;

(h) The license holder submitted a false certification to the State Department of Education that a statewide test was administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System; or

(i) The license holder has failed to comply with the Procedures for Reporting Infractions as promulgated by the commission and approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (15) of this section.

For purposes of this subsection, probation shall be defined as a length of time determined by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, and based on the severity of the offense in which the license holder shall meet certain requirements as prescribed by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. Failure to complete the requirements in the time specified shall result in immediate suspension of the license for one (1) year.

(13) (a) Dismissal or suspension of a licensed employee by a local school board pursuant to Section 37-9-59 may result in the suspension or revocation of a license for a length of time which shall be determined by the commission and based upon the severity of the offense.

(b) Any offense committed or attempted in any other state shall result in the same penalty as if committed or attempted in this state.

(c) A person may voluntarily surrender a license. The surrender of such license may result in the commission recommending any of the above penalties without the necessity of a hearing. However, any such license which has voluntarily been surrendered by a licensed employee may only be reinstated by a majority vote of all members of the commission present at the meeting called for such purpose.

(14) (a) A person whose license has been suspended or surrendered on any grounds except criminal grounds may petition for reinstatement of the license after one (1) year from the date of suspension or surrender, or after one-half (1/2) of the suspended or surrendered time has lapsed, whichever is greater. A person whose license has been suspended or revoked on any grounds or violations under subsection (12) of this section may be reinstated automatically or approved for a reinstatement hearing, upon submission of a written request to the commission. A license suspended, revoked or surrendered on criminal grounds may be reinstated upon petition to the commission filed after expiration of the sentence and parole or probationary period imposed upon conviction. A revoked, suspended or surrendered license may be reinstated upon satisfactory showing of evidence of rehabilitation. The commission shall require all who petition for reinstatement to furnish evidence satisfactory to the commission of good character, good mental, emotional and physical health and such other evidence as the commission may deem necessary to establish the petitioner's rehabilitation and fitness to perform the duties authorized by the license.

(b) A person whose license expires while under investigation by the Office of Educator Misconduct for an alleged violation may not be reinstated without a hearing before the commission if required based on the results of the investigation.

(15) Reporting procedures and hearing procedures for dealing with infractions under this section shall be promulgated by the commission, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education. The revocation or suspension of a license shall be effected at the time indicated on the notice of suspension or revocation. The commission shall immediately notify the superintendent of the school district or school board where the teacher or administrator is employed of any disciplinary action and also notify the teacher or administrator of such revocation or suspension and shall maintain records of action taken. The State Board of Education may reverse or remand with instructions any decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer regarding a petition for reinstatement of a license, and any such decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

(16) An appeal from the action of the State Board of Education in denying an application, revoking or suspending a license or otherwise disciplining any person under the provisions of this section shall be filed in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, on the record made, including a verbatim transcript of the testimony at the hearing. The appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days after notification of the action of the board is mailed or served and the proceedings in chancery court shall be conducted as other matters coming before the court. The appeal shall be perfected upon filing notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of all costs, including the cost of preparation of the record of the proceedings by the State Board of Education, and the filing of a bond in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) conditioned that if the action of the board be affirmed by the chancery court, the applicant or license holder shall pay the costs of the appeal and the action of the chancery court.

(17) All such programs, rules, regulations, standards and criteria recommended or authorized by the commission shall become effective upon approval by the State Board of Education as designated by appropriate orders entered upon the minutes thereof.

(18) The granting of a license shall not be deemed a property right nor a guarantee of employment in any public school district. A license is a privilege indicating minimal eligibility for teaching in the public school districts of Mississippi. This section

shall in no way alter or abridge the authority of local school districts to require greater qualifications or standards of performance as a prerequisite of initial or continued employment in such districts.

(19) In addition to the reasons specified in subsections (12) and (13) of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1263, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL GRANT LICENSES WITHIN A PERIOD OF 21 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION TO TEACHERS IF THEY POSSESS A VALID STANDARD LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT FOR ALL LICENSE TYPES WITH A CURRENT VALID EXPIRATION DATE OF JUNE 30, 2021, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL GRANT A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO JUNE 30, 2022; TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND THEREAFTER, APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL SHALL MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT ON THE DATE THAT THE COMPLETE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Angela Burks Hill, Sollie B. Norwood

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Timmy Ladner

On motion of Rep. McCarty the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1077: Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means.

Rep. Turner moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2569: Urine; create the crime of selling or tampering with urine.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2569: Urine; create the crime of selling or tampering with urine.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "adulterant" means a substance that is not expected to be in human urine or another human bodily fluid or a substance expected to be present in human urine or another human bodily fluid but that is at a concentration so high that it is not consistent with human urine or another human bodily fluid, including, without limitation:

- (a) Bleach;
- (b) Chromium;
- (c) Creatinine;
- (d) Detergent;
- (e) Glutaraldehyde;
- (f) Glutaraldehyde/squalene;
- (g) Hydrochloric acid;
- (h) Hydroiodic acid;
- (i) Iodine;
- (j) Nitrite;
- (k) Peroxidase;
- (l) Potassium dichromate;
- (m) Potassium nitrite;
- (n) Pyridinium chlorochromate; and
- (o) Sodium nitrite.

(2) It is unlawful for a person to:

(a) Sell, give away, distribute, manufacture or market human or synthetic urine in this state or transport human or synthetic urine into this state with the intent of using the human or synthetic urine to defraud or cause deceitful results in a drug or alcohol screening test;

(b) Attempt to defeat or interfere with the results of a drug or alcohol screening test by substituting synthetic urine or substituting or spiking a human urine

sample or by advertising urine sample substitution or human urine spiking devices or measures;

(c) Possess adulterants with intent to use such a substance to adulterate a human urine sample or other human bodily fluid sample with intent to defraud or cause deceitful results in a drug or alcohol screening test; or

(d) Sell or market an adulterant with the intent by the seller or marketer that the product be used to adulterate a human urine sample or other human bodily fluid sample for the purpose of defrauding or causing deceitful results in a drug or alcohol screening test.

(3) There shall be a rebuttable presumption of intent to defraud or obtain deceitful results in a drug or alcohol screening test if:

(a) A heating element or any other device used to thwart a drug screening test accompanies the sale, giving, distribution, manufacture or marketing of human or synthetic urine; or

(b) Instructions that provide a method for thwarting a drug screening test accompany the sale, giving, distribution, manufacture or marketing of human or synthetic urine.

(4) (a) Upon a first conviction, a person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six (6) months, or both.

(b) Upon a second conviction, a person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one (1) year, or both.

(c) Upon a third or subsequent conviction, a person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections not to exceed three (3) years, or both.

(5) Nothing in this act shall be construed to encourage, conflict, or otherwise interfere with the preemption of state and local laws under federal laws or United States Department of Transportation regulations related to drug testing procedures and confidentiality.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIME OF SELLING, TRANSFERRING, MARKETING OR GIVING AWAY URINE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADULTERATING A HUMAN URINE SAMPLE FOR A CHEMICAL TEST; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Tyler McCaughn, Derrick T. Simmons
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jill Ford, Shanda Yates

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Arnold, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hines, Hopkins, Karriem, Osborne, Porter, Rosebud, Scott, Summers. Total--18.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Guice. Total-2.

Present--Anthony, Jackson. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2621: Task Force; establish to study domestic law matters.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2621: Task Force; establish to study domestic law matters.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) There is hereby established the "Task Force to Study Mississippi's Laws Regarding the Awarding and Calculating of Child Support, Alimony and Other Related Matters in Domestic Law" to develop a recommendation to the Legislature and the Mississippi Supreme Court relative to revising Mississippi's domestic relations laws to reflect current jurisprudence in these areas and to propose legislation and rule changes based upon its recommendation.

(2) The members of the Task Force shall be as follows:

(a) The Chairmen of the Judiciary A Committees of the Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives;

(b) One (1) designee of the Mississippi Supreme Court to be named by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

(c) One (1) designee of the Mississippi Court of Appeals to be named by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;

(d) Two (2) sitting Chancellors to be named by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

(e) Two (2) practicing attorneys in the State of Mississippi with expertise in the area of domestic relations, one (1) from each of the federal judicial districts to be named by the Mississippi Bar Association;

(f) One (1) practicing attorney who is a general practitioner with expertise in the area of domestic relations and who practices in a firm with five (5) or fewer licensed attorneys to be named by the Mississippi Bar Association;

(g) Two (2) practicing guardians ad litem to be named by the Mississippi Bar Association;

(h) One (1) practicing or retired attorney with expertise in disability law and domestic law to be named by the Mississippi Bar Association;

(i) One (1) designee of the Child Support Unit of the Mississippi Department of Human Services to be named by the executive director of the department;

(j) One (1) professor of law with expertise in domestic law to be named by the Dean of the University of Mississippi School of Law; and

(k) One (1) professor of law with expertise in domestic law to be named by the Dean of the Mississippi College School of Law.

(3) The Task Force shall meet within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this act, upon the call of the Governor, and shall evaluate the current domestic laws and cases in Mississippi. Specifically the Task Force shall:

(a) Review the models used by states to determine the base child support amount due, including the "Income Shares Model," the "Percentage of Income Model" and the "Melson Formula," which incorporate a self-support reserve for the obligor and take into consideration the health care expenses of the children;

(b) Review special provisions for child care expenses, formulas for shared custody, split custody and extraordinary visitation, and deductions for the support of previous and subsequent children;

(c) Review the current trends of law regarding "No-Fault Divorce" and make recommendation(s) based on said review;

(d) Review the current trends in the imposition and cost of fees for guardian ad litem and related issues on guardians and make recommendation(s) based on said review;

(e) Review Senate Bill No. 2220, 2021 Regular Session and make recommendation(s) based on said review; and

(f) Review any other matters related to the above issues or related to domestic law.

(4) The Task Force may request the assistance of the University of Mississippi School of Law and the Mississippi College School of Law, the Mississippi Judicial College, the Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts and the proper section of the Mississippi Bar Association, or any other related organization with expertise in domestic relations.

(5) The members of the Task Force shall elect a Chair from among the members. The Task Force shall develop and report its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation to the Legislature and proposed rule changes to the Mississippi Supreme Court on or before December 1, 2021. A quorum of the membership shall be required to approve any final report and recommendation. Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expense in the same manner as public employees are reimbursed for official duties from any available funds and members of the Legislature shall be reimbursed in the same manner as for attending out-of-session committee meetings.

(6) The Mississippi Bar Association and the Mississippi Judicial College shall provide necessary clerical support for the meetings of the Task Force and the preparation of the report. Proposed legislation shall be prepared by the Legislative Services Offices of the Senate and House as requested.

(7) Upon presentation of its report the Task Force shall be dissolved.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A "TASK FORCE TO STUDY MISSISSIPPI'S LAWS REGARDING THE AWARDING AND CALCULATING OF CHILD SUPPORT, ALIMONY AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS IN DOMESTIC LAW"; TO PRESCRIBE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE AND PROVIDE FOR ITS ORGANIZATION; TO PROVIDE FOR A REPORT BY THE TASK FORCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, David Parker, Nicole Boyd CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Mark Tullos, Edward Blackmon, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins,

Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Reynolds. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2638: Electronic documents; provide recording procedure for counties without electronic-recording capability.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2638: Electronic documents; provide recording procedure for counties without electronic-recording capability.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 89-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

* * *

89-3-1. (1) A document concerning real property or conveying personal property may not be recorded unless, in the case of a paper document, it contains an original signature or signatures, or in the case of an electronic document, contains an electronic signature or signatures that comply with the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (Article 3, Chapter 5, Title 89, Mississippi Code of 1972). For purposes of this section, the terms "document," "paper document" and "electronic document" have the meaning given in the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act. A document concerning real property or conveying personal property which conforms to this subsection may be recorded if it is acknowledged or proved according to law, or in the case of a document that is an affidavit, verified upon oath or affirmation.

(2) (a) A tangible copy of an electronic document that is otherwise eligible for recording under the laws of this state may be recorded if the tangible copy of the electronic document has been certified to be a true and correct copy of the electronic document as required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2).

(b) The certificate must be transmitted with and be recorded as a part of the tangible copy of the electronic document being recorded and must:

- (i) Contain an original signature of a licensed attorney or custodian of the electronic document that is verified upon oath or affirmation;
- (ii) Identify the jurisdiction in which the certification is performed;

(iii) Contain the title of the notarial officer;
 (iv) Indicate the date of expiration, if any, of the notarial officer's commission; and
 (v) Include an official seal of the notary public affixed to the certificate.

(c) The following form of certificate is sufficient for purposes of this subsection if completed with the information required in paragraph (b) of this subsection:
 "CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT

I, _____, [a licensed attorney or the custodian of the electronic document], hereby certify that the attached document, _____ (insert title), on _____ (date), and containing _____ pages, is a true and correct copy of an electronic document printed by me or under my supervision. A false certification under this section shall be subject to any penalties provided by law for such.

 (Signature of person making certification)
 STATE OF _____
 COUNTY OF _____
 Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on _____ (date) by
 _____ (name(s) of individual(s) making statement).

 (Signature of
 Notarial Officer)

 (Title of officer)

My commission expires:

(Affix official seal, if applicable)"

(d) All tangible copies of electronic documents eligible for recording under this subsection (2) are validly recorded when accepted for recording by the chancery clerk's office. Tangible copies of electronic documents recorded by a chancery clerk before the effective date of the Revised Mississippi Law on Notarial Acts shall be considered validly recorded with or without the certification provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2).

(e) The person making the certification provided in this section must:

(i) Confirm that the electronic document contains an electronic signature that is capable of independent verification and renders any subsequent changes or modifications to the electronic document evident;

(ii) Personally print or supervise the printing of the electronic document onto paper; and

(iii) Not make any changes or modifications to the electronic document other than the certification described in this subsection (2).

(f) If a certificate is completed with the information required by paragraph (b) of this subsection (2) and is attached to or made part of a tangible copy of an electronic document, the certificate is prima facie evidence that the requirements of paragraph (e) of this subsection (2) have been satisfied.

(g) This section does not apply to maps or plats that are subject to the requirements of Section 19-27-23, 19-27-25 or 19-27-27.

(** *3) The chancery clerk's office may refuse to record a document that does not satisfy ** * the requirements of this section. However, if a document does not satisfy subsection (1) or (2) of this section, but is otherwise admitted to record, then all persons shall be on constructive notice of the contents of the document.

(** *4) If the relative priorities of conflicting claims to real property were established before July 1, 2011, then the law applicable to those claims at the time those claims were established shall determine their priority.

(* * *5) This section does not require the acknowledgement or verification upon oath or affirmation or prohibit the recording of any of the following filed for record under the Uniform Commercial Code or otherwise specially provided for by law:

- (a) A financing statement;
- (b) A security agreement filed as a financing statement; or
- (c) A continuation statement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 89-3-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A RECORDING PROCEDURE FOR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS IN COUNTIES THAT DO NOT HAVE ELECTRONIC CAPABILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Tyler McCaughn, Angela Turner-Ford
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Shane Aguirre, Thomas U. Reynolds

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Home, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 425: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 425: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-35-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-35-143. (1) The board of supervisors of each county shall have power, upon application of the party interested, or by the assessor on behalf of such party, or otherwise as prescribed in Sections 27-35-145 through 27-35-149, to change, cancel or decrease an assessment in the manner herein provided at any time after the assessment roll containing such assessment has been finally approved by the * * * Department of Revenue, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, prior to the last Monday in August next, under the following circumstances and no other:

* * *(a) When the same property has been assessed more than once to one or more persons.

* * *(b) When a clerical error has been made in transcribing the assessment from the tax list to the assessment roll, or from the assessment roll to the copies, or in amending the original assessment roll, in making the equalization of assessments, or in carrying out the instructions of the * * * Department of Revenue.

* * *(c) When an error in addition or multiplication has been made in the compilation of the tax list, roll or copy of the roll.

* * *(d) When there is an assessment of property which never existed, or was not owned by or in the possession of the party to whom assessed, on the next preceding tax lien date.

* * *(e) When the assessment is in the name of another than the owner of the property on the next preceding tax lien date.

* * *(f) When the assessment is so indefinite as to give a vague or imperfect description of the property assessed.

* * *(g) When the property assessed is nontaxable, or was not subject to taxation on the next preceding tax lien date.

* * *(h) When the property is not liable to a special district tax levy for which it has been assessed.

* * *(i) When the property, after the next preceding tax lien date, but before the payment of taxes due thereon, has ceased to exist, on account of death or destruction by fire, explosion, storm, flood, earthquake, lightning, or other inevitable accident or act of Providence; or has depreciated in value on account of any such accident or occurrence as the foregoing.

Provided, however, that where property has been insured the amount collected as insurance by reason of such loss shall be taken into account by the board in reducing the assessment, or refunding any tax payment thereon.

* * *(j) When the assessment does not show the correct number of acres, actually in the property described, or the correct quantity of any property.

* * *(k) When lands have been assessed and incorrectly classified; or when buildings and improvements have been assessed which were not on the land, at the preceding tax lien date; or where the buildings and improvements, at the preceding tax lien date, were exempt from assessment and taxation.

* * *(l) When the property has been assessed for more than its actual value; but in such cases the board shall require proof, under oath, of such excessive assessment by two (2) or more competent witnesses who know of their own personal knowledge that the property is assessed for a higher sum than its true value.

* * *(m) When the property has been assessed as subject to state taxes and is exempt; or when the property has been assessed as subject to county and district taxes and is exempt from such taxes.

* * *(n) When buildings and improvements have been assessed with the land, but are owned by someone other than the owner of the land.

(2) The assessor shall make an application on behalf of the party interested if the assessor has knowledge of any circumstance or occurrence described in subsection

(1)(i) of this section regardless of whether the party interested has made such an application. If the assessor fails to make such application, the party interested may make an application with the board of supervisors not later than the last Monday in August after the assessment roll containing such assessment has been finally approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board of supervisors may change, cancel or decrease the assessment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-35-143, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A TAX ASSESSOR HAS KNOWLEDGE OF CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES OR OCCURRENCES THAT MAY AFFECT AN ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY FOR AD VALOREM TAX PURPOSES, THE TAX ASSESSOR SHALL MAKE AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE INTERESTED PARTY WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CHANGE, CANCEL OR DECREASE THE ASSESSMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Ken Morgan

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Chuck Younger

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1135: Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1135: Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The holder of a delivery service permit under Section 67-1-51:

(a) May contract with the holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or the holder of a beer, light wine and light spirit product retail permit under Section 67-3-19 for the purpose of intrastate delivery of alcoholic beverages or beer, light wine and light spirit product, as authorized to be sold under the respective permits;

(b) May deliver alcoholic beverages or beer, light wine and light spirit product without a delivery contract, if the permittee holds a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or a beer, light wine and light spirit product retail permit under Section 67-3-19, respectively;

(c) May use its own employees or independent contractors who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age to deliver such alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product under this section, provided all delivery agents are trained and certified consistent with the training program submitted to the division as required by subsection (2)(d) of this section. If independent contractors are used, the delivery service permittee must enter into a contract with the retailer as required by subsection (2)(c) of this section;

(d) May facilitate orders by telephone, internet or other electronic means for the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product under this section. The full amount of each order must be handled in a manner that gives the retail permittee control over the ultimate receipt of payment from the consumer. The retail permittee shall remain responsible for the proper remittance of all applicable taxes on the sale of the product;

(e) May deliver only sealed containers of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to an individual in Mississippi;

(f) Shall obtain from the customer a confirmation that he or she is at least twenty-one (21) years of age at the time the order is placed;

(g) Shall place a stamp, print or label on the outside of the sealed package to indicate that the sealed package contains alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product;

(h) Shall require the recipient, at the time of delivery, to provide valid photo identification verifying he or she is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and to sign for the delivery;

(i) Shall possess identification scanning software technology or a state-of-the-art alternative at the point of delivery to verify the recipient is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and to collect the recipient's name and date of birth. Records relating to this verification shall be maintained for at least ninety (90) days and shall be subject to review by the division;

(j) Shall return all alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to the retailer if the recipient is under the age of twenty-one (21) years, appears intoxicated, fails to provide proof of identification, fails or refuses to sign for delivery, fails to complete the identification verification process or declines to accept delivery, or if any circumstances in the delivery environment indicate illegal conduct, overconsumption of alcohol, or an otherwise unsafe environment for the consumption of alcohol;

(k) May not deliver any alcoholic beverage, beer, light wine or light spirit product to any person located within a jurisdiction that is dry for that product, as provided by the division's wet-dry map;

(l) May not deliver any alcoholic beverage, beer, light wine or light spirit product in a jurisdiction during times prohibited for lawful sale in that jurisdiction;

(m) May not deliver any alcoholic beverage, beer, light wine or light spirit product more than thirty (30) miles from the retailer's licensed premises;

(n) Shall permit the division to perform an audit of the licensee's records upon request and with sufficient notification; and

(o) Shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the division or any law enforcement agency and the Mississippi courts concerning enforcement of this section and any related laws or rules.

(2) In order to receive a delivery service permit, an applicant shall:

(a) File an application with the division;

(b) Pay the privilege license tax of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) as provided in Section 27-71-5;

(c) Provide to the division a sample contract that the applicant intends to enter into with a retailer for the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product, unless the applicant is the retailer;

(d) Submit to the division an outline of an internal or external training and certification program for delivery service personnel that addresses topics such as identifying underage persons, intoxicated persons, and fake or altered identification;

(e) Provide an attestation that the applicant is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and has not been convicted of a felony in any state or federal courts;

(f) Shall provide proof of a general liability insurance policy in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence; and

(g) Shall be properly registered to conduct business in Mississippi.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a technology services company to obtain a delivery service permit if the company does not employ or contract with delivery agents but merely provides software or a digital network application that connects consumers and licensed retailers for the delivery of alcoholic beverages from the licensed retailer. However, the act of connecting consumers to licensed retailers shall serve to grant jurisdiction to the State of Mississippi.

(4) The division may enforce the requirements of this section by the same administrative proceedings that apply to other alcoholic beverage licenses or permits, including, without limitation, any disciplinary action applicable to the package retailer's permittee, on-premises retailer's permittee, retail permittee for beer, light wine or light spirit product, or delivery service permittee resulting from any unlawful sale to a minor.

(5) The division may enforce the requirements of this section against the package retailer's permittee, on-premises retailer's permittee, retail permittee for beer, light wine or light spirit product, or delivery service permittee, and any employee or independent contractor of such permittee. If a package retailer permittee, an on-premises retailer's permittee, or a retail permittee for beer, light wine or light spirit product is also a delivery permittee, a violation of alcohol law by its employee or independent contractor during delivery will subject both the retailer permit and the delivery service permit to disciplinary action for the violation. Delivery to a minor shall be treated as furnishing to a minor and shall result in any applicable disciplinary action.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or otherwise diminish the ability of the division to enforce the provisions of Chapters 1 and 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, with respect to the liability of any package retailer's permittee, on-premises retailer's permittee, retail permittee for beer, light wine or light spirit product, or delivery service permittee engaging in delivery activity authorized by this section.

(7) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the direct shipment of alcoholic beverages, light wine, beer or light spirit product from any manufacturer or distributor holding a permit under this chapter, or under Title 67, Chapter 3, Mississippi Code of 1972, to consumers in this state.

SECTION 2. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1288, 2021 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department shall be as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to manufacturers holding permits under this chapter in this state and to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase the same, and to sell as provided by this chapter.

Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the production of distilled spirits by distillation or redistillation and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining, mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.

Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and store wine or vinous liquor.

Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native wines.

Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native spirits.

(b) Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his employees at the permitted place of business so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this chapter and applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers and other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold.

(c) On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees ordered. Such a permit shall be issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, and to common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to such establishments as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.

(d) Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1) principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell alcoholic beverages for his own account,

and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler or manufacturer in the state.

(e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native wine retailer is located.

(f) Temporary retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70) days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the application or statement, the applicant shall never again be eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject to prosecution for perjury.

Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail establishment at an open house or promotional event, for consumption only on the premises described in the temporary permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that it meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the Class 3 temporary permit

holder to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued under paragraph (l) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine or beer.

(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit. When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made only for consumption at the catered location. The location being catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.

(i) Alcohol processing permit. An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

(j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

(k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit

shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.

(l) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the holder of a package retailer's permit.

(m) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit. A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a qualifying charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages sold, stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the premises immediately following the auction, and may not be consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may only be issued for venues that can accommodate two hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along with all other documents required to be provided for an on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and productions on the premises of the facility described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private

charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p), "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.

(q) Distillery retailer's permit. The holder of a Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages by the sealed and unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in the permit. The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this chapter. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats, glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(r) Festival wine permit. Any wine manufacturer or native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed, unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this permit may provide samples at no charge to participants. "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and returns as prescribed by the department. This permit is issued per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2) consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises permittees' sales in that county or city. The holder of the permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2023.

(s) Charter vessel operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit. For the purposes of this paragraph (s),

"charter vessel operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate-10 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties, and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters as provided in this paragraph (s).

(t) Native spirit retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

(u) Delivery service permit. Any individual, limited liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 1 of this act, this permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to the premises of a location with a permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product. The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege separate from its existing retail permit.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail permit, at the discretion of the department.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this chapter within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school, kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet.

A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

(4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit.

(5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the leisure and recreation district while in possession of the alcoholic beverage or wine.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this chapter.

SECTION 3. Section 67-1-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-37. The Department of Revenue, under its duties and powers with respect to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division therein, shall have the following powers, functions and duties:

(a) To issue or refuse to issue any permit provided for by this chapter, or to extend the permit or remit in whole or any part of the permit monies when the permit cannot be used due to a natural disaster or act of God.

(b) To revoke, suspend or cancel, for violation of or noncompliance with the provisions of this chapter, or the law governing the production and sale of native wines or native spirits, or any lawful rules and regulations of the department issued hereunder, or for other sufficient cause, any permit issued by it under the provisions of this chapter. The department shall also be authorized to suspend the permit of any permit holder for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a permit for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a permit suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a permit suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or Section 93-11-163, as the case may be. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or Section 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or Section 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

(c) To prescribe forms of permits and applications for permits and of all reports which it deems necessary in administering this chapter.

(d) To fix standards, not in conflict with those prescribed by any law of this state or of the United States, to secure the use of proper ingredients and methods of manufacture of alcoholic beverages.

(e) To issue rules regulating the advertising of alcoholic beverages in the state in any class of media and permitting advertising of the retail price of alcoholic beverages.

(f) To issue reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the federal laws or regulations, requiring informative labeling of all alcoholic beverages offered for sale within this state and providing for the standards of fill and shapes of retail containers of alcoholic beverages; however, such containers shall not contain less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure.

(g) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of Section 67-1-51, to issue rules and regulations governing the issuance of retail permits for premises located near or around schools, colleges, universities, churches and other public institutions, and specifying the distances therefrom within which no such permit shall be issued. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall not issue a package retailer's or on-premises retailer's permit for the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on the campus of any public school, community or junior college, college or university.

(h) To adopt and promulgate, repeal and amend, such rules, regulations, standards, requirements and orders, not inconsistent with this chapter or any law of this state or of the United States, as it deems necessary to control the manufacture, importation, transportation, distribution, delivery and sale of alcoholic liquor, whether intended for beverage or nonbeverage use in a manner not inconsistent with the

provisions of this chapter or any other statute, including the native wine and native spirit laws.

(i) To call upon other administrative departments of the state, county and municipal governments, county and city police departments and upon prosecuting officers for such information and assistance as it may deem necessary in the performance of its duties.

(j) To prepare and submit to the Governor during the month of January of each year a detailed report of its official acts during the preceding fiscal year ending June 30, including such recommendations as it may see fit to make, and to transmit a like report to each member of the Legislature of this state upon the convening thereof at its next regular session.

(k) To inspect, or cause to be inspected, any premises where alcoholic liquors intended for sale are manufactured, stored, distributed or sold, and to examine or cause to be examined all books and records pertaining to the business conducted therein.

(l) To investigate the administration of laws in relation to alcoholic liquors in this and other states and any foreign countries, and to recommend from time to time to the Governor and through him to the Legislature of this state such amendments to this chapter, if any, as it may think desirable.

(m) To designate hours and days when alcoholic beverages may be sold in different localities in the state which permit such sale.

(n) To assign employees to posts of duty at locations where they will be most beneficial for the control of alcoholic beverages and to take any other action concerning persons employed under this chapter as authorized by law and taken in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures of the State Personnel Board.

(o) To enforce the provisions made unlawful by Chapter 3, Title 67 and Section 97-5-49.

(p) To delegate its authority under this chapter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, its director or any other officer or employee of the department that it deems appropriate.

(q) To prescribe and charge a fee to defray the costs of shipping alcoholic beverages, provided that such fee is determined in a manner provided by the department by rules and/or regulations adopted in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law.

SECTION 4. Section 67-1-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 667, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-83. (1) It shall be unlawful for any permittee or * * * any employee or agent thereof to sell or furnish any alcoholic beverage to any person who is visibly intoxicated, or to any person who is known to habitually drink alcoholic beverages to excess, or to any person who is known to be an habitual user of narcotics or other habit-forming drugs. It shall also be unlawful for the holder of any package retailer's permit to sell any alcoholic beverages except by delivery in person to the purchaser at the place of business of the permittee, unless the holder of a package retailer's permit also holds a delivery service permit or uses a delivery service permittee to effect delivery.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any permittee or * * * any employee or agent thereof to sell or furnish any alcoholic beverage to any person to whom the * * * department has, after investigation, decided to prohibit the sale of those beverages because of an appeal to the * * * department so to do by the husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister, child, or employer of the person. The interdiction in those cases shall last until removed by the * * * department, but no person shall be held to have violated this subsection unless he has been informed by the * * * department, by registered letter, that it is forbidden to sell to that individual or unless that fact is otherwise known to the permittee or * * * its employee or agent.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any holder of a package retailer's permit, or any employee or agent thereof, engaged solely in the business of package retail sales under this chapter to sell or furnish any alcoholic beverage before 10:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m. or to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday and Christmas Day.

(4) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five

Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than six (6) months, or by both that fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, the commission * * * may immediately revoke the permit of any permittee who violates the provisions of this section.

SECTION 5. Section 67-3-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-3-5. (1) It shall be lawful, subject to the provisions set forth in this chapter and in Section 67-1-51, in this state to transport, store, sell, distribute, possess, receive, deliver and/or manufacture light wine, light spirit product and beer, and it is hereby declared that it is the legislative intent that this chapter privileges the lawful sale and manufacture, within this state, of such light wines, light spirit products and beer. In determining if a wine product is "light wine," or contains an alcoholic content of more than five percent (5%) by weight, or is not an "alcoholic beverage" as defined in the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, Chapter 1 of Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, the alcoholic content of such wine product shall be subject to the same permitted tolerance as is allowed by the labeling requirements for light wine provided for in Section 27-71-509.

(2) Subject to the provisions set forth in this chapter and in Section 67-1-51, it shall be lawful in this state to transport, store, sell, distribute, possess, receive, deliver and/or manufacture beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight, if the beer is manufactured to be sold legally in another state and is transported outside of this state for retail sale.

SECTION 6. Section 67-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-3-25. (1) Any permit issued authorizing the sale or delivery of light wines, light spirit products and/or beer for consumption shall be construed to authorize the sale or delivery of light wines, light spirit products and/or beer by the bottle, by the glass or by draught, and in or from the original package.

(2) The commissioner is authorized to establish, in his discretion, dates for the expiration of permits issued under this chapter.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, permits shall be issued for twelve (12) months and shall be renewed annually on the first day of the month in which the permit expires. The commissioner may issue temporary permits for less than a full year. All permits shall show the effective date and expiration date of the permit, the business location, individual or business name and mailing address of the permittee.

SECTION 7. Section 27-71-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1288, 2021 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-71-5. (1) Upon each person approved for a permit under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and amendments thereto, there is levied and imposed for each location for the privilege of engaging and continuing in this state in the business authorized by such permit, an annual privilege license tax in the amount provided in the following schedule:

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (1), manufacturer's permit, Class 1, distiller's and/or rectifier's \$4,500.00
- (b) Manufacturer's permit, Class 2, wine manufacturer \$1,800.00
- (c) Manufacturer's permit, Class 3, native wine manufacturer per ten thousand (10,000) gallons or part thereof produced \$ 10.00
- (d) Manufacturer's permit, Class 4, native spirit manufacturer per one thousand (1,000) gallons or part thereof produced \$ 300.00
- (* * *e) Native wine retailer's permit \$ 50.00
- (* * *f) Package retailer's permit, each \$ 900.00
- (* * *g) On-premises retailer's permit, except for clubs and common carriers, each \$ 450.00
- (* * *h) On-premises retailer's permit for wine of more than five percent (5%) alcohol by weight, but not more than twenty-one percent (21%) alcohol by weight, each \$ 225.00
- (* * *i) On-premises retailer's permit for clubs \$ 225.00

- (** *) On-premises retailer's permit for common carriers, per car, plane, or other vehicle
\$ 120.00
- (** *) Solicitor's permit, regardless of any other provision of law, solicitor's permits shall
be issued only in the discretion of the department \$ 100.00
- (** *) Filing fee for each application except for an employee identification card \$
25.00
- (** *) Temporary permit, Class 1, each \$ 10.00
- (** *) Temporary permit, Class 2, each \$ 50.00
- (** *) (i) Caterer's permit \$ 600.00
- (ii) Caterer's permit for holders of on-premises retailer's permit \$ 150.00
- (** *) Research permit \$ 100.00
- (** *) Temporary permit, Class 3
(wine only) \$ 10.00
- (** *) Special service permit \$ 225.00
- (** *) Merchant permit \$ 225.00
- (** *) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit \$ 10.00
- (** *) Event venue retailer's permit \$ 225.00
- (** *) Temporary theatre permit, each \$ 10.00
- (** *) Charter ship operator's permit \$ 100.00
- (** *) Distillery retailer's permit \$ 450.00
- (** *) Festival wine permit \$ 10.00
- (z) Charter vessel operator's permit \$ 100.00
- (aa) Native spirit retailer's permit \$ 50.00
- (bb) Delivery service permit..... \$ 500.00

If a person approved for a manufacturer's permit, Class 1, distiller's permit produces a product with at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the finished product by volume being obtained from alcoholic fermentation of grapes, fruits, berries, honey and/or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi, and produces all of the product by using not more than one (1) still having a maximum capacity of one hundred fifty (150) liters, the annual privilege license tax for such a permit shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per ten thousand (10,000) gallons or part thereof produced. Bulk, concentrated or fortified ingredients used for blending may be produced outside this state and used in producing such a product.

In addition to the filing fee imposed by paragraph (** *) of this subsection, a fee to be determined by the Department of Revenue may be charged to defray costs incurred to process applications. The additional fees shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund account, which is hereby created, and expenditures therefrom shall be made only to defray the costs incurred by the Department of Revenue in processing alcoholic beverage applications. Any unencumbered balance remaining in the special fund account on June 30 of any fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund.

All privilege taxes imposed by this section shall be paid in advance of doing business. The additional privilege tax imposed for an on-premises retailer's permit based upon purchases shall be due and payable on demand.

Paragraph (** *) of this subsection shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2023.

(2) (a) There is imposed and shall be collected from each permittee, except a common carrier, solicitor ** *, a temporary permittee or a delivery service permittee, by the department, an additional license tax equal to the amounts imposed under subsection (1) of this section for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located.

(b) (i) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(f), (g), (h), (m) and (t) of this section, an additional license tax for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) on purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

(ii) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(n) and (r) of this section, an additional license tax for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) on purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

(iii) Any person who has paid the additional privilege license tax imposed by this paragraph, and whose permit is renewed, may add any unused fraction of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) purchases to the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) purchases authorized by the renewal permit, and no additional license tax will be required until purchases exceed the sum of the two (2) figures.

(c) If the licensee is located within a municipality, the department shall pay the amount of additional license tax collected under this section to the municipality, and if outside a municipality the department shall pay the additional license tax to the county in which the licensee is located. Payments by the department to the respective local government subdivisions shall be made once each month for any collections during the preceding month.

(3) When an application for any permit, other than for renewal of a permit, has been rejected by the department, such decision shall be final. Appeal may be made in the manner provided by Section 67-1-39. Another application from an applicant who has been denied a permit shall not be reconsidered within a twelve-month period.

(4) The number of permits issued by the department shall not be restricted or limited on a population basis; however, the foregoing limitation shall not be construed to preclude the right of the department to refuse to issue a permit because of the undesirability of the proposed location.

(5) If any person shall engage or continue in any business which is taxable under this section without having paid the tax as provided in this section, the person shall be liable for the full amount of the tax plus a penalty thereon equal to the amount thereof, and, in addition, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises of any hotel restaurant, restaurant, club or the interior of any public place defined in Chapter 1, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, when the owner or manager thereof displays in several conspicuous places inside the establishment and at the entrances of establishment a sign containing the following language: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED.

SECTION 8. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any part of this act is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or of no effect, the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases or parts thereof shall be in no manner affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new section in Chapter 1, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CREATE A DELIVERY SERVICE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE HOLDER TO CONTRACT FOR THE DELIVERY OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, BEER, LIGHT WINE OR LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT FROM A LICENSED RETAILER TO A CONSUMER; TO ALLOW A LICENSED RETAILER TO DELIVER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, BEER, LIGHT WINE OR LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT TO A CONSUMER IF THE RETAILER ALSO HOLDS A DELIVERY SERVICE PERMIT; TO SPECIFY CONDITIONS OF DELIVERY PURSUANT TO THE PERMIT; TO SET OUT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERMIT; TO SPECIFY THE ENFORCEMENT POWERS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE THE DELIVERY SERVICE PERMIT AMONG THE ALCOHOL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE HOLDER OF A PACKAGE RETAILER'S PERMIT OR AN ON-PREMISES RETAILER'S PERMIT UNDER SECTION 67-1-51 OR OF A BEER, LIGHT WINE AND LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT RETAILER'S PERMIT UNDER SECTION 67-3-19 IS AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR A DELIVERY SERVICE PERMIT AS A PRIVILEGE SEPARATE FROM ITS EXISTING RETAIL PERMIT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 67-1-37, 67-1-83, 67-3-5, 67-3-25 AND 27-71-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE ABOVE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Henry Zuber III, Brent Powell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Joel R. Carter, Jr., Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Darnell, Evans, B, Ford, J, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Newman, Oliver, Sanford, Scott, Smith, Turner, Wright, Yancey. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Calvert, Guice, Horne. Total--4.

Present--Anthony, Banks, Crudup, Stamps. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1296: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1296: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-7-22.31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-22.31. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Certified historic structure" means a property located in Mississippi that has been:

(i) Listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places; or

(ii) Determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and will be listed within thirty (30) months of claiming the rebate or credit authorized by this section; or

(iii) Property designated a Mississippi Landmark by the Department of Archives and History pursuant to Section 39-7-3 et seq.

(b) "Eligible property" means property located in Mississippi and offered or used for residential or business purposes * * *.

(c) "Structure in a certified historic district" means a structure (and its structural components) located in Mississippi which:

(i) Is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; or

(ii) Has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and will be listed within thirty (30) months of claiming the rebate or credit authorized by this section; or

(iii) Is located in a registered historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places or located in a potential district that has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and will be listed within thirty (30) months of claiming the rebate or credit authorized by this section, and is certified by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior as being of historic significance to the district; or

(iv) Is certified by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History as contributing to the historic significance of:

1. A certified historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places; or

2. A potential district that has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and will be listed within thirty (30) months of claiming the rebate or credit authorized by this section; or

3. A local district that has been certified by the United States Department of the Interior.

(d) "Department" means the Department of Archives and History.

(2) Any taxpayer incurring costs and expenses for the rehabilitation of eligible property, which is a certified historic structure or a structure in a certified historic district, shall be entitled to a rebate or credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter in an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total costs and expenses of rehabilitation incurred after January 1, 2006, which shall include, but not be limited to, qualified rehabilitation expenditures as defined under Section 47(c)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the related regulations thereunder:

(a) If the costs and expenses associated with rehabilitation exceed:

(i) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in the case of an owner-occupied dwelling; or

(ii) Fifty percent (50%) of the * * * adjusted basis in the property in the case of all other properties; and

(b) The rehabilitation is consistent with the standards of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior as determined by the department.

(3) Any taxpayer eligible for the rebate or credit authorized by this section may claim the rebate or credit in phases if:

(a) There is a written set of architectural plans and specifications for all phases of the rehabilitation (written plans outlining and describing all phases of the rehabilitation shall be accepted as written plans and specifications);

(b) The written set of architectural plans and specifications are completed before the physical work on the rehabilitation begins; and

(c) *** The project receives final certification by the department within sixty (60) months of the project start date certified in the first phase.

(4) (a) (i) If the amount of the tax credit established by this section exceeds the total state income tax liability for the credit year ***, the amount that exceeds the total state income tax liability may be carried forward for the ten (10) succeeding tax years.

(ii) In lieu of claiming a tax credit, the taxpayer may elect to claim a *** rebate in the amount of seventy-five percent (75%) of the *** amount that would be eligible to claim as a credit. The election must be made in the year in which the *** rebate is certified. ***

(iii) *** Rebate requests shall be submitted to the department *** on forms prescribed by the department. The department will then provide the taxpayer with a voucher for the approved amount. Within twelve (12) months of the issuance of the voucher by the department, the taxpayer may submit the voucher to the Department of Revenue to receive payment. *** Rebates shall be made from current tax collections.

(b) Not-for-profit entities, including, but not limited to, nonprofit corporations organized under Section 79-11-101 et seq. shall be ineligible for the rebate or credit authorized by this section. Credits granted to a partnership, a limited liability company taxed as a partnership or multiple owners of property shall be passed through to the partners, members or owners on a pro rata basis or pursuant to an executed agreement among the partners, members or owners documenting an alternative distribution method. Partners, members or other owners of a pass-through entity are not eligible to elect a refund of excess credit in lieu of a carryforward of the credit. However, a partnership or limited liability company taxed as a partnership may elect to claim a *** rebate at the entity level on a form prescribed by the department ***. Additionally, excess tax credits that are attributable to rehabilitated property that was placed in service by a pass-through entity prior to January 1, 2011, and that have previously been allocated to and are held by another pass-through entity prior to January 1, 2011, may be refunded to such other pass-through entity.

(5) (a) (i) To claim the rebate or credit authorized pursuant to this section, the taxpayer shall apply to the department which shall determine the amount of eligible rehabilitation costs and expenses and whether the rehabilitation is consistent with the standards of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior. The department shall issue a certificate evidencing the date of the rebate or credit and amount of eligible rebate or credit if the taxpayer is found to be eligible for the tax rebate or credit. The taxpayer shall attach the certificate to all income tax returns on which the credit is claimed. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (a), the department shall not issue certificates evidencing the eligible rebate or credit which *** will result in rebates or credits being awarded in excess of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) in any one (1) *** calendar year for projects with total qualified rehabilitation costs and expenses of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) or more. The department shall also not issue certificates evidencing the eligible rebate or credit which will result in rebates or credits being awarded in excess of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) in any one (1) calendar year for projects with total qualified rehabilitation costs and expenses of less than One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00).

(ii) If claiming a credit instead of a rebate, the taxpayer shall claim such credit on the income tax return for the tax year for which the credit is certified.

(b) The date of the rebate or credit shall be certified in the following order:

(i) The rebate or credit shall be certified based on the date of project completion.

(ii) If the eligible rebate or credit exceeds the available limit in the year in which the project is completed, the rebate or credit shall be certified based on the date the certification is issued by the department. The department shall issue the

certification in the first calendar year in which the requested rebate or credit would not exceed the calendar year limit.

(** *c) The aggregate amount of tax rebates or credits that may be awarded under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Eighty Million Dollars (\$180,000,000.00). ** *

(6) (a) The rebate or credit received by a taxpayer pursuant to this section is subject to recapture if:

(i) The property is one that has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places but is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places within thirty (30) months of claiming the rebate or credit authorized by this section;

(ii) The potential district in which the property is located is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places within thirty (30) months of claiming the rebate or credit authorized by this section; or

(iii) ** * The project has not received final certification by the department within sixty (60) months of the project start date certified in the first phase.

(b) The taxpayer shall notify the department and the Department of Revenue if any of the situations that subject the credit to recapture occur.

(7) (a) The board of trustees of the department shall establish fees to be charged for the services performed by the department under this section and shall publish the fee schedule. The fees contained in the schedule shall be in amounts reasonably calculated to recover the costs incurred by the department for the administration of this section. Any taxpayer desiring to participate in the tax credits authorized by this section shall pay the appropriate fee as contained in the fee schedule to the department, which shall be used by the department, without appropriation, to offset the administrative costs of the department associated with its duties under this section.

(b) There is hereby created within the State Treasury a special fund into which shall be deposited all the fees collected by the department pursuant to this section. Money deposited into the fund shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal year and investment earnings on the proceeds in such special fund shall be deposited into such fund. Money from the fund shall be disbursed upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer upon requisitions signed by the executive director of the department to assist the department in carrying out its duties under this section.

(8) This section shall only apply to taxpayers:

(a) Who have been issued a certificate evidencing the eligible credit before December 31, 2030; or

(b) Who, before December 31, 2030, have received a determination in writing from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, in accordance with the department's Historic Preservation Certificate Application, Part 2, that the rehabilitation is consistent with the historic character of the property and that the property meets the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, or will meet the standards if certain specified conditions are met, and, who are issued a certificate evidencing the eligible credit on or after December 31, 2030.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CERTAIN HISTORIC STRUCTURES, TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT EXCLUDES SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ELIGIBLE PROPERTY"; TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS UNDER WHICH A TAXPAYER ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX CREDIT MAY CLAIM THE TAX CREDIT IN PHASES; TO REMOVE THE OPTION, IN LIEU OF THE TEN-YEAR CARRYFORWARD, OF A REFUND PAID OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD IN THE AMOUNT OF 75% OF THE EXCESS CREDIT; TO ALLOW THE OPTION, IN LIEU OF CLAIMING THE CREDIT, OF A REBATE OF 75% OF THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM AS A CREDIT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE REBATE SHALL BE

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY AND SHALL BE REDEEMED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR AN IMMEDIATE CASH PAYMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY SHALL NOT ISSUE CERTIFICATES EVIDENCING THE ELIGIBLE REBATE OR CREDIT WHICH WILL RESULT IN CREDITS BEING AWARDED IN EXCESS OF \$12,000,000.00 IN ANY ONE STATE CALENDAR YEAR FOR PROJECTS WITH TOTAL QUALIFIED REHABILITATION COSTS AND EXPENSES OF \$1,750,000.00 OR MORE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY SHALL NOT ISSUE CERTIFICATES EVIDENCING THE ELIGIBLE REBATE OR CREDIT WHICH WILL RESULT IN CREDITS BEING AWARDED IN EXCESS OF \$12,000,000.00 IN ANY ONE STATE CALENDAR YEAR FOR PROJECTS WITH TOTAL QUALIFIED REHABILITATION COSTS AND EXPENSES OF LESS THAN \$1,750,000.00; TO PROVIDE THAT A TAXPAYER CLAIMING A CREDIT INSTEAD OF A REBATE SHALL CLAIM THE CREDIT ON THE INCOME TAX RETURN FOR THE TAX YEAR FOR WHICH THE CREDIT IS CERTIFIED; TO PROVIDE THE ORDER IN WHICH A REBATE OR CREDIT SHALL BE CERTIFIED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Lydia Graves Chassaniol

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne. Total--2.

Present--Clark, Karriem, Summers. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax and sales tax; revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax and sales tax; revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-17. In computing taxable income, there shall be allowed as deductions:

(1) Business deductions.

(a) Business expenses. All the ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, including a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered; nonreimbursable traveling expenses incident to current employment, including a reasonable amount expended for meals and lodging while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or business; and rentals or other payments required to be made as a condition of the continued use or possession, for purposes of the trade or business of property to which the taxpayer has not taken or is not taking title or in which he had no equity. Expense incurred in connection with earning and distributing nontaxable income is not an allowable deduction. Limitations on entertainment expenses shall conform to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(b) Interest. All interest paid or accrued during the taxable year on business indebtedness, except interest upon the indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds, or any stocks, the dividends from which are nontaxable under the provisions of this article; provided, however, in the case of securities dealers, interest payments or accruals on loans, the proceeds of which are used to purchase tax-exempt securities, shall be deductible if income from otherwise tax-free securities is reported as income. Investment interest expense shall be limited to investment income. Interest expense incurred for the purchase of treasury stock, to pay dividends, or incurred as a result of an undercapitalized affiliated corporation may not be deducted unless an ordinary and necessary business purpose can be established to the satisfaction of the commissioner. For the purposes of this paragraph, the phrase "interest upon the indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds" applies only to the indebtedness incurred for the purpose of directly purchasing tax-free bonds and does not apply to any other indebtedness incurred in the regular course of the taxpayer's business. Any corporation, association, organization or other entity taxable under Section 27-7-23(c) shall allocate interest expense as provided in Section 27-7-23(c)(3)(I).

(c) Taxes. Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable year, except state and federal income taxes, excise taxes based on or measured by net income, estate and inheritance taxes, gift taxes, cigar and cigarette taxes, gasoline taxes, and sales and use taxes unless incurred as an item of expense in a trade or business or in the production of taxable income. In the case of an individual, taxes permitted as an itemized deduction under the provisions of subsection (3)(a) of this section are to be claimed thereunder.

(d) Business losses.

(i) Losses sustained during the taxable year not compensated for by insurance or otherwise, if incurred in trade or business, or nonbusiness transactions entered into for profit.

(ii) Limitations on losses from passive activities and rental real estate shall conform to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(e) Bad debts. Losses from debts ascertained to be worthless and charged off during the taxable year, if sustained in the conduct of the regular trade or business of the taxpayer; provided, that such losses shall be allowed only when the taxpayer has reported as income, on the accrual basis, the amount of such debt or account.

(f) Depreciation. A reasonable allowance for exhaustion, wear and tear of property used in the trade or business, or rental property, and depreciation upon buildings based upon their reasonable value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior

thereto, and upon cost if acquired subsequent to that date. In the case of new or used aircraft, equipment, engines, or other parts and tools used for aviation, allowance for bonus depreciation conforms with the federal bonus depreciation rates and reasonable allowance for depreciation under this section is no less than one hundred percent (100%).

(g) Depletion. In the case of mines, oil and gas wells, other natural deposits and timber, a reasonable allowance for depletion and for depreciation of improvements, based upon cost, including cost of development, not otherwise deducted, or fair market value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior to that date, such allowance to be made upon regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.

(h) Contributions or gifts. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (p) of this subsection or subsection (3)(a) of this section for individuals, contributions or gifts made by corporations within the taxable year to corporations, organizations, associations or institutions, including Community Chest funds, foundations and trusts created solely and exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual. This deduction shall be allowed in an amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the net income. Such contributions or gifts shall be allowable as deductions only if verified under rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor. Contributions made in any form other than cash shall be allowed as a deduction, subject to the limitations herein provided, in an amount equal to the actual market value of the contributions at the time the contribution is actually made and consummated.

(i) Reserve funds - insurance companies. In the case of insurance companies the net additions required by law to be made within the taxable year to reserve funds when such reserve funds are maintained for the purpose of liquidating policies at maturity.

(j) Annuity income. The sums, other than dividends, paid within the taxpayer year on policy or annuity contracts when such income has been included in gross income.

(k) Contributions to employee pension plans. Contributions made by an employer to a plan or a trust forming part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan of such employer for the exclusive benefit of some or all of his, their, or its employees, or their beneficiaries, shall be deductible from his, their, or its income only to the extent that, and for the taxable year in which, the contribution is deductible for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any other provisions of similar purport in the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States, and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder, provided that:

(i) The plan or trust be irrevocable.

(ii) The plan or trust constitute a part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan for the exclusive benefit of some or all of the employer's employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries, for the purpose of distributing the corpus and income of the plan or trust to such employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.

(iii) No part of the corpus or income of the plan or trust can be used for purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.

Contributions to all plans or to all trusts of real or personal property (or real and personal property combined) or to insured plans created under a retirement plan for which provision has been made under the laws of the United States of America, making such contributions deductible from income for federal income tax purposes, shall be deductible only to the same extent under the Income Tax Laws of the State of Mississippi.

(l) Net operating loss carrybacks and carryovers. A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1993, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss carryback to each of the three (3) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the three (3) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the fifteen (15) taxable years

following the taxable year of the loss beginning with any taxable year after December 31, 1991.

For any taxable year ending after December 31, 1997, the period for net operating loss carrybacks and net operating loss carryovers shall be the same as those established by the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder as in effect at the taxable year end or on December 31, 2000, whichever is earlier.

A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 2001, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss carryback to each of the two (2) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the two (2) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the twenty (20) taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning with any taxable year after the taxable year of the loss.

The term "net operating loss," for the purposes of this paragraph, shall be the excess of the deductions allowed over the gross income; provided, however, the following deductions shall not be allowed in computing same:

- (i) No net operating loss deduction shall be allowed.
- (ii) No personal exemption deduction shall be allowed.
- (iii) Allowable deductions which are not attributable to

taxpayer's trade or business shall be allowed only to the extent of the amount of gross income not derived from such trade or business.

Any taxpayer entitled to a carryback period as provided by this paragraph may elect to relinquish the entire carryback period with respect to a net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1991. The election shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Department of Revenue and shall be made by the due date, including extensions of time, for filing the taxpayer's return for the taxable year of the net operating loss for which the election is to be in effect. The election, once made for any taxable year, shall be irrevocable for that taxable year.

(m) Amortization of pollution or environmental control facilities. Allowance of deduction. Every taxpayer, at his election, shall be entitled to a deduction for pollution or environmental control facilities to the same extent as that allowed under the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder.

(n) Dividend distributions - real estate investment trusts. "Real estate investment trust" (hereinafter referred to as REIT) shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 856 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. A REIT is allowed a dividend distributed deduction if the dividend distributions meet the requirements of Section 857 or are otherwise deductible under Section 858 or 860, federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In addition:

(i) A dividend distributed deduction shall only be allowed for dividends paid by a publicly traded REIT. A qualified REIT subsidiary shall be allowed a dividend distributed deduction if its owner is a publicly traded REIT.

(ii) Income generated from real estate contributed or sold to a REIT by a shareholder or related party shall not give rise to a dividend distributed deduction, unless the shareholder or related party would have received the dividend distributed deduction under this chapter.

(iii) A holding corporation receiving a dividend from a REIT shall not be allowed the deduction in Section 27-7-15(4)(t).

(iv) Any REIT not allowed the dividend distributed deduction in the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall not be allowed a dividend distributed deduction under this chapter.

The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the provisions in Section 269 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, so as to prevent the evasion or avoidance of state income tax.

(o) Contributions to college savings trust fund accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Affordable College Savings Program account are deductible as provided under Section 37-155-113. Payments made under a prepaid

tuition contract entered into under the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program are deductible as provided under Section 37-155-17.

(p) Contributions of human pharmaceutical products. To the extent that a "major supplier" as defined in Section 27-13-13(2)(d) contributes human pharmaceutical products in excess of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) as determined under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, the charitable contribution limitation associated with those donations shall follow the federal limitation but cannot result in the Mississippi net income being reduced below zero.

(q) Contributions to ABLE trust fund accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program account are deductible as provided under Section 43-28-13.

(2) Restrictions on the deductibility of certain intangible expenses and interest expenses with a related member.

(a) As used in this subsection (2):

(i) "Intangible expenses and costs" include:

1. Expenses, losses and costs for, related to, or in connection directly or indirectly with the direct or indirect acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property to the extent such amounts are allowed as deductions or costs in determining taxable income under this chapter;

2. Expenses or losses related to or incurred in connection directly or indirectly with factoring transactions or discounting transactions;

3. Royalty, patent, technical and copyright fees;

4. Licensing fees; and

5. Other similar expenses and costs.

(ii) "Intangible property" means patents, patent applications, trade names, trademarks, service marks, copyrights and similar types of intangible assets.

(iii) "Interest expenses and cost" means amounts directly or indirectly allowed as deductions for purposes of determining taxable income under this chapter to the extent such interest expenses and costs are directly or indirectly for, related to, or in connection with the direct or indirect acquisition, maintenance, management, ownership, sale, exchange or disposition of intangible property.

(iv) "Related member" means an entity or person that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of the taxable year, is a related entity, a component member as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, or is an entity or a person to or from whom there is attribution of stock ownership in accordance with Section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(v) "Related entity" means:

1. A stockholder who is an individual or a member of the stockholder's family, as defined in regulations prescribed by the commissioner, if the stockholder and the members of the stockholder's family own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

2. A stockholder, or a stockholder's partnership, limited liability company, estate, trust or corporation, if the stockholder and the stockholder's partnerships, limited liability companies, estates, trusts and corporations own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

3. A corporation, or a party related to the corporation in a manner that would require an attribution of stock from the corporation to the party or from the party to the corporation, if the taxpayer owns, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the corporation's outstanding stock under regulation prescribed by the commissioner;

4. Any entity or person which would be a related member under this section if the taxpayer were considered a corporation for purposes of this section.

(b) In computing net income, a taxpayer shall add back otherwise deductible interest expenses and costs and intangible expenses and costs directly or

indirectly paid, accrued to or incurred, in connection directly or indirectly with one or more direct or indirect transactions with one or more related members.

(c) The adjustments required by this subsection shall not apply to such portion of interest expenses and costs and intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer can establish meets one (1) of the following:

(i) The related member directly or indirectly paid, accrued or incurred such portion to a person during the same income year who is not a related member; or

(ii) The transaction giving rise to the interest expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs between the taxpayer and related member was done primarily for a valid business purpose other than the avoidance of taxes, and the related member is not primarily engaged in the acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property.

(d) Nothing in this subsection shall require a taxpayer to add to its net income more than once any amount of interest expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer pays, accrues or incurs to a related member.

(e) The commissioner may prescribe such regulations as necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subsection, including, but not limited to, clarifying definitions of terms, rules of stock attribution, factoring and discount transactions.

(3) Individual nonbusiness deductions.

(a) The amount allowable for individual nonbusiness itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the individual is eligible to elect, for the taxable year, to itemize deductions on his federal return except the following:

(i) The deduction for state income taxes paid or other taxes allowed for federal purposes in lieu of state income taxes paid;

(ii) The deduction for gaming losses from gaming establishments;

(iii) The deduction for taxes collected by licensed gaming establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-901;

(iv) The deduction for taxes collected by gaming establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-903.

(b) In lieu of the individual nonbusiness itemized deductions authorized in paragraph (a), for all purposes other than ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, an optional standard deduction of:

(i) Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400.00) through calendar year 1997, Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for each calendar year thereafter in the case of married individuals filing a joint or combined return;

(ii) One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) through calendar year 1997, Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) for each calendar year thereafter in the case of married individuals filing separate returns;

(iii) Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400.00) in the case of a head of family; or

(iv) Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) in the case of an individual who is not married.

In the case of a husband and wife living together, having separate incomes, and filing combined returns, the standard deduction authorized may be divided in any manner they choose. In the case of separate returns by a husband and wife, the standard deduction shall not be allowed to either if the taxable income of one of the spouses is determined without regard to the standard deduction.

(c) A nonresident individual shall be allowed the same individual nonbusiness deductions as are authorized for resident individuals in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection; however, the nonresident individual is entitled only to that proportion of the individual nonbusiness deductions as his net income from sources within the State of Mississippi bears to his total or entire net income from all sources.

(4) Nothing in this section shall permit the same item to be deducted more than once, either in fact or in effect.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for taxes due or accrued under the income tax laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; and the provisions of the income tax laws are expressly continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to comply with such laws.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THE STATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION AUTHORIZED FOR DEPRECIATION, IN THE CASE OF NEW OR USED AIRCRAFT, EQUIPMENT, ENGINES, OR OTHER PARTS AND TOOLS USED FOR AVIATION, THE ALLOWANCE FOR BONUS DEPRECIATION CONFORMS WITH THE FEDERAL BONUS DEPRECIATION RATES AND REASONABLE ALLOWANCE FOR DEPRECIATION IS NO LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED PERCENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Dean Kirby, Nicole Boyd

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Guice, Horne, Scott, Summers. Total-5.

Present--Banks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1446: Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1446: Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 57-121-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-121-7. (1) Any eligible business desiring to participate in the program shall make application for a grant to the MDA in a form satisfactory to the MDA. The application shall include verified documentation, signed under penalty of perjury.

(2) The MDA shall use the funds provided by this chapter to make grants to eligible businesses pursuant to applications submitted under subsection (1) of this section, to cover their eligible expenses.

(3) The use of grants shall be subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. A business found to be fully or partially noncompliant with grant requirements shall return to the state all or a portion of the grant monies received. Applicants shall confirm their understanding of these terms.

(4) The program shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) The base payment to an eligible business shall be One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). An eligible business may choose to receive additional compensation by either claiming Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per full-time equivalent employee employed by the eligible business as of March 1, 2020, or itemizing eligible expenses on the application form. The total payment shall be reduced by the amount of any Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds, Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Emergency Advance funds up to a maximum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and business interruption insurance proceeds received by the eligible taxpayer; provided, however, that the total payment shall not be reduced by more than half. In no event shall the total payment to an eligible business under this section exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

(b) At least Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) in grants, exclusive of administrative expenses retained by the MDA, shall be awarded to minority business enterprises for the first sixty (60) days of the application period.

(c) Grants awarded shall be protected from creditors and shall not be subject to tax * * *.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision in Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, there shall be allowed an income tax deduction for otherwise deductible expenses if:

(i) The payment(s) for such deductible expenses are made with the grant or loan program of the Paycheck Protection Program as authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, the 2020 COVID-19 Mississippi Business Assistance Act, and/or the Rental Assistance Grant Program; and

(ii) Such deductible expenses shall be allowed as deductions for federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after March 27, 2020.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-121-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR OTHERWISE DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSES IF THE PAYMENT FOR SUCH EXPENSES IS MADE WITH THE GRANT OR LOAN PROGRAM OF THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT AND THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021, THE COVID-19 ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM, THE 2020 COVID-19 MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT, AND/OR THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, AND SUCH EXPENSES ARE ALLOWED AS DEDUCTIONS FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Jeremy England

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne, Reynolds, Summers. Total-4.

Present--Crudup, Gibbs, D, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2832: Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2832: Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Daniel H. Sparks, Neil S. Whaley
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2850: Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2850: Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Rita Potts Parks, Neil S. Whaley
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster,

Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2872: Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2872: Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Dean Kirby, Joel R. Carter, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Henry Zuber III, Brent Powell

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Boyd, Brown, B, Darnell, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, Newman. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Beckett, Bounds, Guice, Horne, Mims, Oliver, Turner. Total-8.

Present--Anderson, J, Anthony, Crudup, Scott, Stamps. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--55

Representative Barton called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 3086**: (Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barton:

AMEND on line 269 by striking 2023 and by inserting: 2025.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3086**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne, Ladner. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

S. B. No. 3088: City of Baldwin; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3088**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.
Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne, Read. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. C. R. No. 57: The Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice; urge to create a study committee to consider and recommend proposals.

H. C. R. No. 59: MS Tails n' Scales program; recognize as best scientific information available for monitoring red snapper catch and effort in MS.

H. C. R. No. 60: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 21, 2021, as.

H. C. R. No. 61: New Site Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Karriem, Summers. Total--2.
Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Guice, Morgan. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 64: Holmes County Central High School Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 65: Holmes County Central High School Lady Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon finishing runner-up for Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 66: Honorable Judith "Judy" Hall McLeod; commend distinguished career as Ward 2 Alderwoman for the City of Louisville upon her retirement.

H. R. No. 67: Don Kessinger; congratulate upon occasion of the retirement of his jersey number by the University of Mississippi.

H. R. No. 68: MS Tails N' Scales program; recognize as best scientific information available for monitoring red snapper catch and effort in MS.

H. R. No. 69: Billy "Jackie" F. Miller; mourn loss and commemorate the life of.

H. R. No. 70: Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi; commend for its outstanding and compassionate works in granting wishes of terminally ill MS children.

H. R. No. 71: Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency; support and oppose new federal regulations on.

H. R. No. 72: Mayor Leo "Chipper" McDermott; congratulate upon retirement and commend for exceptional service.

H. R. No. 73: Tishomingo County High School Cheerleading Squad; commend for winning the 2020 MHSAA State Cheerleading Championship.

H. R. No. 74: Coahoma Community High School Boys Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 75: Coahoma Community College Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning North District Championship.

H. R. No. 76: Lumberton High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship.

H. R. No. 77: Popp's Ferry Elementary School; commend for receiving the 2020 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

H. R. No. 78: Long Beach High School Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 79: Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend upon winning first-ever Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 80: Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 2-9, 2021, as week of observance of in Mississippi.

H. R. No. 81: Alan Dedeaux; congratulate upon the occasion of retirement.

H. R. No. 82: Superintendent Roy Gill; congratulate on the occasion of retirement from the Harrison County School District.

H. R. No. 83: Reverend Gerald F. Sawyer; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 84: Joe Robinson; commend esteemed career of service with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon his retirement.

H. R. No. 85: Lieutenant Jerry "Ten Speed" Boyd; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement from the Corinth Police Department.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Representative Read called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1391:** (Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Read called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2955:** (Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. B. No. 3086: Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission.

Representative Read called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1396:** (Appropriation; Public Service Commission.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

At 4:15 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 4:24 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-26, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-26. (1) The commissioner shall employ the following personnel:

(a) A Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance, who shall supervise and implement all fiscal policies and programs within the department, supervise and implement all hiring and personnel matters within the department, supervise the department's personnel director, supervise and implement all purchasing within the department and supervise and implement all data processing activities within the department, and who shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Division of Administration and Finance. He shall possess either:

(i) A master's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in public or business administration, accounting, economics or a directly related field, and four (4) years of experience in work related to the above-described duties, one (1) year of which must have included line or functional supervision; or

(ii) A bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in public or business administration, accounting, economics or a directly related field, and six (6) years of experience in work related to the above-described duties, one (1) year of which must have included line or functional supervision. Certification by the State of Mississippi as a certified public accountant may be substituted for one (1) year of the required experience.

(b) A Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections, who shall initiate and administer programs, including, but not limited to, supervision of probationers, parolees and suspensioners, counseling, community-based treatment, interstate compact administration and enforcement, prevention programs, halfway houses and group homes, technical violation centers, restitution centers, presentence investigations, and work and educational releases, and shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Division of Community Services. The Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections is charged with full and complete cooperation with the State Parole Board and shall make monthly reports to the Chairman of the Parole Board in the form and type required by the chairman, in his discretion, for the proper performance of the probation and parole functions. After a plea or verdict of guilty to a felony is entered against a person and before he is sentenced, the Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections shall procure from any available source and shall file in the presentence records any information regarding any criminal history of the person such as fingerprints, dates of arrests, complaints, civil and criminal charges, investigative reports of arresting and prosecuting agencies, reports of the National Crime Information Center, the nature and character of each offense, noting all particular circumstances thereof and any similar data about the person. The Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections shall keep an accurate and complete duplicate record of this file and shall furnish the duplicate to the department. This file shall be placed in and shall constitute a part of the inmate's master file. The Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections shall furnish this file to the State Parole Board when the file is needed in the course of its official duties. He shall possess either: (i) a master's degree in counseling, corrections psychology, guidance, social work, criminal justice or some related field and at least four (4) years' full-time experience in such field, including at least one (1) year of supervisory experience; or (ii) a bachelor's degree in a field described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and at least six (6) years' full-time work in corrections, one (1) year of which shall have been at the supervisory level.

(c) A Deputy Commissioner for Institutions, who shall administer institutions, reception and diagnostic centers, prerelease centers and other facilities and programs provided therein, and shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Division of Institutions. He shall possess either: (i) a master's degree in counseling, criminal justice, psychology, guidance, social work, business or some related field, and at least four (4) years' full-time experience in corrections, including at least one (1) year of correctional management experience; or (ii) a bachelor's degree in a field described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and at least six (6) years' full-time work in corrections, four (4) years of which shall have been at the correctional management level.

(d) A Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Education, Re-entry, and Vocational Rehabilitation Services who shall initiate and administer programs, including but not limited to, education services, religious services, moral rehabilitation, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, and court re-entry. The Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Education, Re-entry, and Vocational Rehabilitation may coordinate with any educational institution to develop a program for moral rehabilitation with an emphasis on promoting effective programs for release. The Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Education, Re-entry, and Vocational Rehabilitation shall focus on re-entry programs aimed at reducing recidivism and adequately preparing offenders for employment upon their release. The programs shall incorporate a moral component focused on providing offenders with an opportunity to make positive changes while incarcerated that will enable them to be productive members of society upon their release. Such deputy commissioner shall possess either:

(i) A master's degree in counseling, corrections, psychology, guidance, social work, criminal justice or some related field and at least four (4) years' full-time experience in such field, including at least one (1) year of supervisory experience; or

(ii) A bachelor's degree in a field described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and at least six (6) years full-time work in corrections, one (1) year of which shall have been at the supervisory level.

Out of the deputy commissioners employed under this subsection (1), as set out in paragraphs (a) through (d), the commissioner shall designate one (1) of the commissioners as an executive deputy commissioner who shall have the duties prescribed under Section 47-5-8.

(2) The commissioner shall employ an administrative assistant for parole matters who shall be selected by the State Parole Board who shall be an employee of the department assigned to the State Parole Board and who shall be located at the office of the State Parole Board, and who shall work under the guidance, supervision and direction of the board.

(3) The administrative assistant for parole matters shall receive an annual salary to be established by the Legislature. The salaries of department employees not established by the Legislature shall receive an annual salary established by the State Personnel Board.

(4) The commissioner shall employ a superintendent for the Parchman facility, Central Mississippi Correctional Facility and South Mississippi Correctional Institution of the Department of Corrections. The Superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary shall reside on the grounds of the Parchman facility. Each superintendent shall appoint an officer in charge when he is absent.

Each superintendent shall develop and implement a plan for the prevention and control of an inmate riot and shall file a report with the Chairman of the Senate Corrections Committee and the Chairman of the House Penitentiary Committee on the first day of each regular session of the Legislature regarding the status of the plan.

In order that the grievances and complaints of inmates, employees and visitors at each facility may be heard in a timely and orderly manner, each superintendent shall appoint or designate an employee at the facility to hear grievances and complaints and to report grievances and complaints to the superintendent. Each superintendent shall institute procedures as are necessary to provide confidentiality to those who file grievances and complaints.

(5) For a one-year period beginning July 1, 2016, any person authorized for employment under this section shall not be subject to the rules, regulations and procedures of the State Personnel Board, except as otherwise provided under Section 25-9-127(5).

SECTION 2. Section 47-5-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-8. (1) There is created the Mississippi Department of Corrections, which shall be under the policy direction of the Governor. The chief administrative officer of the department shall be the Commissioner of Corrections.

(2) (a) There shall be an Executive Deputy Commissioner who shall be directly responsible to the Commissioner of Corrections within the department who shall serve as the Commissioner of Corrections in the absence of the Commissioner and shall assume any and all duties that the Commissioner of Corrections assigns, including, but not limited to, supervising all other deputy commissioners. The salary of the Executive Deputy Commissioner shall not exceed the salary of the Commissioner of Corrections.

(**b) There shall be a Division of Administration and Finance within the department, which shall have as its chief administrative officer a Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance who shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall be directly responsible to the commissioner.

(**c) There shall be a Division of Community Corrections within the department, which shall have as its chief administrative officer a Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections, who shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall be directly responsible to the commissioner. The Probation and Parole Board shall continue to exercise the authority as provided by law, but after July 1, 1976, the

Division of Community Corrections shall serve as the administrative agency for the Probation and Parole Board.

(3) The department shall succeed to the exclusive control of all records, books, papers, equipment and supplies, and all lands, buildings and other real and personal property now or hereafter belonging to or assigned to the use and benefit or under the control of the Mississippi State Penitentiary and the Mississippi Probation and Parole Board, except the records of parole process and revocation and legal matters related thereto, and shall have the exercise and control of the use, distribution and disbursement of all funds, appropriations and taxes now or hereafter in possession, levied, collected or received or appropriated for the use, benefit, support and maintenance of these two (2) agencies except as otherwise provided by law, and the department shall have general supervision of all the affairs of the two (2) agencies herein named except as otherwise provided by law, and the care and conduct of all buildings and grounds, business methods and arrangements of accounts and records, the organization of the administrative plans of each institution, and all other matters incident to the proper functioning of the two (2) agencies.

(4) The commissioner may lease the lands for oil, gas, mineral exploration and other purposes, and contract with other state agencies for the proper management of lands under such leases or for the provision of other services, and the proceeds thereof shall be paid into the General Fund of the state.

SECTION 3. Section 47-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-7-5. (1) The State Parole Board, created under former Section 47-7-5, is hereby created, continued and reconstituted and shall be composed of five (5) members. The Governor shall appoint the members with the advice and consent of the Senate. All terms shall be at the will and pleasure of the Governor. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor shall appoint a chairman of the board.

(2) Any person who is appointed to serve on the board shall possess at least a bachelor's degree or a high school diploma and four (4) years' work experience. Each member shall devote his full time to the duties of his office and shall not engage in any other business or profession or hold any other public office. A member shall *** receive compensation or per diem in addition to his or her salary ***. Each member shall keep such hours and workdays as required of full-time state employees under Section 25-1-98. Individuals shall be appointed to serve on the board without reference to their political affiliations. Each board member, including the chairman, may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41. Each member of the board shall complete annual training developed based on guidance from the National Institute of Corrections, the Association of Paroling Authorities International, or the American Probation and Parole Association. Each first-time appointee of the board shall, within sixty (60) days of appointment, or as soon as practical, complete training for first-time Parole Board members developed in consideration of information from the National Institute of Corrections, the Association of Paroling Authorities International, or the American Probation and Parole Association.

(3) The board shall have exclusive responsibility for the granting of parole as provided by Sections 47-7-3 and 47-7-17 and shall have exclusive authority for revocation of the same. The board shall have exclusive responsibility for investigating clemency recommendations upon request of the Governor.

(4) The board, its members and staff, shall be immune from civil liability for any official acts taken in good faith and in exercise of the board's legitimate governmental authority.

(5) The budget of the board shall be funded through a separate line item within the general appropriation bill for the support and maintenance of the department. Employees of the department which are employed by or assigned to the board shall work under the guidance and supervision of the board. There shall be an executive secretary to the board who shall be responsible for all administrative and general accounting duties related to the board. The executive secretary shall keep and preserve all records and papers pertaining to the board.

(6) The board shall have no authority or responsibility for supervision of offenders granted a release for any reason, including, but not limited to, probation, parole

or executive clemency or other offenders requiring the same through interstate compact agreements. The supervision shall be provided exclusively by the staff of the Division of Community Corrections of the department.

(7) (a) The Parole Board is authorized to select and place offenders in an electronic monitoring program under the conditions and criteria imposed by the Parole Board. The conditions, restrictions and requirements of Section 47-7-17 and Sections 47-5-1001 through 47-5-1015 shall apply to the Parole Board and any offender placed in an electronic monitoring program by the Parole Board.

(b) Any offender placed in an electronic monitoring program under this subsection shall pay the program fee provided in Section 47-5-1013. The program fees shall be deposited in the special fund created in Section 47-5-1007.

(c) The department shall have absolute immunity from liability for any injury resulting from a determination by the Parole Board that an offender be placed in an electronic monitoring program.

(8) (a) The Parole Board shall maintain a central registry of paroled inmates. The Parole Board shall place the following information on the registry: name, address, photograph, crime for which paroled, the date of the end of parole or flat-time date and other information deemed necessary. The Parole Board shall immediately remove information on a parolee at the end of his parole or flat-time date.

(b) When a person is placed on parole, the Parole Board shall inform the parolee of the duty to report to the parole officer any change in address ten (10) days before changing address.

(c) The Parole Board shall utilize an Internet website or other electronic means to release or publish the information.

(d) Records maintained on the registry shall be open to law enforcement agencies and the public and shall be available no later than July 1, 2003.

(9) An affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the Parole Board shall be required to grant parole to an inmate convicted of capital murder or a sex crime.

(10) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

SECTION 4. Section 97-37-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-37-5. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, any other state, or of the United States to possess any firearm or any bowie knife, dirk knife, butcher knife, switchblade knife, metallic knuckles, blackjack, or any muffler or silencer for any firearm unless such person has received a pardon for such felony, has received a relief from disability pursuant to Section 925(c) of Title 18 of the United States Code, or has received a certificate of rehabilitation pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

(2) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or committed to the custody of the State Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year nor more than ten (10) years, or both.

(3) A person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, under the laws of another state, under federal law or in state military court may apply for a certificate of rehabilitation as provided in this section. If the person was convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, he or she may apply to the court in which he was convicted for a certificate of rehabilitation. If the person was convicted of a felony under the laws of another state, under federal law or in state military court, he or she may apply to the court in the person's county of residence for a certificate of rehabilitation. A person convicted of a felony under the laws of another state, under federal law or in state military court shall attach a certified copy of his or her judgment and a certified copy of his or her completion of sentence to the petition for a certificate of rehabilitation. The court may grant such certificate in its discretion upon a showing to the satisfaction of the court that the applicant has been rehabilitated and has led a useful, productive and law-abiding life since the completion of his or her sentence and upon the finding of the court that he or she will not be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety.

(4) (a) A person who is discharged from court-ordered mental health treatment may petition the court which entered the commitment order for an order stating that the person qualifies for relief from a firearms disability.

(b) In determining whether to grant relief, the court must hear and consider evidence about:

- (i) The circumstances that led to imposition of the firearms disability under 18 * * * USCS, Section 922(d)(4);
- (ii) The person's mental history;
- (iii) The person's criminal history; and
- (iv) The person's reputation.

(c) A court may not grant relief unless it makes and enters in the record the following affirmative findings:

- (i) That the person is no longer likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety; and
- (ii) Removing the person's disability to purchase a firearm is not against the public interest.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-26, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO DESIGNATE AN EXECUTIVE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXECUTIVE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SHALL BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 47-7-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PAROLE BOARD SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION OR PER DIEM IN ADDITION TO THEIR SALARIES; TO AMEND SECTION 97-37-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF REHABILITATION FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CRIMES UNDER FEDERAL LAW, IN STATE MILITARY COURT OR IN OTHER STATES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Angela Cockerham, Kevin Felsher

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Brice Wiggins, Derrick T. Simmons (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Anderson, J, Faulkner, Karriem, Thompson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Burnett, Gibbs, D, Guice, McCray, Scott, Summers, Young. Total-8.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1174: Department of Corrections; authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1174: Department of Corrections; authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Nick Bain, Becky Currie

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Brice Wiggins, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

At 4:31 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 4:47 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1509: Hancock County; extend the date of repeal on the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and hotel/motel tax.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 424: Memorial highways; designate.

H. B. No. 550: Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to.

H. B. No. 887: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 1494: Walnut Grove; authorize Walnut Grove Correctional Authority to contract with the state to operate correctional facility.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 87: MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers.

H. B. No. 95: Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks.

H. B. No. 1418: Oakland/Yalobusha Natural Gas District; authorize expansion of natural gas distribution system.

H. B. No. 1433: Yalobusha County; authorize to loan funds to Oakland Yalobusha Natural Gas District to help pay off certain district debt.

H. B. No. 1436: Caledonia Natural Gas District; authorize to enter into agreement with Mississippi Development Bank.

H. B. No. 1437: Town of Byhalia; authorize transfer of certain funds for infrastructure improvements.

H. B. No. 1481: Town of Shannon; authorize expansion of its gas distribution system.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brenda Fletcher, which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Amber Rosa Clark, and Roger Dale "PeeWee" Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Cockerham and Williams-Barnes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patricia A. Hall, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Herbert G. Roles, Jr., and Joe Crawford, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Barton, Busby and Guice moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Matthew J. Avara, which motion prevailed.

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marty Cooksey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kirby Michael Wilson, Sr., Willard Edward Downard, Curtis Eddie Peebles, Bobby Max Purvis, George Albert Hancock, William George Tolleson, William Kent Newman, and Arthur James (Jim) Farmer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hood moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Timothy Edward Smith, R.M. (Buddy) Channell, Geneva Kathleen Weeks, George Larry Woodward, Lorita Robbins Davis, Brenda Jean Perry, Doyle Nowell, Sara Constance Watkins, Ronald Ragan, Ouida Ward, Jim Burt, Judy Ray Clanton Gatlin, Becky Fulce Mitchell, Tony Blanton, John Matthew Ellington, Miss. Evangeline Rose Ellington, Lincoln James Ellington, Nicky Dale Power, Ruth Carlisle Alldread, Rusty Bowen, and Paul D. Thompson, which motion prevailed.

At 4:52 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Monday, March 29, 2021, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-SECOND DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021

(EIGHTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Alyce Clarke.

Rep. Clarke led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Guice.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, March 29, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 852: Teachers' and teacher's assistants' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary. Monday, March 29, 2021, 4:00 PM

H. B. No. 1407: Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Monday, March 29, 2021, 11:36 AM

H. B. No. 1123: Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; revise funding and specify teaching standards. Monday, March 29, 2021, 11:34 AM

H. B. No. 1047: Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements. Monday, March 29, 2021, 11:33 AM

H. B. No. 1480: Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. Monday, March 29, 2021, 11:51 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, March 29, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 504: Commission on School Accreditation; clarify membership composition. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:05 PM

H. B. No. 953: Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and require financial reviews by. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:10 PM

H. B. No. 1346: City of Guntown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:12 PM

H. B. No. 1365: Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:12 PM

H. B. No. 1366: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:13 PM

H. B. No. 1368: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:15 PM

H. B. No. 1369: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:16 PM

H. B. No. 1370: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:17 PM

H. B. No. 1371: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:18 PM

H. B. No. 1372: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:20 PM

H. B. No. 1373: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:21 PM

H. B. No. 1374: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:22 PM

H. B. No. 1375: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:23 PM

H. B. No. 1376: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:25 PM

H. B. No. 1377: Appropriation; Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:26 PM

H. B. No. 1405: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:27 PM

H. B. No. 1409: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:32 PM

H. B. No. 1411: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:33 PM

H. B. No. 1420: Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain not-for-profit corporations used to provide swimming lessons and training. Thursday, March 25, 2021, 2:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, March 29, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the following House Bills were purposely left unsigned, and will become a part of the laws of Mississippi, without the approval signature of the Governor:

H. B. No. 1367: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1406: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 4: Representative Gary Chism; commend dedicated legislative career and public service upon his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 44: Sara Barrett Harvey Roberts; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. C. R. No. 46: Bishop Joseph Roscoe Campbell, Jr.; commend for service to his church and community.

H. C. R. No. 47: Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; recognize April 2021 as.

H. C. R. No. 48: Alcorn State University; commend and congratulate upon its 150th year anniversary.

H. C. R. No. 49: Eris Knott; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates.

H. C. R. No. 50: Wayne Ulrich; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates.

H. C. R. No. 51: Jamie Cooper; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates.

H. C. R. No. 52: Bobby Rush; congratulate upon winning his second Grammy Award for Best Traditional Blues Album.

H. C. R. No. 53: 2021 "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the Capitol"; observe virtually on May 6, 2021.

H. C. R. No. 54: Noah Harris; commend for being elected as Harvard University's First African-American student body president.

H. C. R. No. 55: Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020.

H. C. R. No. 56: Native Plant Appreciation Week; recognize observance of on April 19-25, 2021.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1495: Tallahatchie County; authorize leasing of certain water well to City of Charleston.

H. B. No. 1529: Town of Como; extend repealer on authority to impose tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 3090: Washington County; extend the repeal date on the Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax.
Senators McMahan, Tate, Whaley

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 3086: Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 82: Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight.

H. B. No. 136: Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds.

H. B. No. 359: Municipally-owned utilities; may use accounting system accommodation for uncollectible customer indebtedness.

H. B. No. 425: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made.

H. B. No. 1135: Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit.

H. B. No. 1179: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create.

H. B. No. 1296: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax and sales tax; revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft.

H. B. No. 1446: Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses.

Adopted: 03/28/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 1378: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1382: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

H. B. No. 1383: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1386: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1388: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

H. B. No. 1389: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1390: Appropriation; Library Commission.

H. B. No. 1394: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1395: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1397: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

H. B. No. 1401: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1402: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

H. B. No. 1403: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1404: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1408: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

H. B. No. 1410: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

Adopted: 03/28/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2434: Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety.

S. B. No. 2569: Urine; create the crime of selling or tampering with urine.

S. B. No. 2621: Task Force; establish to study domestic law matters.

S. B. No. 2649: Public contracts for energy efficiency; extend repeal date on use of.

S. B. No. 2816: Public officials and employees; allow Department of Revenue appraisers to receive same pay increases as county tax assessors.

S. B. No. 2824: State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature.

S. B. No. 2832: Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026.

S. B. No. 2850: Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership.

S. B. No. 2917: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 2920: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 2921: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 2924: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 2925: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 2927: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

S. B. No. 2937: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 2945: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

S. B. No. 2946: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 2947: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

S. B. No. 2950: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 2952: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 2954: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

Adopted: 03/28/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate
INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 62: (Representatives Brown (20th), Eubanks, Criswell) Promotion of race and sex stereotyping or scapegoating; oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such. Rules.

H. R. No. 86: (Representative Arnold) New Site High School Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 87: (Representatives Brown (20th), Criswell, Eubanks) Promotion of race and sex stereotyping or scapegoating; oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such. Rules.

H. R. No. 88: (Representative McCarty) Oak Grove High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 86: New Site High School Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 88: Oak Grove High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representative Read called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1385:** (Appropriation; Attorney General.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Byrd called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 104: Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 104: Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 19-3-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-3-49. (1) In all counties of this state wherein there is no elected county prosecuting attorney, the boards of supervisors shall have the power and authority to employ a competent attorney to appear and prosecute in cases requiring the services of the county prosecuting attorney. The compensation paid to the person so employed shall be paid from the general fund of such county and shall not exceed, during any calendar year, the amount authorized by law to be paid as salary to the county prosecuting attorney in such county. The employment of a county prosecuting attorney as authorized by this section shall be pursuant to a contract which shall provide that the salary of such county prosecuting attorney shall not be reduced, increased or terminated for the period of the contract. Such contract shall be for the period of the remainder of the term of office of the board of supervisors which employs the county prosecuting attorney; however, the contract shall provide expressly or by reference to this section that the contract shall be abrogated upon the creation and filling of the office of elected county prosecuting attorney.

(2) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section to the contrary, the board of supervisors of Hancock County may pay the attorney hired to appear and prosecute cases requiring the services of a county prosecuting attorney an annual salary * * * in an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the annual salary of the full-time district attorney as provided in Section 25-3-35. The Legislature finds and declares that the annual salary authorized by this section is justified in Hancock County for the following reasons:

(a) The addition of a justice court judge in January 2004 created a total of three (3) judges in the county and requires the attorney hired to appear and prosecute cases requiring the services of a county prosecuting attorney to spend additional time in court; and

(b) The population of Hancock County increased from thirty-one thousand seven hundred sixty (31,760) in 1990, to forty-two thousand nine hundred sixty-seven (42,967) in 2000, which placed it in the top ten percent (10%) of the fastest growing

counties in the state. The population of Hancock County has continued to increase at one of the highest rates in the state through 2018; and

(c) There was a significant increase in the number of cases filed in justice court and cases appealed to a higher court; and

(d) The attorney hired to appear and prosecute cases requiring the services of a county prosecuting attorney is responsible for handling a large number of drug, alcohol and mental commitment proceedings, and the per capita rate of those proceedings in the county has far exceeded the typical rate in other Mississippi counties. Further, Hancock County created a county court in 2018 thus exacerbating the case load and expediency of those proceedings, requiring additional time and responsibilities of the county prosecutor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-3-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, RATHER THAN PAYING THE ATTORNEY HIRED TO PROSECUTE CASES REQUIRING THE SERVICES OF A COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AN ANNUAL SALARY OF FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, MAY PAY SUCH ATTORNEY AN ANNUAL SALARY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE FULL-TIME DISTRICT ATTORNEY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Larry Byrd, Troy Smith, Brent Anderson

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Angela Burks Hill, Neil S. Whaley, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Byrd the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter, Guice. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 631: Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 631: Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 17-25-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

17-25-11. (1) Certified law enforcement officers or certified part-time law enforcement officers, as defined in Section 45-6-3, who are employed by a county or municipality may wear the official uniform and may utilize the official firearm and the official vehicle issued by the employing jurisdiction while in the performance of private security services in off-duty hours. The governing authority of a municipality must approve of such use of the uniform * * *, official weapon and vehicle by municipal law enforcement officers by act spread upon the minutes of such board and approved by the chief executive. The sheriff of a county must approve such use of the uniform * * *, official weapon and vehicle by deputy sheriffs. Approval shall be on an employee-by-employee basis and not by general order. Any proceedings regarding application or approval and the minutes regarding same shall be a public record.

(2) Each governing board and chief executive or sheriff shall determine before the use of the official uniform * * *, weapon and vehicle is approved that the proposed employment is not likely to bring disrepute to the employing jurisdiction or its law enforcement agency, the officer at issue, or law enforcement generally, and that the use of the official uniform * * *, weapon and vehicle in the discharge of the officer's private security endeavor promotes the public interest.

(3) (a) Acts and omissions of an officer in discharge of private security employment shall be deemed to be the acts and omissions of the person or entity * * * who hires or enters into any independent contractual service agreement with an officer for * * * the private security services, and not the acts and omissions of the employing jurisdiction whose uniform * * *, weapon and vehicle are approved for * * * the private security use. * * *

(b) The person or entity, and the person's or entity's insurer, who hires or enters into any independent contractual service agreement with an officer for private security services shall:

(i) Hold harmless the employing jurisdiction * * * and fully indemnify the employing jurisdiction for any expense or loss, including attorney's fees and any damage to the official vehicle, which results from any action taken against the employing jurisdiction arising out of the acts or omissions of the officer in discharge of private security services while wearing the official uniform or using the official weapon * * * or vehicle; and

(ii) Name the employing jurisdiction as a named insured on its general liability and automobile liability policies for at least the amount of recovery provided for in Section 11-46-15 for any damage to the official vehicle.

(c) If the person or entity, and the person's or entity's insurer, fails or refuses to endorse, indemnify and hold harmless the employing jurisdiction, the employing jurisdiction shall not approve the use of the official vehicle of the employing jurisdiction for private security services.

(d) Neither the state nor any subdivision thereof shall be liable for a claim or injury arising from the acts or omissions of an officer in the discharge of * * * any private security employment duties under this section, including travel to and from private security employment duties in the official vehicle.

(4) Certified police officers performing private jobs during their off-duty hours are required to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of the place of employment, the hours to be worked, and the type of employment.

(5) The official uniform ***, weapon and vehicle may be worn and utilized only at locations which are within the jurisdiction of the governmental entity whose uniform ***, weapon and vehicle are involved.

SECTION 2. Section 21-19-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-19-49. (1) The governing authority of any municipality or the board of supervisors of any county are hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate money or dedicate and convey municipally-owned buildings and property or county-owned buildings and property, as the case may be, to the school district or districts situated within that municipality or county for the purpose of erecting, purchasing or otherwise providing the school building or a site for such school building of such school district, in cases where the governing authority or board of supervisors are of the opinion that the location of such school building within the corporate limits of the municipality or the county, or in close proximity thereto, will be of special benefit to the inhabitants of the municipality or county.

(2) Municipalities, municipal police departments and the sheriffs' departments may contract with the school board of any school district to provide additional Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy-certified police protection to said school district on such terms and for such reimbursement as the school district and the entity may agree in their discretion.

(3) (a) The governing authority of any municipality or the board of supervisors of any county may allow off-duty municipal or county law enforcement officers who are hired individually for security purposes by the school district or districts within that municipality or county to use municipal or county law enforcement uniforms and equipment, which includes vehicles, during such off-duty employment.

(b) If the person or entity, and the person's or entity's insurer, fails or refuses to endorse, indemnify and hold harmless the employing jurisdiction, the employing jurisdiction shall not approve the use of the official vehicle of the employing jurisdiction for private security services.

(4) The governing authority of any municipality, in its discretion, may donate funds, equipment or in-kind services to any school district located within the boundaries of the municipality to assist the voluntary character development or public service programs of that school district.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-25-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE OFF-DUTY USE OF MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY POLICE VEHICLES BY CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ENGAGING IN PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT IN OFF-DUTY HOURS; TO PROVIDE THAT USE MUST BE APPROVED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY WHOSE VEHICLE IS INVOLVED; TO REQUIRE THE PERSON OR ENTITY HIRING THE OFFICER TO NAME THE EMPLOYING JURISDICTION AS A NAMED INSURED ON ITS LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES; TO PROHIBIT USE OF THE OFFICIAL VEHICLE WHERE THE PERSON OR ENTITY REFUSES TO ENDORSE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE EMPLOYING JURISDICTION; TO AMEND SECTION 21-19-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Donnie Bell, Bryant W. Clark
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Brown, C, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Rushing, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 43-21-355, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-355. Any attorney, physician, dentist, intern, resident, nurse, psychologist, social worker, family protection worker, family protection specialist, child caregiver, minister, law enforcement officer, school attendance officer, public school district employee, nonpublic school employee, licensed professional counselor or any other person participating in the making of a required report pursuant to Section 43-21-353 or participating in * * * an investigation, evaluation or judicial proceeding resulting * * * from the report shall be presumed to be acting in good faith. Any person or institution reporting or participating in an investigation, evaluation or judicial proceeding resulting from the report in good faith shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

SECTION 2. Section 43-15-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-15-51. (1) The district attorneys, the Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services may initiate formal cooperative agreements with the appropriate agencies to create multidisciplinary child protection teams in order to implement a coordinated multidisciplinary team approach to intervention in reports

involving alleged commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking, or severe or potential felony child physical or sexual abuse, exploitation, or maltreatment. The multidisciplinary team also may be known as a child abuse task force. The purpose of the team or task force shall be to assist in the evaluation and investigation of reports and to provide consultation and coordination for agencies involved in child protection cases. The agencies to be included as members of the multidisciplinary team are: the district attorney's office, city and county law enforcement agencies, county attorneys, youth court prosecutors, the Human Trafficking Coordinator or his or her designee and other agencies as appropriate. The Department of Child Protection Services shall be included as a member of the multidisciplinary team if the department does not initiate creation of the team.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in Section 43-26-3, to implement the multidisciplinary child abuse team, the team or task force must be authorized by court order from the appropriate youth court. The court order will designate which agencies will participate in the cooperative multidisciplinary team.

(3) (a) Teams created under this section may invite other persons to serve on the team who have knowledge of and experience in child abuse and neglect and commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking matters. These persons may include licensed mental and physical health practitioners and physicians, dentists, representatives of the district attorney's office and the Attorney General's office, experts in the assessment and treatment of substance abuse or sexual abuse, the victim assistance coordinator of the district attorney's office, staff members of a child advocacy center, sexual assault nurse examiners and experts in providing services to commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking victims. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "sexual assault nurse examiner" means a registered nurse who has received a documented forty (40) hours of training as a sexual assault nurse examiner.

(b) (i) A child advocacy center means an agency that advocates on behalf of children alleged to have been abused and assists in the coordination of the investigation of child abuse by providing a location for forensic interviews and promoting the coordination of services for children alleged to have been abused. A child advocacy center provides services that include, but are not limited to, forensic medical examinations, mental health and related support services, court advocacy, consultation, training for social workers, law enforcement training, and child abuse multidisciplinary teams, and staffing of multidisciplinary teams.

(ii) Child advocacy centers may provide a video-taped forensic interview of the child in a child friendly environment or separate building. The purpose of the video-taped forensic interview is to prevent further trauma to a child in the investigation and prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse cases. Child advocacy centers can also assist child victims by providing therapeutic counseling subsequent to the interview by a qualified therapist. Child advocacy centers can also assist law enforcement and prosecutors by acquainting child victim witnesses and their parents or guardians to the courtroom through child court school programs.

(4) A team or task force created under this section shall review records on cases referred to the team by the Department of Child Protection Services or law enforcement or the district attorney's office. The team shall meet at least monthly.

(5) No person shall disclose information obtained from a meeting of the multidisciplinary team unless necessary to comply with the Department of Child Protection Services regulations or conduct and proceeding in youth court or criminal court proceedings or as authorized by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(6) A child advocacy center or a member of the multidisciplinary team is not liable for civil damages while acting within the scope of official team duties if the center or member, in good faith, refers a report of alleged child abuse for investigation, conducts an investigation, makes an investigative judgment or disposition, or releases or uses information for the purpose of protecting a child. The limitation of civil liability does not apply if a child advocacy center or multidisciplinary team member is not acting in good faith. The limitation of liability provided by this subsection for a child advocacy center or member of the multidisciplinary team, shall only apply when the child advocacy center or the member is acting on behalf of or within the scope of duties for the multidisciplinary team as described in this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-355, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND THE IMMUNITY FOR MAKING GOOD FAITH REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO PARTICIPATE IN AN INVESTIGATION, EVALUATION OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING RESULTING FROM THE REPORT; TO AMEND SECTION 43-15-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY TO CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEMBERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Tom Miles, Dana McLean

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, David Parker, Jenifer B. Branning

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1502: MS Coast Transportation Authority; authorize to bear the full cost of processing electronic payments.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barton moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1504: City of Forest; authorize a tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Oliver. Total-6.

Present--Sanford. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

At 9:18 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 10:30 AM.

At 10:30 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

At 10:36 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 11,792,846.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Insurance which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 180,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	141
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Lic & Reg MS Ins Co's & Agents	
Number of (Producer, etc) Licenses Issued	152,000
Average Cost Per License Issued (\$)	35.00
Number of Agent's C/A's Issued	430,000
Average Cost Per Agent C/A Issued (\$)	40.00
Number of Requests for Assistance	12,660
Average Cost Per Customer I/C Addressed (\$)	53.00
Number of Fire Marshal Investigations	750
Cost Per Fire Marshal Investigation (\$)	550.00
Number of Fire Marshal Inspections	8,500
Average Cost Per Fire Marshal Inspection (\$)	60.00
Liquefied Compressed Gas	
Number of Accidents/Injuries/Deaths due to Incidents Involving LCG	0
Number of Inspections	8,000
Average Cost Per Inspection (\$)	60.00
Number of Safety Training Schools/Seminars	170
Average Cost Per Safety Training School (\$)	145.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Fifteen Thousand Seventy-nine Dollars (\$15,079.00) is provided for the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) are provided and shall be expended to pay the annual dues for the National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement

or ceremony regarding any project for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or project shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature."

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Within the limits of the funds available to the Mississippi Insurance Department for such purpose, the Commissioner of Insurance for the Mississippi Insurance Department may grant a paid internship to students pursuing junior or senior undergraduate level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in risk management insurance or graduate level coursework towards a master's degree in business administration. Those applicants deemed qualified by the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the Legislature that the paid internship program shall be used as incentive for risk management insurance careers at the Mississippi Insurance Department.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the State Fire Marshal's Office for fire safety prevention and services, including, but not limited to, fire protection supplies and materials, smoke alarms, and public service announcements providing fire prevention information.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Propane Education and Research Program Fund, for the purpose of research and development of more cost effective uses of propane and on educational programs, safety programs, and market development of propane for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 130,000.00.

SECTION 13. Of the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund and/or the Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created in Section 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Fund and/or the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 2,280,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 15. Of the funds in Section 13, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund and/or the Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created in Section 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 16. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State

Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the purchase of smoke alarms.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Charles Busby

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Newman. Total--4.

Present--Bell, C, Ford, K. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular Session of 2022 and providing contingent funds for the House of Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, as follows:

For salaries, mileage, insurance,
matching funds and daily
expense allowance of members
of the House of Representatives \$ 4,145,787.00.

For Contingent Fund for the
House of Representatives \$ 7,000,703.00.

Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

For salaries, mileage, insurance,
matching funds and daily
expense allowance of members
of the Senate \$ 1,809,729.00.
For Contingent Fund for the Senate \$ 5,531,011.00.

Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

For the joint legislative operations of the House of
Representatives and the Senate \$ 794,885.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
Budget Committee \$ 4,051,322.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
Committee on Performance Evaluation
and Expenditure Review \$ 2,451,611.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
Reapportionment Committee \$ 441,869.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
Code Committee \$ 400,000.00.

The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state offices or at publicly owned facilities.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature, as provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, as follows:

For the House of Representatives \$ 2,616,026.00.
For the Senate \$ 1,135,992.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 430,300.00.

Of the funds authorized in this section, the following distribution shall be made:
Southern States Energy Board \$ 29,077.00.

Interstate Cooperation \$ 324,873.00.
National Conference of Commissioners
on Uniform State Laws \$ 37,950.00.
The Energy Council \$ 38,400.00.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 4,700,000.00.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the joint operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022
\$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act may be used to pay or reimburse any expenses of out-of-state travel for any member or employee of the House of Representatives without prior approval of the House Management Committee or for any member or employee of the Senate without prior approval of the Senate Rules Committee.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the House of Representatives for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1692, 2020 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Senate for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1692, 2020 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022
\$ 300,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the joint operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1692, 2020 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1692, 2020 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 270,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the

expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1692, 2020 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 250,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2021. SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1692, 2020 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 75,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 14. Of the funds provided herein, the Clerk of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Mississippi Senate may transfer funds between accounts for their respective chambers which are administered by the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021, except for Section 14 which shall be in force from and after passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Richard Bennett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Guice. Total-2.

Present--Banks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 6,889,598.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme Court which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 937,470.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	70
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 26,179,173.00.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the trial judges, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$

4,192,368.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	109
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

Of the funds appropriated and allocated herein, Eight Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$8,720,000.00) is provided for the purpose of employing support staff in an amount not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) per fiscal year per judge.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 11,217,728.00.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Office of Courts for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Administrative Office of Courts and the Board of Certified Court Reporters for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 30,050,212.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of Courts, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	39
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

SECTION 10. Of the funds in Section 8, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the match for youth court computer system for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 141,000.00.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Continuing Legal Education Fund, a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of providing continuing legal education programs to lawyers in Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 151,593.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Continuing Legal Education Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Continuing Legal Education Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of providing continuing legal education programs, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	2
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 4,569,817.00.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 1,588,856.00.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	58
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Bar Admissions, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 349,724.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of funding the Board of Bar Admissions, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	3
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 18. No part of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of such funds be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 19. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Supreme Court shall charge the maximum amount allowable by law for services rendered where charges for such services are provided for by statute, and for any other services rendered, shall charge an amount consistent with the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Mississippi State Supreme Court.

SECTION 20. It is the intent of the Legislature that no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for the payment of rent for the public space in the Law Library.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Two Million Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,012,500.00) may be provided for the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Supreme Court shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, One Million Eight Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,875,000.00) shall be provided for the Youth Court Support Fund administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in Section 7, Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000.00) is provided to defray the costs of the Drug Court Program.

SECTION 26. It is the intention of the Legislature that in the event there are not sufficient funds in the Judicial System Operation Fund created under Section 9-21-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, in any given year with which to pay the annual salary supplements set forth in HB 484, 2012 Regular Session, then the county treasury shall not be obligated to fund such salary supplements and the salary of county court judges shall be that in place prior to the passage of HB 484, 2012 Regular Session.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in Section 7, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount of Six Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,700,000.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

Drug Courts	\$ 6,500,000.00
Civil Legal Assistance	\$ 200,000.00

SECTION 28. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 29. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SUPREME COURT WHICH IS COMPRISED OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COURT CLERK AND THE STATE LAW LIBRARY AND TO PAY EXPENSES OF SPECIAL JUDGES, CHANCELLORS AND CIRCUIT JUDGES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS AND CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, COURT OF APPEALS AND THE BOARD OF BAR ADMISSIONS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Jenifer B. Branning

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,

Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner. Total-3.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division \$ 153,453,928.00.

(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education

\$ 76,646,563.00.

(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state, as provided in Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code of 1972 \$ 19,576,109.00.

(d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....

\$ 2,053,829,447.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,303,506,047.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds of the agencies or programs specified in the

following paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division \$ 1,965,301,707.00.

(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education

\$ 21,692,238.00.

(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program \$ 245,112,197.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

BY THIS SECTION BEING \$ 2,232,106,142.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing vision safety services.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

(a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for the following purposes:

Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....	\$ 6,805,774.00
Educable Child	\$ 7,000,000.00
Grants to school districts for	
capital facilities and buses	\$ 16,000,000.00
Instructional materials.....	\$ 20,000,000.00
Students with Special Needs	\$ 1,800,000.00
Implementing Performance-Based Data	
Collection and Accreditation	
Model.....	\$ 274,937.00
Testing \$ 6,125,670.00	
Mississippi School for Math and	
Science.....	\$ 125,000.00
Mississippi School for Fine Arts.	\$ 125,000.00
Early Learning Collaboratives	\$ 8,210,526.00
Early Learning Coaches	\$ 1,500,000.00
Math Coaches	\$ 5,000,000.00
WorkKeys, Advanced Placement, dual	
credit, International Baccalaureate,	
Cambridge, diploma	
endorsements.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
Mississippi Student Information	
System	\$ 7,649,540.00
Vocational Technical Grants	\$ 1,000,000.00
Mississippi School for the Deaf	
and Blind	\$ 1,207,037.00
TOTAL	\$ 83,823,484.00

(b) To the State Department of Education to defray the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division

\$ 5,637,258.00.

(c) To the State Department of Education to provide funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program

.....\$ 225,112,197.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the following positions are authorized for the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	314
Part Time	3	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	162
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division. Based on the funding authorized, this

agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Special Education	
Special Education teachers (FTE) (Number of)	6,188
Gifted Education teachers (Number of)	805
Increase percentage of children with disabilities in general education early childhood programs while decreasing the percentage in self-contained special education early childhood classrooms (%)	76.00
General Administration	
Total Dollars Spent on General Administration (\$)	26,532,257.00
Total Budget Spent on General Administration (%)	18.58
Create a public-facing data system for all stakeholders (%)	100.00
Create a user-friendly website for the public and school districts to access data to make decisions (%)	100.00
Create a roadmap to improve the Mississippi Student Information System (%)	100.00
Publish research results to support improved student outcomes and teacher effectiveness (Number of)	9
Graduation & Career Readiness	
Increase the percentage of students graduating from high school ready for college or career in each subgroup (%)	86.43
Early Childhood Education	
Increase percentage of kindergarten students achieving end-of-year target score on Kindergarten Readiness post-test (%)	68.88
Increase the percentage of Early Learning Collaborative sites meeting required rate of readiness (%)	95.00
Increase number of students enrolled in Title I or locally funded pre-K classes (Number of)	8,022
Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
Increase the percentage of districts reporting Professional Growth System (PGS) ratings for teachers and leaders (%)	80.00
Increase the number of licensed, diverse teachers and leaders (Number of)	31
Increase the percentage of teacher candidates passing licensure exams on the first attempt (%)	51.08
Reduce the proportion of inexperienced and non-certified teachers in schools that are High Poverty (%)	25.00
Reduce the proportion of inexperienced and non-certified teachers in schools that are High Minority (%)	24.00

Elementary Education

Increase the percentage of students who
pass the 3rd grade reading assessment at
the first administration in each
subgroup (%) 80.00

Secondary Education

Increase the number of students
participating in and passing Advanced
Placement (AP), International
Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge exams
in each subgroup (Number of) 37.00

Increase the percentage of students
ready for college as measured by meeting
ACT benchmarks in each content area
(public school class data, grade 11)
(Number of) 11.00

Assessment & Development

Increase the percentage of students
proficient (levels 4 and 5) on statewide
assessments (grades 3-8 and high school
composite) in each subgroup 50.07

Decrease the percentage of students
scoring levels 1-3 on statewide
assessments in each subgroup 49.93

Increase percentage of pre-kindergarten
students in public schools attaining
kindergarten readiness on the pre-K
end-of-year assessment 72.00

School Performance

Increase the percentage of schools rated
"C" or higher 77.00

Increase the percentage of districts
rated "C" or higher 72.90

Increase the percentage of students
demonstrating growth on statewide ELA
assessments in each subgroup 65.63

Increase the percentage of students
demonstrating growth on statewide Math
assessments in each subgroup 64.43

Increase the percentage of students
participating in dual credit in each
subgroup 50.00

Increase the percentage of students
passing dual credit in each subgroup 98.00

Increase the growth of D and F districts
demonstrating growth, by improving the
letter grade and/or increasing the
number of points within a letter grade 76.00

Increase the growth of D and F schools
demonstrating growth, by improving the
letter grade and/or increasing the
number of points within a letter grade 70.00

Increase the growth of Districts of
Transformation by improving the letter
grade and/or increasing the number of
points within a letter grade 100.00

Increase the growth of schools under
Districts of Transformation by improving
the letter grade and/or increasing the

number of points within a letter grade	100.00
Decrease the number of high schools rated D or F	55

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 7. No school district shall expend any funds, received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such school district has specifically identified the amount of the grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9, Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$ _____ less as a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for the School for Math and Science.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized for the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	48
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	5
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of vocational and technical education programs as authorized in Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase soil conservation equipment.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of America Center.

SECTION 13. The State Department of Education shall transfer the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any improper expenditure, for the following:

Detention Centers	\$ 1,200,000.00.
Dubard School	\$ 627,000.00.
Dyslexia Program	\$ 225,000.00.
Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.	\$ 600,000.00.
Stride	\$ 600,000.00.
Amplify Data Coaching	\$ 800,000.00.
Magnolia Speech School	\$ 800,000.00.
Principal Corp	\$ 200,000.00.
Sight Savers	\$ 300,000.00.
Teach for America	\$ 1,250,000.00.
Teacher Corp	\$ 200,000.00.
Children's Center for Comm & Develop	\$ 734,000.00.
Vision Screening Research	\$ 225,000.00.
Algebra Nation	\$ 775,000.00.
Save the Children	\$ 125,000.00.
Mississippi Construction Education Program	\$ 212,500.00.
T. K. Martin Center	\$ 25,000.00.
Jumpstart ACT	\$ 200,000.00.
Mastery Prep	\$ 150,000.00.
Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia	\$ 200,000.00.
Total	\$ 9,448,500.00.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education. All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or College and Career Standards.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be distributed to the Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and used for computer science programs development and teacher training for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula, including both academic and career and technical education programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018 Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College and Career Standards.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00), which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal Year 1985.

SECTION 16. Of the funds provided in this act for the purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the base student cost in Fiscal Year 2022 shall be Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-four Dollars and Eight Cents (\$5,874.08).

SECTION 17. With the funds provided in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual increment.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers seeking National Board Certification.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include only those billable days funded through appropriation of state funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 22. The public school districts of the state are authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for this purpose.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance Officers.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

SECTION 26. The State Department of Education shall contract with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for calculating the estimates of these components due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2022.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

SECTION 28. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

SECTION 29. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

SECTION 30. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of providing funds to school districts through the Emergency Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. The school districts receiving these loans shall repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the loan on or before June 30, 2022.

SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the Board of Health no later than December 31, 2021.

SECTION 32. Any school district receiving funds through Save the Children and Stride may provide a ten percent (10%) match from local funds for implementation of the program.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%) may be used for training and administrative costs related to oversight and auditing of the program.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 2(a), Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding shall be provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year 2022 as follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars

(\$1,250.00) per student in a half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section 37-21-51.

SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion of the state accountability model.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Six Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$2,601,918.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School of the Arts and Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-three Dollars (\$3,758,733.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts One Million Three Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,300,959.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10, 2021, and One Million Three Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Five-nine Dollars (\$1,300,959.00) shall be paid no later than January 10, 2022. All funds appropriated from Section 4(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school each month within ten (10) working days after such amount was received by the Department of Education. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce the appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 39. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the following amounts shall be available to the Schools for the Blind and Deaf: \$9,697,547.00 from Section 1(a), \$1,207,037.00 from Section 4(a), and \$2,159,725.00 from Section 2(a).

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), an amount not to exceed Fifty-one Million Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$51,420,627.00) shall be allocated for the purpose of providing funds to each public school district in the state for an annual salary increase of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or One Thousand One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$1,110.00) as prescribed in the Minimum Salary Schedule in House Bill 852, 2021 Regular Session, for each state funded certified teacher, teacher assistant, reading and librarian aide, counselor and librarian, excluding non-instructional personnel and administrators, for the 2021-2022 school year, and school years thereafter.

SECTION 41. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Fund, as authorized in HB 1700, 2020 Regular Session to provide for agency operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 4,700,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 42. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Ninety-four Two Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$4,594,291.00) is authorized to fully fund the contract between the Department of Education and the Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to fund career and technical curricula, services to secondary schools and career and technical assessments.

SECTION 43. The money appropriated in this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 44. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year of teaching experience requirements

under Section 37-151-5(m), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

SECTION 45. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Manly Barton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Sollie B. Norwood

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 3393100000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds previously appropriated for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions, as authorized in House Bill No. 1705, 2020 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 62,940,672.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of special funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions that had been authorized by the Legislature in prior fiscal years.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 3390200000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session; HB 1616, 2018 Regular Session; SB 3015, 2017 Regular Session; SB 2911, 2016 Regular Session; SB 2902, 2014 Regular Session; and SB 2896, 2013 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,739,055.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 3390300000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 6,593,047.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at the Institutions of Higher Learning and Community and Junior Colleges and various state agencies and institutions.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493C00000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session; HB 1616, 2018 Regular Session; and SB 3015, 2017 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 477,879.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for upgrades and renovation of the water treatment facility at the Alcorn State University and related purposes.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 6493200000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; and House Bill 1667, 2019 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 207,965.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for improvements for the Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493300000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; and Senate Bill 3049, 2019 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 3,801,654.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense funds for construction and/or repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges that had been authorized by the Legislature in a prior fiscal year.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 7. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services is expressly authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state, local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of construction and/or repair and renovation projects.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING A REAPPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO REAUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR AND RENOVATION PROJECTS AT VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Karl Oliver

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell,

Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Human Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 180,156,830.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Human Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various divisions of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,409,849,773.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Department of Human Services that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended; however, notwithstanding any other provision in this act, it is the intent of the Legislature that any amount of funds and positions may be transferred between the Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services in order to comply with agreements made by the State of Mississippi with the United States District Court in reference to the Olivia Y., et al. lawsuit.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 68,328,575.00.

Special Funds \$ 1,290,850,551.00.

Total \$ 1,359,179,126.00.

With the funds appropriated for this budget, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	1,672
Part Time	1	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	472
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

DIVISION OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	111,828,225.00
Special Funds	\$	118,999,222.00
Total	\$	230,827,222.00

With the funds appropriated for this budget, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	1,537
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	417
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services and Department of Child Protection Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 herein to Department of Human Services, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Health, Child Care Licensure Program from the Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate special fund. These funds are to be transferred to the Board of Health no later than July 31, 2021. The Department of Health shall make a complete accounting to the Department of Human Services detailing the uses of these funds in accordance with federal and state regulations.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services are authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2022 Target
Performance Measures	
Support Services	
Percentage of Referred/Directed	
Investigative Audits Conducted (%)	100.00
Percentage of Special Investigations	
Conducted (%)	95.00
Percentage of Referred/Obtained Fraud	
Investigations Conducted Timely (%)	100.00
Percentage of Referred Administrative	
Disqualification Hearings & Fair	
Hearings Conducted Timely (%)	99.00
Percentage of Monitoring Reviews	
Conducted within Acceptable Timeframes (%)	98.00
Total Amount of Funds Recovered (\$)	3,500,000.00
Aging & Adult Services	
In-Home Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	28,975
Community Services - Age 60 + (Persons	
Served)	203,297
Congregate Meals (Number of)	491,685
Home Delivered Meals (Number of)	2,201,105
Substantiated Incidences of Abuse of	
Vulnerable Adults per 1,000 Population	0.17
Home Delivered Meals, Percent Reduction	
of Persons on Waiting list (%)	5.00
Child Support Enforcement	
Paternities Established (Number of)	15,500
Percent Change in Paternities	

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Established (%)	3.30
Obligations Established (Number of)	16,000
Percent Change in Obligations Established (%)	12.50
Total Collections (\$)	378,000,000.00
Percent Change in Total Collections (%)	-2.50
Absent Parents Located (Number of)	68,000
Child Support Cases Current on Payments (%)	-2.53
Community Services	
Elderly Served by CSBG & LIHEAP (Number of)	20,352
Disabled Served CSBG/LIHEAP (Number of)	26,762
Households Achieving Self-Sufficiency CSBG/LIHEAP (Number of)	0
Increase in Rate of Household Attaining Self-Sufficiency (%)	0.00
Households Stabilized CSBG/LIHEAP (Number of)	0
Percent Increase in the Number of Households Stabilized (%)	0.00
Households Weatherized (Number of)	516
Early Childhood Care & Dev	
Children Served (Number of)	0
Assistance Payments	
Dollar Amount of Assistance (\$)	690,000.00
Food Assistance	
Average Monthly Households Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP (\$)	225,000
Percentage of Mississippi Households Receiving SNAP Benefits (%)	716,413,100.00
22.51	
Tanf Work Program	
Average Monthly TANF Households (Number of)	4,600
Average Monthly Persons Served in TANF Work Program (Number of)	1,107
TANF Work Program Participation Rate (%)	60.00
Persons Employed Through the TANF Work Program for the Year (Number of)	720
Households Receiving TANF Benefits During the Year (Number of)	4,600
Percentage of Households Receiving TANF During the Year (%)	49.00
Percentage of TANF Participants in Job Training Who Enter Employment (%)	30.00
Percentage of TANF Participants in Job Training Who Enter Employment at a Salary Sufficient to be Ineligible for TANF (%)	19.00
Percentage of TANF Participants in Job Training Who Remain Employed for: One Year After Leaving the Program (%)	75.00
Percentage of TANF Participants in Job Training Who Remain Employed for: Five Years After Leaving the Program (%)	65.00
Social Services Block Grant	
Clients Served, Division of Family & Children's Services (Number of)	75,611
Clients Served, Aging & Adult Services (Number of)	21,178
Clients Served, Youth Services (Number of)	12,880

Youth Services

Community Services (Children Served)	15,000
Institutional Component (Children Served)	300
Volunteers - Community	
Services/Institution (Number of)	0
Children Placed in Alternative Placement	
(Number of)	0
Children Diverted from Institutional	
Care (%)	95.00
Recidivism Rate (%)	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 11. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement, make a concentrated effort to increase collections of past due child support payments. On or before January 1, 2022, the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Office detailing year-to-date performance measures in the Child Support Enforcement Program compared with the prior year.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services shall have the authority to spend such additional funds as it shall receive from the federal government in incentives or the federal match on those incentives for the purpose of child support enforcement.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be transferred to the Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit at the Department of Public Safety no later than July 31, 2021.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated herein, to the Department of Human Services One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), is provided for the support of the Home Delivered Meals Program and any additional funds that may be appropriated to this program.

SECTION 15. Of the funds provided in Section 1, herein to the Department of Human Services, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided to fund the Senior Olympics Program.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, herein to the Department of Child Protection Services, it is the intention of the Legislature that Ninety-three Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars (\$93,601.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Children's Trust Fund supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office, Division of Medicaid and the Department of Human Services shall continue to work together to implement HB 1090 of the 2017 Regular Session, known as the "Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to HB 571, 2019 Regular Session, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for maintaining a 24-hour hotline that is to be manned at all times, and for a coordinator to work with the Department of Public Safety, and to contract with outside agencies or service providers to organize for the provision of specialized services, including counseling services and other appropriate care to children who have been victims of commercial and sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

SECTION 19. As a condition of receiving and expending any funds appropriated under this act, the Department of Human Services:

(a) Shall use a competitive procurement process for entering into all TANF subgrant agreements with non-state entities when the federal government does not direct to whom the funds must be subgranted;

(b) Upon awarding of a grant to any subgrantee of the department, shall require the subgrantee to submit a monthly report to the department that contains, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(i) A listing of all costs incurred by the subgrantee during the previous month;

- (ii) A listing of all clients served by the subgrantee, with an explanation of which services were provided to the clients;
 - (iii) A listing of all lower-tier subgrantees, who must be approved by the department before the execution of any such agreement by the prime subgrantee; and
 - (iv) Any other data required by the department to provide sufficient evidence of budgetary compliance;
- (c) Shall not advance funds to a subgrantee for more than sixty (60) days; and
- (d) Shall reimburse a subgrantee for expenses only after the required documentation is provided and is approved by the department.

SECTION 20. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Child Protection Services for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as authorized in HB 1715, 2020 Regular Session, for information technology system developments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 14,328,343.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 21. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the computer expenses of the Department of Human Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 22. It is the intent of the Legislature, that within the funds available, the Department of Human Services may provide any qualifying grants of CARES Act or American Rescue Act funding in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the three (3) regional food banks that serve Mississippi, including Feed the Gulf Coast, Mid-South Food Bank, and Mississippi Food Network.

SECTION 23. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 24. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Taylor. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 24,893,879.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various offices of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 214,350,624.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million Six Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$3,681,802.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972. The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

Fully match all available federal	
funds	\$ 2,782,590.00.
Independent Living Program which	
includes the State Attendant	
Care Program	\$ 854,903.00.
Deaf and hard of hearing	\$ 44,309.00.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:		
Permanent:	Full Time	960
Part Time	8	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	205
Part Time	1	

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Rehabilitation Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the National Federation for the Blind (NFB) News line service to allow blind and visually impaired persons to access newspapers through toll-free telephone calls.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2022 Target
Performance Measures	
Disability Determination Services	
Dispositions (Number of)	89,000
Processing Time (Days)	125
Special Disability Programs	
Clients Served (Number of)	3,054
Percentage Change in Persons Receiving HCBW Services Compared to Waiting List (%)	56.00
Ratio of Cost to HCBW Services per Person Compared to an Institutional Setting	38.00
Support Services	
Percentage of Total Budget (%)	2.00
Vocational Rehabilitation	
Clients Served (Number of)	19,000
Clients Rehabilitated (Number of)	2,800
Percentage Change of Persons Employed Compared to Total Persons Served (%)	14.00
Persons Employed with Pay Rate Greater Than Federal or State Minimum Wage	3,060
Persons with Significant Disabilities Leaving VR with Competitive, Self, or Bep Employment, Wage = or > Than Minimum	1,400
Spinal Cord & Head Injury Program	
Clients Served (Number of)	946
Percentage Change in Number of Spinal Cord & Brain Injuries per Year (%)	3.00
Voc Rehabilitation For The Blind	
Blind & Visually Impaired Served (Persons)	1,800
Persons Rehabilitated (Number of)	400
Independent Living (Number Served)	840
Percentage Change in Persons Employed Compared to Total Persons Served (%)	18.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that One Million Five Hundred Sixty-three Thousand Thirty-nine Dollars (\$1,563,039.00) shall be allocated to the Spinal Cord & Head Injury Trust supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the support of the Independent Living Home and Community Based Waiver programs along with any additional funds that may be appropriated to these programs.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the

Department of Rehabilitation Services, for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds, as authorized in HB 1714, 2020 Regular Session to provide for agency operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 1,584,164.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Albert Butler

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report # 2 was adopted on **H. B. No. 1384:** (Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

At 1:53 PM on motion of Rep. Read the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:03 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of the Attorney General for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 26,728,540.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Attorney General which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the office, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 7,022,208.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	94
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	243
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board

determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of the Attorney General shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

		FY2022
Performance Measures		Target
Supportive Services		
Cost of Support Services as Percentage of Budget (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 5.10%		6.00
Training		
Ratings of Continuing Legal Education Training Presentation by Participants		95.00
Ratings of CRIMES System Training Presentation by Participants		95.00
Litigation		

Minimum Affirmations of Criminal Convictions (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	90.00
Minimum Affirmations of Death Penalty Appeals (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 83.33%	70.00
Minimum Denial of Relief in Federal Habeas Corpus (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 86.96%	95.00
Minimum Positive Results of Civil Cases (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 96.00%	98.00
Percentage Change of Affirmations of Criminal Convictions Attained (%)	0.00
Percentage Change of Death Penalty Review Cases Affirmed (%)	5.00
Percentage of Change of Appeals for Relief in Federal Habeas Corpus Cases Denied (%)	0.00
Percentage Change of Positive Results from Civil Cases (%)	0.00
Opinions	
Assigned to Attorneys in 3 Days or Less (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 100.00%	100.00
Opinions Completed in 30 Days or Less (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 76.00%	75.00
Percentage Change of Opinion Requests Assigned to Attorneys Within 3 Days or Less (%)	0.00
Percentage Change of Opinion Requests Completed Within 30 Days or Less (%)	5.00
State Agency Contracts	
Good & Excellent Ratings for Legal Services (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 94.00%	100.00
Percentage Change of Good/Excellent Ratings for Legal Services (%)	0.00
Insurance Integrity Enforcement	
Minimum Positive Results of Workers' Compensation Cases (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	99.00
Minimum Positive Results of Insurance Cases (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	99.00
Percentage Change of Positive Results of Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud (%)	5.00
Percentage Change of Positive Results of Other Insurance Cases (%)	0.00
Other Mandated Programs	
Medicaid Fraud Convictions vs Dispositions (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 100.00%	85.00
Medicaid Abuse Convictions vs Dispositions (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 95.00%	98.00
Minimum Defendants Convicted after Indictments (PID) (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 96.00%	90.00
Response to Consumer Complaints (Days) 2011-2012 Baseline: 3.14%	5
Average Number of Days to Respond to Consumer Complaints	5

Percentage Change of Medicaid Fraud	
Convictions vs Dispositions (%)	5.00
Percentage Change of Medicaid Abuse	
Convictions vs Dispositions (%)	5.00
Percentage Change of Defendants	
Convicted After Indictment (%)	0.00
Crime Victims Compensation	
Claims Processed in 12 Weeks or Less (%)	
2011-2012 Baseline: 67.97%	57.88
Percentage Change of Claims Processed	
Timely (%)	0.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds included therein which are derived from penalties and/or other funds collected by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit shall be available for the purpose of providing the state match for federal funds available for the support of the unit, or for other lawful purposes as deemed appropriate by the Attorney General. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that any penalties and/or other funds collected and/or expended shall be accounted for separately as to source and/or application of such funds.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be made available for expenditure by the Prosecutors Training Division.

SECTION 8. No part of the money herein appropriated shall be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received; however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 9. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Office of the Attorney General that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$680,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health for the Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Unit.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Five Million Six Hundred Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$5,690,346.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

State Prosecutor Education	\$ 662,582.00
Crime Victims Compensation	\$ 1,901,332.00
Vulnerable Persons Training, Invest and	
Prosecution Trust	\$ 565,165.00
Child Support Prosecution Trust	\$ 128,475.00
Law Enforcement & Firefighters Disability	
Benefits Trust	\$ 133,666.00

Cyber Crime Unit \$ 944,722.00
 Domestic Violence Training \$ 376,580.00
 Children's Advocacy Centers \$ 554,489.00
 Crime Victims Compensation Admin \$ 347,547.00
 Motorcycle Officer Training \$ 62,763.00
 District Attorney Operations \$ 13,025.00

It is the intention of the Legislature that the Attorney General's Office shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Chairmen of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives that details the expenditures made for programs supported from General Fund court assessments allocated in this section.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Attorney General for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds, as authorized in HB 1694, 2020 Regular Session to provide for Case Management System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 646,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in this act, funds are provided to defray the expenses of litigation defending the constitutionality of Mississippi statutes.

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
 DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR
 FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Percy W. Watson

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Bell, C, Bomgar, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Hopkins, Karriem, Porter, Scott. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Guice. Total-2.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

At 2:08 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:26 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2624: MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish pilot program using administrative hearing officers.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2624: MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish pilot program using administrative hearing officers.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 73-35-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-35-23. (1) The commission is hereby authorized and directed to take legal action against any violator of this chapter. Upon complaint initiated by the commission or filed with it, the licensee or any other person charged with a violation of this chapter shall be given fifteen (15) days' notice of the hearing upon the charges filed, together with notice of the option of appearing before the commission or an administrative hearing officer as provided in subsection (6) of this section and a copy of the complaint. The applicant or licensee or other violator shall have an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel, to offer testimony, and to examine witnesses appearing in connection with the complaint. Hearings shall be held at the offices of the Mississippi Real Estate Commission, or at the commission's sole discretion, at a place determined by the commission.

At such hearings, all witnesses shall be properly sworn and stenographic notes of the proceedings shall be taken and filed as a part of the record in the case. Any party to the proceedings shall be furnished with a copy of such stenographic notes upon payment to the commission of such fees as it shall prescribe, not exceeding, however, the actual cost to the commission. The clear and convincing standard of proof shall be used to examine factors during all hearings. The commission shall render a decision on any complaint and shall immediately notify the parties to the proceedings in writing of its ruling, order or decision.

(2) In addition to the authority granted to the commission as hereinabove set forth, the commission is hereby vested with the authority to bring injunctive proceedings in any appropriate forum against any violator or violators of this chapter, and all judges or courts now having the power to grant injunctions are specifically granted the power and jurisdiction to hear and dispose of such proceedings.

(3) The commission is hereby authorized and empowered to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers. The process issued by the commission shall extend to all parts of the state, and such process shall be

served by any person designated by the commission for such service. The person serving such process may receive such compensation as may be allowed by the commission, not to exceed the fee prescribed by law for similar services. All witnesses who are subpoenaed and who appear in any proceedings before the commission may receive the same fees and mileage as allowed by law, and all such fees shall be taxed as part of the costs in the case.

(4) Where in any proceeding before the commission any witness shall fail or refuse to attend upon subpoena issued by the commission, shall refuse to testify, or shall refuse to produce any books and papers the production of which is called for by the subpoena, the attendance of such witness and the giving of his testimony and the production of the books and papers shall be enforced by any court of competent jurisdiction of this state in the same manner as the attendance and testimony of witnesses in civil cases are enforced in the courts of this state.

(5) The commission may obtain legal counsel privately to represent it in proceedings when legal counsel is required.

(6) The commission shall establish a pilot program whereby an administrative hearing option shall be established, which shall consist of administrative hearing officers designated by the Attorney General for the purpose of holding hearings, hearing evidence and rendering decisions on matters determined to be the subject of a hearing for a licensee or any other person charged with a violation of this chapter or affecting the license of any person coming under its jurisdiction, when the licensee or any other person charged with a violation of this chapter shall request, in writing, for the matter to be heard by the administrative hearing officer. Administrative hearing officers shall be staff attorneys employed by the Attorney General's office, but must not currently hold a license issued by the commission. The administrative hearing officers shall have the same powers and authority in conducting hearings and rendering decisions as granted to the commission in this section. Hearings before an administrative hearing officer shall be held in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, at a place, time and manner agreed upon by the commission and the hearing officer within the city. The clear and convincing standard of proof shall be used to examine factors during all hearings. Any right of appeal available to a licensee or applicant for a license availing itself to the provisions hereof shall be preserved as if the matter had been heard and decided by the commission. This subsection (6) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

(7) Nothing in this section shall preclude the commission and licensee from entering into any agreed order resolving a complaint prior to the hearing.

SECTION 2. Section 73-35-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-35-25. (1) Any applicant or licensee or person aggrieved shall have the right of appeal from any adverse ruling or order or decision of the commission or administrative hearing officer to the circuit court of the county of residence of the applicant, licensee or person, or of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, within thirty (30) days from the service of notice of the action of the commission upon the parties in interest.

(2) Notice of appeals shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the court who shall issue a writ of certiorari directed to the commission commanding it, within thirty (30) days after service thereof, to certify to such court its entire record in the matter in which the appeal has been taken. The appeal shall thereupon be heard in due course by said court, without a jury, which shall review the record and make its determination of the cause between the parties.

(3) Any order, rule or decision of the commission or administrative hearing officer shall not take effect until after the time for appeal to *** the court *** has expired. *** If an appeal is taken by a defendant, such appeal *** shall act *** as a supersedeas and the court shall dispose of *** the appeal and enter its decision promptly. However, the commission may file a motion within ten (10) days of the date of the filing the notice of appeal and request the court to lift the supersedeas upon the commission's showing, by clear and convincing evidence, that immediate and irreparable harm will or may occur if the licensee or person aggrieved were to continue operating as a licensee.

(4) Any person taking an appeal shall post a satisfactory bond in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the payment of any costs which may be adjudged against him.

(5) Actions taken by the commission in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the procedure specified in this section.

SECTION 3. Section 73-35-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-35-21. (1) The commission may, upon its own motion and shall upon the verified complaint in writing of any person, hold a hearing pursuant to Section 73-35-23 for the refusal of license or for the suspension or revocation of a license previously issued, or for such other action as the commission deems appropriate. The commission shall have full power to refuse a license for cause or to revoke or suspend a license where it has been obtained by false or fraudulent representation, or where the licensee in performing or attempting to perform any of the acts mentioned herein, is deemed to be guilty of:

(a) Making any substantial misrepresentation in connection with a real estate transaction;

(b) Making any false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade or induce;

(c) Pursuing a continued and flagrant course of misrepresentation or making false promises through agents or salespersons or any medium of advertising or otherwise;

(d) Any misleading or untruthful advertising;

(e) Acting for more than one (1) party in a transaction or receiving compensation from more than one (1) party in a transaction, or both, without the knowledge of all parties for whom he acts;

(f) Failing, within a reasonable time, to account for or to remit any monies coming into his possession which belong to others, or commingling of monies belonging to others with his own funds. Every responsible broker procuring the execution of an earnest money contract or option or other contract who shall take or receive any cash or checks shall deposit, within a reasonable period of time, the sum or sums so received in a trust or escrow account in a bank or trust company pending the consummation or termination of the transaction. "Reasonable time" in this context means by the close of business of the next banking day;

(g) Entering a guilty plea or conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of this state, or any other state or the United States of any felony;

(h) Displaying a "for sale" or "for rent" sign on any property without the owner's consent;

(i) Failing to furnish voluntarily, at the time of signing, copies of all listings, contracts and agreements to all parties executing the same;

(j) Paying any rebate, profit or commission to any person other than a real estate broker or salesperson licensed under the provisions of this chapter;

(k) Inducing any party to a contract, sale or lease to break such contract for the purpose of substituting in lieu thereof a new contract, where such substitution is motivated by the personal gain of the licensee;

(l) Accepting a commission or valuable consideration as a real estate salesperson for the performance of any of the acts specified in this chapter from any person, except his employer who must be a licensed real estate broker;

(m) Failing to successfully pass the commission's background investigation for licensure or renewal as provided in Section 73-35-10; or

(n) Any act or conduct, whether of the same or a different character than hereinabove specified, which constitutes or demonstrates bad faith, incompetency or untrustworthiness, or dishonest, fraudulent or improper dealing. However, simple contact and/or communication with any mortgage broker or lender by a real estate licensee about any professional, including, but not limited to, an appraiser, home

inspector, contractor, and/or attorney regarding a listing and/or a prospective or pending contract for the lease, sale and/or purchase of real estate shall not constitute conduct in violation of this section.

(2) No real estate broker shall practice law or give legal advice directly or indirectly unless said broker be a duly licensed attorney under the laws of this state. He shall not act as a public conveyancer nor give advice or opinions as to the legal effect of instruments nor give opinions concerning the validity of title to real estate; nor shall he prevent or discourage any party to a real estate transaction from employing the services of an attorney; nor shall a broker undertake to prepare documents fixing and defining the legal rights of parties to a transaction. However, when acting as a broker, he may use an earnest money contract form. A real estate broker shall not participate in attorney's fees, unless the broker is a duly licensed attorney under the laws of this state and performs legal services in addition to brokerage services.

(3) It is expressly provided that it is not the intent and purpose of the Mississippi Legislature to prevent a license from being issued to any person who is found to be of good reputation, is able to give bond, and who has lived in the State of Mississippi for the required period or is otherwise qualified under this chapter.

(4) In addition to the reasons specified in subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall be authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

(5) Nothing in this chapter shall prevent an associate broker or salesperson from owning any lawfully constituted business organization, including, but not limited to, a corporation, limited liability company or limited liability partnership, for the purpose of receiving payments contemplated in this chapter. The business organization shall not be required to be licensed under this chapter and shall not engage in any other activity requiring a real estate license.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-35-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM ALLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS ON CERTAIN LICENSING MATTERS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION; TO PROVIDE THAT ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICERS SHALL BE STAFF ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; TO AMEND SECTION 73-35-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPEAL TAKE A DEFENDANT FROM AN ADVERSE RULING OR ORDER OF THE MISSISSIPPI REAL ESTATE COMMISSION SHALL ACT AS A SUPERSEDEAS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-35-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chris Caughman, Daniel H. Sparks, Chad McMahan
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Percy W. Watson

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs,

K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 IHL Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

NAME	AMOUNT PROJECT ALLOCATED
Alcorn State University	\$ 5,675,000.00
Phase I of repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to campus dormitories.....	\$ 5,675,000.00
Delta State University	\$ 10,800,000.00
Renovation and expansion of and upgrades, improvements and additions to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Building and related facilities.....	\$ 7,800,000.00
Repair, renovation and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 3,000,000.00
Jackson State University	\$ 6,500,000.00
Phase III of repair, renovation and upgrading of campus buildings, facilities, and infrastructure.....	\$ 6,000,000.00
Preplanning for construction, furnishing and equipping of a new dining facility and related facilities.....	\$ 500,000.00
Mississippi State University	\$ 15,000,000.00
Phase I of construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building and related facilities to house the College of Architecture, Art and Design.....	\$ 15,000,000.00
Mississippi State University/Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine	\$ 8,000,000.00
Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Dorman Hall and related facilities.....	\$ 8,000,000.00
Mississippi University for Women	\$ 2,750,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 2,750,000.00
Mississippi Valley State University.....	\$ 500,000.00
Preplanning for repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Charles Lackey Recreation Center.....	\$ 500,000.00
University of Mississippi	\$ 12,000,000.00
Construction, furnishing	

and equipping of a new mechanical and power plant building and related facilities.....\$ 12,000,000.00	
University of Mississippi Medical Center	\$ 8,000,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....\$ 8,000,000.00	
University of Southern Mississippi	\$ 10,750,000.00
Repair and renovation of Hickman Hall and related facilities.....\$ 10,000,000.00	
Preplanning and construction, furnishing and equipping of a new science research facility...\$ 750,000.00	
University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf Coast Campuses	\$ 5,800,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of Executive Education and Conference Center and related facilities on the Gulf Park Campus.....\$ 4,800,000.00	
Repair, renovation life safety, and ADA code upgrades, furnishing and equipping of campus buildings and facilities at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Halstead Campus.....\$ 1,000,000.00	
IHL Education and Research Center	\$ 600,000.00
Planning, repair, renovation, life safety and ADA code upgrades of buildings, facilities and infrastructure, including the Paul B. Johnson Tower, Edsel E. Thrash Universities Center and the Mississippi Public Broadcasting Building.....\$ 600,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 86,375,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the commission. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Eighty-six Million Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$86,375,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and

coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special funds created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties

required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund may not be used or expended for any purpose except as authorized under this act.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to pay the costs of acquisition of real property, construction of new facilities, equipping and furnishing facilities, including furniture and technology equipment and infrastructure, and addition to or renovation of existing facilities for community and junior college campuses as recommended by the Mississippi Community College Board. The amount to be expended at each community and junior college is as follows:

Coahoma	\$ 1,601,497.00
Copiah-Lincoln	1,914,389.00
East Central	1,788,372.00
East Mississippi	2,070,016.00
Hinds	3,858,858.00
Holmes	2,670,171.00
Itawamba	2,436,346.00
Jones	2,354,904.00
Meridian	1,932,245.00
Mississippi Delta	1,801,892.00
Mississippi Gulf Coast	3,410,539.00

Northeast Mississippi	2,052,257.00
Northwest Mississippi	2,937,492.00
Pearl River	2,456,481.00
Southwest Mississippi	1,714,541.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$35,000,000.00

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special fund, then the community college or junior college for which any such monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the commission. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this section shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special funds created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office

on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this

section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

STATE AGENCIES \$ 5,250,000.00

Department of Mental Health \$ 5,250,000.00

Phase II of repair

and replacement of
plumbing systems
at the Mississippi

State Hospital.....\$ 750,000.00

Phase II of repair

and restoration
of, or replacement
of windows, waterproofing,
repointing, sealing and
repainting of buildings
at the Mississippi

State Hospital.....\$ 750,000.00

Phase II of repair
and renovations
for ADA compliance
for buildings and facilities
at Ellisville State School....\$ 750,000.00

Planning, repair
and renovation, furnishing
and equipping of the
Beechwood Building at
Hudspeth Regional Center.....\$ 1,500,000.00

Phase II of repair
and renovation, furnishing
and equipping of cottages at
Hudspeth Regional Center.....\$ 750,000.00

Planning, repair
and replacement of
roofing at campus
buildings and facilities
at South Mississippi
Regional Center.....\$ 750,000.00

TOTAL \$ 5,250,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special fund, then the agency or institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the commission. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an agency that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such agency that are described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for general repairs and renovations at the agency.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of

Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$5,250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special funds created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for

payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 4. Section 1, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2020 IHL Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

NAME	AMOUNT PROJECT ALLOCATED
Alcorn State University	\$ 3,650,000.00
Campus safety and security project, including open space development, sprinkler systems for dormitories, security camera installation, card access systems, street lighting, and emergency kiosks.....	\$ 3,650,000.00
Alcorn State University/Division of Agriculture	\$ 2,635,000.00
Phase II of repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping and expansion of and additions to the Child Development Learning Center.....	\$ 2,635,000.00
Delta State University	\$ 3,000,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 3,000,000.00
Jackson State University	\$ 5,260,000.00
Phase III of repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings, facilities, and infrastructure.....	\$ 5,260,000.00
Mississippi State University	\$ 10,000,000.00
Phase III of construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building and related facilities to house the Kinesiology Department.....	\$ 10,000,000.00

Mississippi State University/Division of
Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine \$ 7,935,000.00
Phase II of repair and
renovation, replacement and/or
demolition of Ballew
Hall and related
facilities.....\$ 7,535,000.00
Pre-planning for repair and
renovation of Dorman Hall
and related facilities.....\$ 400,000.00
Mississippi University for Women \$ 13,000,000.00
Phase II of construction,
furnishing and equipping of
a new building and related
facilities to house the
Culinary Arts Program.....\$ 13,000,000.00
Mississippi Valley State University \$ 13,435,000.00
Phase II of Student Union
improvements and planning,
repair, renovation, life
safety and ADA code upgrades,
furnishing and equipping
and expansion of and
additions to campus
buildings, facilities, and
infrastructure.....\$ 13,435,000.00
University of Mississippi \$ 13,530,000.00
Phase II of repair, renovation,
furnishing, equipping and
expansion of and additions
to the Data Center Building
and related facilities.....\$ 13,530,000.00
University of Mississippi Medical Center \$ 5,680,000.00
Replacement of HVAC
systems, boilers and
related equipment,
infrastructure and controls....\$ 5,680,000.00
University of Southern Mississippi \$ 6,500,000.00
Phase II of repair and
renovation of the
Kinesiology Building
and related facilities.....\$ 6,000,000.00
Pre-planning for repair
and renovation of
Hickman Hall and
related facilities.....\$ 500,000.00
University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf
Coast Campuses \$ 700,000.00
Pre-planning for design
of Executive Education
and Conference Center
and related facilities
on the Gulf Park
campus.....\$ 200,000.00
Planning, repair,
renovation, life safety,
and ADA code upgrades,
furnishing and equipping
of campus buildings

and facilities
at the Gulf Coast
Research Laboratory,
Halstead Campus.....\$ 500,000.00
IHL Education and Research Center \$ 1,400,000.00
Planning, repair, renovation, life safety and ADA code upgrades of buildings, facilities
and infrastructure, including the Paul B. Johnson Tower, Edsel E.
Thrash Universities
Center and the Mississippi
Public Broadcasting
Building.....\$ 1,400,000.00
TOTAL \$ 86,725,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the commission. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount

of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Eighty-six Million Seven Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$86,725,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in

the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special funds created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 5. Section 15, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

Section 15. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 Chickasaw Heritage Center Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation in paying the costs associated with the construction, furnishing and equipping of the Chickasaw Heritage Center in Tupelo, Mississippi. It is the intention of the Legislature that all bond funds dedicated for this project up to Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) be matched by the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation. In addition, all funds authorized and disbursed by the state will be spent equally with funds matched by the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(c) No bonds may be issued under this section until the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation has broken ground in construction of the Chickasaw Heritage Center.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office

on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this

section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 6. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund created pursuant to Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund created pursuant to Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be

payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this section.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund created in Section 39-5-145, and the proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed for the purposes provided in Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such

resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 7. Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

39-5-145. (1) A special fund, to be designated the "Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of any monies designated for deposit therein from any source, including proceeds of any state general obligation bonds designated for deposit therein. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. The expenditure of monies deposited into the fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and Administration. Monies deposited into such fund shall be allocated and disbursed according to the provisions of this section. If any monies in the special fund are derived from proceeds of state general obligation bonds and are not used within four (4) years after the date such bond proceeds are deposited into the special fund, then the Department of Finance and Administration shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the State Bond Commission.

(2) Monies deposited into the fund shall be allocated and disbursed as follows:

(a) (i) *** Fifty-one Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$51,200,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grants on a reimbursable basis

through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, to assist county governments, municipal governments, school districts, universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service in helping pay the costs incurred in preserving, restoring, rehabilitating, repairing or interpreting 1. historic county courthouses, 2. historic school buildings, and/or 3. other historic properties identified by certified local governments. Where possible, expenditures from the fund shall be used to match federal grants or other grants that may be accessed by the Department of Archives and History, other state agencies, county governments or municipal governments, school districts or nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service. Any properties, except those described in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this subsection, receiving monies pursuant to this section must be designated as "Mississippi Landmark" properties prior to selection as projects for funding under the provisions of this section.

(ii) One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grants through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, to assist county governments in helping pay the costs of historically appropriate restoration, repair and renovation of historically significant county courthouses. Grants to individual courthouses under this paragraph (a)(ii) shall not exceed Eight Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000.00).

(b) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Amory Regional Museum in Amory, Mississippi, to pay the costs of capital improvements, repair, renovation, furnishing and/or equipping of the museum. The Department of Finance and Administration is directed to transfer Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) from the fund to the city on or before December 31, 2004, and the city shall place the funds into an escrow account. The city may expend the funds from the account only in an amount equal to matching funds that are provided from any source other than the state for the project. As the funds are withdrawn from the escrow account, the city shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the amount of the funds that have been withdrawn and that the funds withdrawn are in an amount equal to matching funds required by this paragraph.

(c) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping the courthouse and related facilities in Jacinto, Mississippi, and to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping other buildings and facilities near the courthouse.

(d) Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$425,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Oxford-Lafayette County Heritage Foundation to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing, equipping and/or acquiring the L.Q.C. Lamar Home in Oxford, Mississippi.

(e) One Million Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,425,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Columbus, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Columbus City Hall building and related facilities.

(f) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Town of Wesson, Mississippi, to pay the costs of restoration and renovation of the Old Wesson School.

(g) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Town of Shubuta, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with construction, reconstruction, refurbishing, repair, renovation and restoration of the Shubuta Town Hall building and related facilities.

(h) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Okolona, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with the purchase, repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a building and related facilities on Main Street in the City of Okolona, for the purpose of

establishing a welcome center in which historical information relating to the City of Okolona will be displayed, including, but not limited to, information relating to the furniture, banking, retail and farming industries; education; historical collections owned by individuals and organizations; genealogy; Okolona College; and the Battle of Okolona and the War Between the States.

(i) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Tallahatchie County Courthouse.

(j) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Wayne County, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Wayne County Courthouse.

(k) Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to assist in paying the cost of rehabilitation and restoration of Winterville Indian Mounds in Washington County, Mississippi.

(l) Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Kosciusko, to assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with (i) repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping, additions to and expansion of the Kosciusko Natchez Trace Visitor Center in the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, and (ii) repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping, additions to and expansion of the historic Strand Theater in the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi.

(m) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Jefferson County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades and improvements to the confederate cemetery and related properties and facilities in the county.

(n) Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tate County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with painting, refurbishment and historical restoration and renovation of the Tate County Courthouse.

(o) Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Humphreys County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Humphreys County Courthouse.

(p) Monies in the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund which are derived from proceeds of state general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection for which funding is provided under this section. Reimbursement may be made only until such time as the project is completed. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(3) (a) The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History shall receive and consider proposals from county governments, municipal governments, school districts, universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service for projects associated with the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, repair or interpretation of (i) historic courthouses, (ii) historic school buildings, and/or (iii) other historic properties identified by certified local governments. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of procedures, criteria and standards developed by the board. The board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require matching funds from any applicant seeking assistance under this section. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(a)(ii), (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e), (2)(f), (2)(g), (2)(h) and (2)(j) of this section.

(b) The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History shall receive and consider proposals from county governments for projects associated with historically appropriate restoration, repair and renovation of historically significant county courthouses. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of procedures, criteria and standards developed by the board. The board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require matching funds from any applicant seeking assistance under this section. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(a)(i), (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) and (2)(f) of this section.

(4) The Department of Archives and History shall publicize the Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program described in this section on a statewide basis, including the publication of the criteria and standards used by the department in selecting projects for funding. The selection of a project for funding under the provisions of this section shall be made solely upon the deliberate consideration of each proposed project on its merits. The board shall make every effort to award the grants in a manner that will fairly distribute the funds in regard to the geography and cultural diversity of the state. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) and (2)(f) of this section.

(5) With regard to any project awarded funding under this section, any consultant, planner, architect, engineer, exhibit contracting firm, historic preservation specialist or other professional hired by a grant recipient to work on any such project shall be approved by the board before their employment by the grant recipient.

(6) Plans and specifications for all projects initiated under the provisions of this section shall be approved by the board before the awarding of any contracts. The plans and specifications for any work involving "Mississippi Landmark" properties shall be developed in accordance with "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties."

SECTION 8. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-701. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-701. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature

absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund created in Section 57-1-701. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall

become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 9. Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-701. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Eligible entity" means any (i) county, (ii) municipality or (iii) public or private nonprofit local economic development entity including, but not limited to, local authorities, commissions, or other entities created by local and private legislation or pursuant to Section 19-5-99.

(b) "Eligible expenditures" means:

(i) Fees for architects, engineers, environmental consultants, attorneys, and such other advisors, consultants and agents that MDA determines are necessary to complete site due diligence associated with site development improvements located on industrial property that is publicly owned; and/or

(ii) Contributions toward site development improvements, as approved by MDA, located on industrial property that is publicly owned.

(c) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(d) "Site development improvements" means site clearing, grading, and environmental mitigation; improvements to drainage systems; easement and right-of-way acquisition; sewer systems; transportation directly affecting the site, including roads, bridges or rail; bulkheads; land reclamation; water supply (storage, treatment and

distribution); aesthetic improvements; the dredging of channels and basins; or other improvements as approved by MDA.

(2) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used to make grants to assist eligible entities as provided in this section.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from proceeds of bonds issued under Section 2 of Chapter 390, Laws of 2017, Section 5 of Chapter 412, Laws of 2018, Section 1 of Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, * * * Section 4 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, or Section 8 of this act, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) (a) MDA shall establish a program to make grants to eligible entities to match local or other funds associated with improving the marketability of publicly owned industrial property for industrial economic development purposes and other property improvements as approved by MDA. An eligible entity may apply to MDA for a grant under this program in the manner provided for in this section. An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must provide matching funds in an amount determined by MDA. Matching funds may be provided in the form of cash and/or in-kind services as determined by MDA.

(b) An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must submit an application to MDA. The application must include:

(i) A description of the eligible expenditures for which assistance is requested;

(ii) The amount of assistance requested;

(iii) The amount and type of matching funds to be provided by the eligible entity; and

(iv) Any other information required by MDA.

(c) Upon request by MDA, an eligible entity shall provide MDA with access to all studies, reports, documents and/or plans developed as a result of or related to an eligible entity receiving assistance under this section.

(4) MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the department shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(5) MDA shall file an annual report with the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives not later than December 1 of each year, describing all assistance provided under this section.

SECTION 10. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-16. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority declaring the

necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the ACE Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-16. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the ACE Fund created in Section 57-1-16. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 11. Section 57-61-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-61-25. (1) The seller is authorized to borrow, on the credit of the state upon receipt of a resolution from the Mississippi Development Authority requesting the same, monies not exceeding the aggregate sum of * * * Three Hundred Ninety-seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$397,500,000.00), not including monies borrowed to refund outstanding bonds, notes or replacement notes, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The rate of interest on any such bonds or notes which are not subject to taxation shall not exceed the rates set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, for general obligation bonds.

(2) As evidence of indebtedness authorized in this chapter, general or limited obligation bonds of the state shall be issued, from time to time, to provide monies necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter for such total amounts, in such form, in such denominations payable in such currencies (either domestic or foreign, or both) and subject to such terms and conditions of issue, redemption and maturity, rate of interest and time of payment of interest as the seller directs, except that such bonds shall mature or otherwise be retired in annual installments beginning not more than five (5) years from date thereof and extending not more than thirty (30) years from date thereof.

(3) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this chapter shall be signed by the chairman of the seller, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the seller shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the seller.

(4) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this chapter may be general or limited obligations of the state, and the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi as to general obligation bonds, or the revenues derived from projects assisted as to limited obligation bonds, are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes.

(5) Such bonds and notes and the income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(6) The bonds may be issued as coupon bonds or registered as to both principal and interest, as the seller may determine. If interest coupons are attached, they shall contain the facsimile signature of the chairman and secretary of the seller.

(7) The seller is authorized to provide, by resolution, for the issuance of refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding any debt issued under the provisions of this chapter and then outstanding, either by voluntary exchange with the holders of the outstanding debt or to provide funds to redeem and the costs of issuance and retirement of the debt, at maturity or at any call date. The issuance of the refunding bonds, the maturities and other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof and the duties of the issuing officials in respect to the same shall be governed by the provisions of this section, insofar as they may be applicable.

(8) As to bonds issued hereunder and designated as taxable bonds by the seller, any immunity of the state to taxation by the United States government of interest on bonds or notes issued by the state is hereby waived.

(9) The proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter after April 9, 2002, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the authority. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

SECTION 12. Section 57-61-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-61-36. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Fourteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,500,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making grants to municipalities through a Development Infrastructure Grant Fund to complete infrastructure related to new or expanded industry.

(2) [Repealed]

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize the monies transferred from the Housing Development

Revolving Loan Fund and not more than * * * One Hundred Four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$104,100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making grants or loans to municipalities through an equipment and public facilities grant and loan fund to aid in infrastructure-related improvements as determined by the Mississippi Development Authority, the purchase of equipment and in the purchase, construction or repair and renovation of public facilities. Any bonds previously issued for the Development Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program which have not been loaned or applied for are eligible to be administered as grants or loans. In making grants and loans under this section, the Mississippi Development Authority shall attempt to provide for an equitable distribution of such grants and loans among each of the congressional districts of this state in order to promote economic development across the entire state.

The requirements of Section 57-61-9 shall not apply to any grant made under this subsection. The Mississippi Development Authority may establish criteria and guidelines to govern grants made pursuant to this subsection.

(4) [Repealed]

(5) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority may establish a Capital Access Program and may contract with any financial institution to participate in the program upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall consider necessary and proper. The Mississippi Development Authority may establish loss reserve accounts at financial institutions that participate in the program and require payments by the financial institution and the borrower to such loss reserve accounts. All monies in such loss reserve accounts is the property of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(b) Under the Capital Access Program a participating financial institution may make a loan to any borrower the Mississippi Development Authority determines to be qualified under rules and regulations adopted by the authority and be protected against losses from such loans as provided in the program. Under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Mississippi Development Authority, a participating financial institution may submit claims for the reimbursement for losses incurred as a result of default on loans by qualified borrowers.

(c) Under the Capital Access Program a participating financial institution may make a loan that is secured by the assignment of the proceeds of a contract between the borrower and a public entity if the Mississippi Development Authority determines the loan to be qualified under the rules and regulations adopted by the authority. Under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Mississippi Development Authority, a participating financial institution may submit an application to the authority requesting that a loan secured pursuant to this paragraph be funded under the Capital Access Program.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority may utilize not more than One Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,550,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making payments to loan loss reserve accounts established at financial institutions that participate in the Capital Access Program established by the Mississippi Development Authority; however, any portion of the bond proceeds authorized to be utilized by this paragraph that are not utilized for making payments to loss reserve accounts may be utilized by the Mississippi Development Authority to advance funds to financial institutions that participate in the Capital Access Program pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(6) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting Warren County, Mississippi, in the continuation and completion of the study for the proposed Kings Point Levee.

(7) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of developing a long-range plan for coordinating the resources of the state institutions of higher learning, the community and junior colleges, the Mississippi

Development Authority and other state agencies in order to promote economic development in the state.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall use not more than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of providing assistance to municipalities that have received Community Development Block Grant funds for repair, renovation and other improvements to buildings for use as community centers. Assistance provided to a municipality under this subsection shall be used by the municipality to match such Community Development Block Grant funds. The maximum amount of assistance that may be provided to a municipality under this subsection shall not exceed Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the aggregate.

(9) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting in paying the costs of constructing a new spillway and related bridge and dam structures at Lake Mary in Wilkinson County, Mississippi, including construction of a temporary dam and diversion canal, removing existing structures, removing and stockpiling riprap, spillway construction, dam embankment construction, road access, constructing bridges and related structures, design and construction engineering and field testing.

(10) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi, in providing water and sewer and other infrastructure services in the Marshall, Benton and Tippah Counties area.

SECTION 13. Section 65-4-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-4-25. The Mississippi Development Authority, acting through its executive director, is authorized, at one time or from time to time, to declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of negotiable general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the Economic Development Highway Fund established in Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, the executive director shall deliver a certified copy of his resolution or resolutions to the State Bond Commission. Upon receipt of the resolution, the State Bond Commission, in its discretion, shall act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for the sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The principal amount of bonds issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall not exceed * * * Three Hundred Ninety-one Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$391,500,000.00) in the aggregate. However, an additional amount of bonds may be issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, in an amount not to exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00), and the proceeds of any such additional bonds issued shall be used to provide funding for a high economic benefit project as defined in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(vi), Mississippi Code of 1972. An additional amount of bonds may be issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the proceeds of which shall be used to provide funding for a high economic benefit project as defined in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(v).

SECTION 14. Section 25, Chapter 533, Laws of 2010, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 30, Laws of 2010 Second Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 301, Laws of 2011, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 480, Laws of 2011, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 1, Laws of 2011 First Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, is amended as follows:

Section 25. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-221. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Five Hundred Four Million Dollars (\$504,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-221. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance

and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund created in Section 57-1-221. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 15. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Lawrence County N.A. Sandifer Road Bridge Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Lawrence County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to the N.A. Sandifer Road Bridge.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section

shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in

the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 16. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Marshall County Emergency Response Center Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building a full-time emergency response center, including ambulance service, a fire station and a sheriff's department substation, to serve the growing area in and around the Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers.

Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice

to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 17. Section 5, Chapter 454, Laws of 2019, as amended by Section 130, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2019 Concourse Workforce Training Center," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with the repair, renovation and other improvements to buildings and related facilities in the City of Batesville, Mississippi, to house the Concourse Workforce Training Center.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2023.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one * * * time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 18. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Longleaf Trace Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Pearl and Leaf Rivers Rails-to-Trails Recreational District with trail overlay or bridge repairs on the Longleaf Trace between Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Prentiss, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or

rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those

proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 19. Section 106, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

Section 106. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 East Metro Corridor Project Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the East

Metropolitan Corridor Commission in paying the costs associated with land acquisition and implementation of the East Metro Corridor project in Rankin County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance

and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 20. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Yazoo County Highway 49 Frontage Road Repair Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to the U.S. Highway 49 Frontage Road.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section

shall not exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in

the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 21. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Commerce Park Connector Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying the costs associated with the preconstruction, design, engineering, land acquisition, right-of-way acquisition, construction and development of the Commerce Park Connector project from Lake Harbour Drive to Highland Colony Parkway in Madison County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 22. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Yellow Creek Port Medical Clinic Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Yellow Creek State Inland Port in paying costs associated with the construction of a medical clinic.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a

certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 23. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Prentiss County Bridge Replacement Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Prentiss County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the replacement of Bridges 114 and 115 on County Road 4050 and Bridge 147 on County Road 5250.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 24. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 West Point Street Paving Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the paving of city streets.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such

issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 25. Section 112, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

Section 112. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 Lowndes County Manufactures Drive Extension Fund" is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension of Manufactures Drive from its current southern terminus to extend first to the east and then northward to interconnect with Artesia Road at a location east of the current intersection of Manufactures Drive and Artesia Road, provided that such funds may also be used to fund the acquisition of any right-of-way, if necessary, for such roadway extension, together with any striping and/or signage associated therewith.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund

created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 26. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Neshoba County Road 210 Bridge Repairs and Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the

fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to the County Road 210 bridge.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their

delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties

required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 27. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 City of Starkville Hospital Road and Stark Road Extension Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the extension of Hospital Road and Stark Road.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the

form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the

Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 28. Section 57-1-221, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-221. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Approved business enterprise" means any project that:

(i) Locates or expands in this state and creates a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) new, full-time jobs with a total capital investment in the state of a minimum of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties;

(ii) Locates or expands in this state and creates a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) new, full-time jobs with a total capital investment in the state of a minimum of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) in areas federally designated as low-income census tracts;

(iii) Locates or expands in this state and creates a minimum of one thousand (1,000) new, full-time jobs;

(iv) Is a manufacturer of high-end kitchen appliances having at least four hundred (400) employees working at its Mississippi facilities on January 1, 2015, and with a capital investment of at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) made after July 1, 2014, through four (4) years after July 1, 2015, that expands in this state, and retains a minimum of four hundred (400) jobs; or

(v) Locates or expands in this state with significant regional impact as determined by MDA.

(b) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(c) "Facility related to the project" means and includes any of the following, as they may pertain to the project:

(i) Facilities to provide potable and industrial water supply systems, sewage and waste disposal systems and water, natural gas and electric transmission systems to the site of the project;

(ii) Building facilities and equipment necessary to operate the facility;

(iii) Rail lines;

(iv) Airports, airfields, air terminals and port facilities;

(v) Highways, streets and other roadways; and

(vi) Fire protection facilities, equipment and elevated water tanks.

(d) "Project" means any industrial, commercial, research and development, warehousing, distribution, transportation, processing, mining, United States government or tourism enterprise together with all real property required for construction, maintenance and operation of the enterprise that is approved by the MDA.

(2) (a) There is created a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund which shall consist of monies from any source designated for deposit into the fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Except as otherwise provided, monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Mississippi Development Authority for the purposes authorized in subsection (3) of this section. The Mississippi Development Authority shall allocate and disburse Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) from the fund as a grant to Mississippi State University for the construction, furnishing and equipping of a high-performance computing data center that is home to federally designated centers of computing excellence. The disbursement of such funds shall not be subject to any requirements of this section relating to grants and loans made by the Mississippi Development Authority under this section. The Mississippi Development Authority shall allocate and disburse Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the fund as a grant to Delta Health System for capital costs related to hospital systems expansion. The disbursement of such funds shall not be subject to any requirements of this section relating to grants and loans made by the Mississippi Development Authority under this section. The Mississippi Development Authority shall disburse such funds to Delta Health System not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act.

(b) Monies in the fund that are derived from the proceeds of general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements made under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) The MDA shall establish a program to make grants or loans from the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund to local governments, including, but not limited to, counties, municipalities, industrial development authorities and economic development districts, and approved business enterprises to construct or otherwise provide facilities related to the project. Local governments are authorized to accept grants and enter into loans authorized under the program, and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of a project or any property related to the project in whole or in part.

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any business enterprise or local government desiring a grant or loan under this section shall submit an application to the MDA which shall include, at a minimum:

(i) Evidence that the business or industry meets the definition of an approved business enterprise;

(ii) A description, including the cost, of the requested assistance;

(iii) A description of the purpose for which the assistance is requested; and

(iv) Any other information required by the MDA.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the MDA shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

(i) The minimum requirements of this section and such other requirements as the MDA considers proper shall be met; and

(ii) If such requirements are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by this section as determined by the MDA shall be repaid.

(c) Upon receipt of the application from a business enterprise or local government for a grant or loan under this section, the MDA shall determine whether the enterprise meets the definition of an approved business enterprise and determine whether to provide the assistance requested in the form of a grant or a loan.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)(a) of this section, the MDA shall have sole discretion in providing grants or loans under this section. The terms of a grant or loan provided under this section and the manner of repayment of any loan shall be within the discretion of the MDA. Repayments of loans made under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund until the uncommitted balance in the fund reaches Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). Once the uncommitted balance in the fund reaches Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), repayments of loans under this section shall be deposited to the credit of Fund No. 3951 in the State Treasury to pay debt service on bonds until such time as the uncommitted balance in the fund falls below Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00).

(e) The MDA shall notify the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the approval of any grant or loan application thirty (30) days prior to the disbursement of any monies for the loan or grant from the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund. The notification shall identify the applicant and the purposes for which the loan or grant is made.

(5) (a) Contracts, by local governments, including, but not limited to, design and construction contracts, for the acquisition, purchase, construction or installation of a project shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 31-7-13 if:

(i) The MDA finds and records such finding on its minutes, that because of availability or the particular nature of a project, it would not be in the public interest or would less effectively achieve the purposes of this section to enter into such contracts on the basis of Section 31-7-13; and

(ii) The approved business enterprise that is involved in the project concurs in such finding.

(b) When the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection are met:

(i) The requirements of Section 31-7-13 shall not apply to such contracts; and

(ii) The contracts may be entered into on the basis of negotiation.

(6) It is the policy of the MDA and the MDA is authorized to accommodate and support any enterprise that receives a loan under this section for a project defined in Section 17-25-23 that wishes to have a program of diversity in contracting, and/or that wishes to do business with or cause its prime contractor to do business with Mississippi companies, including those companies that are small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act (15 USCS 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the purposes of this subsection.

(7) The MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 29. Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-119-9. (1) Applicants who are eligible for assistance under this section include, but are not limited to, local units of government, nongovernmental organizations, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, ports, airports, public-private partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit entities and local economic development entities. Projects that are eligible for assistance under this section are projects that have the potential to generate increased economic activity in the region, as described in Section 57-119-11(3).

(2) MDA shall establish criteria, rules, and procedures for accepting and reviewing applications for assistance under this section. MDA, with advice from the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Advisory Board, shall review, compile and score all timely received applications, and shall present the applications and its recommendations for assistance to individual projects under this section to the Legislature no later than December 1 of the year. The Legislature shall determine individual projects that will be funded under this section by separate line items in an appropriation bill.

(3) Applications for assistance under this section will be received through web portals set up by MDA. MDA shall set criteria for the web portal which may include protection of the confidentiality of any or all of the applications.

(4) The project described in paragraph (m) of Section 18, Chapter 106, Laws of 2020 (Senate Bill No. 2977), to assist George County with a rail connection project, shall not be required to meet the criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority for the selection and recommendation of projects under this section in order to receive the funds allocated for that project under Chapter 106.

SECTION 30. (1) For any incentive program for which the Department of Revenue audits, verifies or otherwise reviews information submitted by an applicant, program participant or other entity for the purposes of the incentive program and eligibility for any incentive under the program, the applicant, program participant or other entity may employ a qualified accountant to perform a third-party audit, verification or other review of such information, in lieu of the Department of Revenue doing so, for the purposes of the incentive program and eligibility for any incentive under the program. The applicant, program participant or other entity shall be responsible for all costs associated with such purposes, and the qualified accountant shall provide the third-party audit, verification or other review of information to the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue shall accept and approve the third-party audit, verification or other review of information for the purposes of the incentive program and eligibility for any incentive under the program and shall notify the applicant, program participant or other entity of such acceptance and approval within thirty (30) days after receipt of the third-party audit, verification or other review of information. If the Department of Revenue does not notify the applicant, program participant or other entity of such acceptance and approval within thirty (30) days after receipt of the third-party audit, verification or other review of information, then the third-party audit, verification or other review of information shall be automatically approved and valid for the purposes of the incentive program and eligibility for any incentive under the program. The State of Mississippi shall not be liable for or otherwise responsible for any actions of a qualified accountant.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified accountant" means a certified public accountant (CPA) who: (a) maintains an active unrestricted original certified public accountant license, (b) maintains a current Mississippi certified public accountant firm permit, (c) actively participates in a peer review program approved by the State Board of Certified Public Accountants of Mississippi, (d) completes twenty (20) active hours of continuing professional education in approved courses for each reporting cycle, and (e) is capable of conducting two (2) levels of review within the CPA firm or, if not within the firm, then through a cooperative endeavor with another CPA for the review of a verification report prior to its issuance.

SECTION 31. Section 27-7-22.41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-22.41. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(b) "Eligible charitable organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is:

(i) Licensed by or under contract * * * with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services and provides services for:

1. The prevention and diversion of children from custody with the Department of Child Protection Services,
2. The safety, care and well-being of children in custody with the Department of Child Protection Services, or
3. The express purpose of creating permanency for children through adoption; or

(ii) Certified by the department as:

1. * * * An educational services charitable organization and provides services to:

* * *a. Children in a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families for Children model, or children at significant risk of entering a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services,

* * *b. Children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability, or

* * *c. Children eligible for free or reduced price meals programs under Section 37-11-7, or selected for participation in the Promise Neighborhoods Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education * * *; or

2. A Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) administered by the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools to provide needs-based scholarships to economically, physically, or intellectually disadvantaged children.

(2) (a) The tax credit authorized in this section shall be available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. From and after January 1, 2022, for a taxpayer that is not operating as a corporation, a credit also is allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to (i) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and (ii) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(b) A contribution to an eligible charitable organization for which a credit is claimed under this section does not qualify for and shall not be included in any credit that may be claimed under Section 27-7-22.39.

(c) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes.

(3) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(4) An eligible charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization. An eligible charitable organization must also provide the department with

written documented proof of its license and/or written contract with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this section.

(5) The eligible charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(a) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions;

(c) Any other information that the department requires to administer this section.

(6) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of eligible charitable organizations.

(7) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

(8) (a) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section.

(b) A taxpayer who applied for a tax credit under this section during calendar year 2020, but who was unable to be awarded the credit due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits authorized for calendar year 2020, shall be given priority for tax credits authorized to be allocated to taxpayers under this section by Section 27-7-22.39.

(c) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current tax collections.

(9) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), and not more than fifty percent (50%) of tax credits allocated during a calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. However, for calendar year 2021, * * *

the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this

section during a calendar year shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), and for calendar year 2022, and for each calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00). For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section and fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. For calendar year 2022, and for each calendar year thereafter, of the amount of tax credits that may be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, fifteen percent (15%) of the tax credits shall be available solely for allocation for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii)2; however, any such tax credits not allocated before April 1 of a calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii)1 of this section. For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, no more than five percent (5%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. However, for calendar year 2022, of the additional amount of tax credits authorized under this section, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session, for allocation for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) of the tax credits shall be available solely for allocation for contributions to Magnolia Speech School; however, any such tax credits not allocated before April 1, 2022, may be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section.

SECTION 32. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 LeFleur's Bluff State Park Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with construction and development of and upgrades and improvements to property, roadways, infrastructure, facilities and structures at LeFleur's Bluff State Park, in Jackson, Mississippi, for the purpose of enhancing and developing the entrance to the Mississippi Children's Museum and the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, and areas and amenities related to the museums.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 33. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Indianola Street Improvement Projects Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Indianola, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads in the City of Indianola.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be

affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice

to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 34. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Alcorn County - County Courthouse Repair and Renovation Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and replacement of roofing for the Alcorn County Courthouse.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi

to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 35. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Jacinto Courthouse Improvement Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to provide funds to the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., to pay costs associated with capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping the Jacinto Courthouse and related facilities in Alcorn County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers.

Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 36. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 East Corinth Elementary School Renovation Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to East Corinth Elementary School to provide enhanced career technical training to Corinth students in advanced technology skills.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in

subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for

payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 37. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tishomingo County Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying cost associated with repairs, upgrades, resurfacing and improvements to County Road 961.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office

on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this

section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 38. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 George County - Evanston Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, reconstruction, repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Evanston Road at and near the main entrance to the George County Industrial Park in George County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a

certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 39. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Bruce Sewer System Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with expansion of and repairs, upgrades and improvements to the town's sewer system, sewage lagoon and related infrastructure and facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same

effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties

required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 40. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Bruce - Vardaman Street Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Vardaman Street in the Town of Bruce.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form

of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the

Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 41. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Bruce - Calhoun Street Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Calhoun Street in the Town of Bruce.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 42. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Jackson Pete Brown Golf Course Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the following purposes at the Pete Brown Golf Course in the City of Jackson:

1. Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the clubhouse and related facilities;
2. Upgrades and improvements to the golf course and related grounds;
3. Development of and improvements to cart paths and walking paths; and
4. Purchase of golf carts.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a

certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 43. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tougaloo Senior Center Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Tougaloo Senior Center.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their

delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 44. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority - Flagship District Projects Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the Flagship District Projects.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to

be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in

the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 45. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "Mississippi Highway 4 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, design and construction necessary to add a center turning lane and upgrade the roadway on State Highway 4 from Interstate 55 to the campus of North West Mississippi Community College.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 46. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Forrest County Bridge Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Forrest County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of the bridge on Temple Road over Reese Creek and the repair and/or replacement of the bridge on Brooklyn-Janice Road over Chaney Branch Creek in Forrest County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section

shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 47. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 West Lauderdale Athletic Complex Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart

from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with site preparation and construction of the West Lauderdale Athletic Complex in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the

commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 48. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Jackson Public School District - Career Development Center Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special funds shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund

created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 49. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Wilkinson County - Jackson Point Road Bridge Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the

end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Wilkinson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with replacement of the Jackson Point Road Bridge in Wilkinson County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 50. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Jackson State University School of Public Health Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to pay costs associated with construction, furnishing, and equipping of and relocation of the Jackson State University School of Public Health to the main campus of the university.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 51. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Union County Bridge Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Union County,

Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and/or replacement of a bridge on County Road 81 in Union County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance

and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 52. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Jackson Livingston Park Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, replacement and improvement of facilities and infrastructure at Livingston Park in the City of Jackson.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such

date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those

proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 53. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Brookhaven - Brookway Boulevard Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Brookhaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with reconstruction, repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Brookway Boulevard in the City of Brookhaven.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay

the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such

warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 54. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 West Oxford Loop Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Lafayette County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the extension of West Oxford Loop in Lafayette County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) (i) Subject to the provisions of this section, the commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring that funds have been irrevocably dedicated in the amount required under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (a) and declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(ii) No bonds may be issued under this section until the Department of Finance and Administration is provided proof that funds from private, local and/or federal sources have been irrevocably dedicated to assist in paying the costs of the project described in subsection (2)(a) of this section in an amount equal to the amount of bonds to be issued to provide funds for such purposes.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds

issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such

restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 55. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Oxford Park Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and development of Oxford Square Park and related facilities in the City of Oxford.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale

of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 56. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Horn Lake Filtration System Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Horn Lake, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with acquisition and installation of a pressure filtration system on the well head providing water for the system providing water service to the Twin Lakes Subdivision area in the City of Horn Lake.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds

issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such

restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 57. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of D'Iberville - Mallet Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Mallet Road in the City of D'Iberville.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale

of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 58. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 3 Mile Corner Volunteer Fire Department Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with acquisition of a fire truck for the 3 Mile Corner Volunteer Fire Department in Kemper County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 59. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Lake Hico Park and Northgate Park Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, replacement and improvement of

facilities, equipment, grounds and infrastructure at Lake Hico Park and Northgate Park in Hinds County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance

and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 60. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Clay County - Road Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the overlay of North Beasley Road and South Beasley Road in Clay County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or

rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 61. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Monroe County Road Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Monroe County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, upgrades and improvements to Chapel Grove Road and Bishop Road in Monroe County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after

the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may

sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this

section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 62. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Byram - Clinton Parkway Project Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and development of the Byram-Clinton Parkway project in Hinds County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without

premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 63. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Flora Water and Sewer Systems Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Flora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's water system and sewer system infrastructure.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 64. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "Madison County Bozeman Road," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Madison County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making improvements to Bozeman Road in Madison County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be

affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice

to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 65. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Clinton Road and Street Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and other improvements and upgrades to Arrow Drive and Northside Drive in the City of Clinton.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi

to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 66. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-731. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-731. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such

issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund created in Section 57-1-731. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 67. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 DeSoto County - Getwell Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist DeSoto County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with five-laning the portion of Getwell Road from Lester to Pleasant Hill Road in DeSoto County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or

rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 68. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Claiborne County - ASU Foundation, Inc., Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the ASU Foundation, Inc., in paying costs associated with repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, upgrading, improving, furnishing and/or equipping the Historic Oakland Memorial Chapel, Belles Lettres Hall, the Old President's Home, and the Historic Oakland Memorial Cemetery in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay

the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such

warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 69. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Hazlehurst - Community Center/Emergency Storm Shelter Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a community center/emergency storm shelter and related facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature

absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such

resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 70. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Louisville Access Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Louisville, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with constructing a road and other transportation infrastructure in the City of Louisville that will provide and improve access to land owned by the city designated for an economic development project on or near the location of Winston Plywood & Veneer.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after

the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may

sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this

section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 71. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Eupora Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Eupora.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without

premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 72. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of French Camp Sewer System Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of French Camp, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and other improvements to the town's sewer system, sewer lagoon and related infrastructure.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 73. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Choctaw County - Sturgis Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Sturgis Road in Choctaw County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be

affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice

to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 74. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Chester - Tomnolen Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Webster County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Chester - Tomnolen Road in Webster and Choctaw County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi

to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 75. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Grenada County - Business/Industrial Park Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with preplanning, construction and development of, Business/Industrial Park Road in Grenada County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the

bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 76. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Pontotoc County Courthouse Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Pontotoc County Courthouse.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of

Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for

payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 77. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Pontotoc County - W.A. Grist Building Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the W. A. Grist building.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office

on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this

section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 78. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Pontotoc County Chancery Court Building and Youth Court Facility Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Chancery Court building and Youth Court facility.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a

certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 79. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate,

compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Shelby - Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Shelby, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive in the City of Shelby.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their

delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 80. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Belwood Levee Construction Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Adams County, Mississippi, in paying the costs related to the completion of the Belwood Levee in Adams County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to

be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in

the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 81. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Hancock County Fairgrounds Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Hancock County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades, improvements and additions to the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 82. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Hickory Flat Road Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Hickory Flat, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Hickory Flat.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section

shall not exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 83. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Marshall County Bridge Replacement Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart

from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with replacement of the Bethlehem Waterford Bridge over Tippah River in Marshall County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the

commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 84. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Hattiesburg Infrastructure Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention, land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund

created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 85. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Noxubee County Emergency Operations Center Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the

end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of a county emergency operations center and related facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 86. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Morton Road Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Morton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads around Morton High School and surrounding areas in the City of Morton.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds

issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such

restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 87. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Scenic Rivers Development Alliance and Land Acquisition Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance in paying costs associated with the acquisition of approximately one hundred fifty (150) acres of land from the United States Department of Agriculture and located in Franklin County, Mississippi, and related road and other infrastructure improvements, including the repayment of debt incurred by Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for such purposes before the effective date of this act.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the

commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 88. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Pike County Courthouse Complex Repair and Renovation Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Pike County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Pike County Courthouse Complex buildings and related facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds

issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such

restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 89. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Marion County Courthouse Square Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads and other infrastructure improvements to and near the Marion County Courthouse Square.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 90. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Columbia - Walter Payton Field Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation and replacement of Walter Payton Field and related facilities at Columbia High School in the City of Columbia.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 91. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Baldwin Municipal Buildings Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of

Baldwyn, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation and upgrades and improvements to the city's municipal buildings and related facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance

and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 92. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tate County Chromcraft Lake Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and development of infrastructure improvements and recreational trails at Chromcraft Lake in Tate County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or

rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 93. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Attala County Courthouse Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Attala County Courthouse.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after

the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may

sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this

section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 94. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Kosciusko - Hugh Ellard Park Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, upgrades and improvements to Hugh Ellard Park in the City of Kosciusko.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without

premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 95. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Kosciusko School District Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with the administration, development and operation of the Kosciusko School District Pre-Kindergarten Program.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 96. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Leake County - HooperMill Creek Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Hooper Mill Creek Road in Leake County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be

affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice

to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 97. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tunica County - Battle Arena Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tunica County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Battle Arena.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi

to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 98. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Itawamba School District Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Itawamba County School District buildings and facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the

bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 99. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Itawamba County - 911 Center Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing, furnishing and equipping of a county 911 center.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of

Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for

payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 100. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Fulton Natural Gas System Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with expansion of the city's natural gas system and related infrastructure.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office

on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this

section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 101. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Long Beach School District Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of a technology education center for the Long Beach School District.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such

resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit

of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 102. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Kossuth Volunteer Fire Department Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with construction of a new firehouse for the Kossuth Volunteer Fire Department in Alcorn County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear.

However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 103. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Gautier Amphitheater/Museum Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of an amphitheater and a song writers' museum.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to

be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in

the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 104. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Laurel Park Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Laurel, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and development of a park and walking trail.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 105. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of D'Lo Fire Station Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a fire station.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund

created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 106. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tate County - Courthouse Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year

shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with parking lot reconstruction for the Tate County Courthouse.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 107. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Senatobia Lighting Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with lighting repairs at the Interstate 55/Mississippi Highway 740 interchange.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 108. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tate County Tate - Panola Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tate County,

Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing Tate - Panola Road in Tate County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance

and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 109. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 U.S. Highway 51 Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with the construction of additional lanes for U.S. Highway 51 north of Mississippi Highway 740 in Tate County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such

date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those

proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 110. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Greenwood Cemetery Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Greenwood Cemetery Association in paying costs associated with repairs to Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay

the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such

warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 111. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Port of Vicksburg Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Warren County Port Commission in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to the Port of Vicksburg in Warren County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue,

be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such

resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 112. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(d) "Project" means any enterprise that will own and operate one or more indoor hydroponic facilities (i) for which construction begins not later than January 1, 2022, (ii) which will be located in a county having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census, in which eighty percent (80%) or more of such population is African-American and in which thirty percent (30%) or more of such population is at or below the federal poverty level according to the latest official data compiled by the United States Census Bureau and (iii) which will create at least thirty (30) direct jobs and twenty (20) indirect jobs not later than July 1, 2022.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Hydroponic Facilities Project Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the enterprise owning and operating a project in paying costs associated with construction and equipping of one or more hydroponic facilities. Before disbursing any monies for such purposes, the Department of Finance and Administration shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

1. Minimum requirements for jobs for the project shall be met; and

2. If such requirements are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by the state for the project may, as determined by the Department of Finance and Administration, be subject to repayment by such enterprise, together with any penalties or damages required by the department in connection therewith.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear.

However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 113. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Philadelphia - Philadelphia Utilities Levee System Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance, repairs, upgrades and improvements to the levee system protecting the Philadelphia Utilities wastewater treatment plant and related facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form

of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the

Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 114. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 City of Pearl Bridge Construction Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist with construction of a bridge extending from the intersection of the extension of Ware Street and relocated St. Augustine Street to Pearson Road in the City of Pearl, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such

bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 115. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Carrollton Drainage Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Carrollton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of stormwater drainage culverts and other infrastructure improvements for the purpose of improving drainage and reducing the risk of flooding in the Town of Carrollton.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section

shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 116. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Montgomery County - Fisher Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the

General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the overlay of Fisher Road from U.S. Highway 51 to Willette Lane in Montgomery County.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the

commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 117. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Winona Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Winona, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with overlaying roads and streets in the City of Winona.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds

issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such

restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 118. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Duncan Community Park Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Duncan, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with site grading, playground improvements and acquisition of playground equipment for the town's community park.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale

of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 119. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Walthall County Courthouse Renovation Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Walthall County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the renovation of the Walthall County Courthouse.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 120. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Tylertown Building Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Tylertown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, restoration,

furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the former Walthall Hotel building and related facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance

and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 121. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Charleston Shade Street Health Complex Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Charleston, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing, furnishing and equipping the City of Charleston Shade Street Health Complex.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or

rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 122. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tallahatchie County Solid Waste Collection Transfer Station Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a solid waste collection transfer station.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after

the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may

sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this

section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 123. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Oakland Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Oakland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Oakland.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without

premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 124. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Starkville Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension of Stark Road and Hospital Road in the City of Starkville.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 125. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Sebastopol Community Center Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Sebastopol, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation of and upgrades and improvements to a building that will be the town's multipurpose community center.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be

affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice

to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 126. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Union Police Department Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Union, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of two (2) motor vehicles and equipment for such motor vehicles, tasers and other safety equipment for the City of Union Police Department.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall

be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 127. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Seminary Water and Sewer Systems Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Seminary, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and expansion of and upgrades and improvements to the town's water system infrastructure and/or sewer system infrastructure.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the

manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 128. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 City of Brandon City Hall Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Brandon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation and upgrades of and improvements to its City Hall building and related facilities and construction of an additional parking and related facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with

the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 129. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Tippah County Hospital Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist Tippah County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment at the Tippah County Hospital.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be

affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice

to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 130. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Ripley Fire Department Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the city's fire department.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi

to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 131. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Town of Artesia Drainage Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Artesia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of and other improvements to storm water structures and facilities for the purposes of improving drainage and reducing the risk for flooding in the Town of Artesia.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers.

Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 132. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Jackson State University Stadium Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying costs associated with a study regarding the location for the construction of a sports stadium in downtown Jackson, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of

Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for

payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 133. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 Town of Plantersville Infrastructure and Park Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Plantersville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements and park improvements.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office

on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this

section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 134. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2021 Camp Kamassa Construction Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation in paying the costs associated with:

1. Design, preplanning, construction, furnishing and equipping of buildings and related facilities at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi; and

2. Design, preplanning, construction and development of infrastructure at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi

to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 135. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Ocean Springs Water and Sewer Systems Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the city's water system and sewer system infrastructure and drainage infrastructure.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers.

Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 136. Section 41, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended as follows:

Section 41. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 Town of Wesson - Wesson Old School Visitor Center Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Town of Wesson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with * * * the renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Wesson Old School Visitor Center.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in

subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for

payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 137. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, AND STATE AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FOR THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 15, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, TO INCREASE BY \$3,000,000.00 THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CHICKASAW INKANA FOUNDATION IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF THE CHICKASAW HERITAGE CENTER IN TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO AND TO ALLOW THE MONIES IN THE FUND TO BE DISBURSED AS GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND STATE AGENCIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-701, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000,000.00 FOR THE ACE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE BY \$10,000,000.00 THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF BOND PROCEEDS THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MAY UTILIZE UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT TO MAKE GRANTS OR LOANS TO MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH AN EQUIPMENT AND PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT AND LOAN FUND TO AID IN INFRASTRUCTURE-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, AND THE PURCHASE, CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 65-4-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE BY \$7,000,000.00 THE AMOUNT OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY ACT; TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000,000.00 IN BONDS TO BE USED TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A HIGH ECONOMIC BENEFIT PROJECT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 65-4-5(1)(C)(V); TO AMEND SECTION 25, CHAPTER 533, LAWS OF 2010, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 8, CHAPTER 421, LAWS OF 2019, TO INCREASE BY \$36,000,000.00 THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING REVOLVING FUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE N.A. SANDIFER ROAD BRIDGE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARSHALL COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDING A FULL-TIME EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTER TO SERVE THE GROWING AREA IN AND AROUND THE CHICKASAW TRAIL INDUSTRIAL PARK; TO AMEND SECTION 5, CHAPTER 454, LAWS OF 2019, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 130, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPAIR, RENOVATION AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS AND RELATED FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF BATESVILLE TO HOUSE THE CONCOURSE WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO

ASSIST THE PEARL AND LEAF RIVERS RAILS-TO-TRAILS RECREATIONAL DISTRICT WITH TRAIL OVERLAY OR BRIDGE REPAIRS ON THE LONGLEAF TRACE BETWEEN HATTIESBURG AND PRENTISS; TO AMEND SECTION 106, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO ASSIST THE EAST METROPOLITAN CORRIDOR COMMISSION IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LAND ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EAST METRO CORRIDOR PROJECT IN RANKIN COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF YAZOO COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE U.S. HIGHWAY 49 FRONTAGE ROAD; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PRECONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, LAND ACQUISITION, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMERCE PARK CONNECTOR PROJECT FROM LAKE HARBOUR DRIVE TO HIGHLAND COLONY PARKWAY IN MADISON COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE YELLOW CREEK STATE INLAND PORT IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MEDICAL CLINIC; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PRENTISS COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGES 114 AND 115 ON COUNTY ROAD 4050 AND BRIDGE 147 ON COUNTY ROAD 5250; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF WEST POINT IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAVING OF CITY STREETS; TO AMEND SECTION 112, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOWNDES COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTENSION OF MANUFACTURES DRIVE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NESHOPA COUNTY IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COUNTY ROAD 210 BRIDGE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTENSION OF HOSPITAL ROAD AND STARK ROAD; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-221, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING REVOLVING FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL DISBURSE A PORTION OF MONIES IN THE FUND TO DELTA HEALTH SYSTEM TO USE FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 57-119-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT A PROJECT FROM THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT FOR ANY INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AUDITS, VERIFIES OR OTHERWISE REVIEWS INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY AN APPLICANT, PROGRAM PARTICIPANT OR OTHER ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY INCENTIVE UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE APPLICANT, PROGRAM PARTICIPANT OR OTHER ENTITY MAY EMPLOY A QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT TO PERFORM A THIRD-PARTY AUDIT, VERIFICATION OR OTHER REVIEW OF SUCH INFORMATION, IN LIEU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DOING SO, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY INCENTIVE UNDER THE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICANT, PROGRAM PARTICIPANT OR OTHER ENTITY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH PURPOSES, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE THIRD-PARTY AUDIT, VERIFICATION OR OTHER REVIEW OF INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY INCENTIVE UNDER THE PROGRAM AND SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT, PROGRAM

PARTICIPANT OR OTHER ENTITY OF SUCH ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE THIRD-PARTY AUDIT, VERIFICATION OR OTHER REVIEW OF INFORMATION; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION" UNDER THE CHILDREN'S PROMISE ACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SUCH ORGANIZATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SUCH ORGANIZATIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL DISBURSE FUNDS TO THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTORS FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDITS APPLIED AGAINST AD VALOREM TAXES; TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION DURING A CALENDAR YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTAIN PORTION OR AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE AVAILABLE SOLELY FOR ALLOCATION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY, ROADWAYS, INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITIES AND STRUCTURES AT LEFLEUR'S BLUFF STATE PARK, IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING AND DEVELOPING THE ENTRANCE TO THE MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AND THE MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE, AND AREAS AND AMENITIES RELATED TO THE MUSEUMS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF INDIANOLA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS AND ROADS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST ALCORN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND REPLACEMENT OF ROOFING FOR THE ALCORN COUNTY COURTHOUSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE JACINTO FOUNDATION, INC., TO PAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, REPAIRING, RENOVATING, RESTORING, REHABILITATING, PRESERVING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING THE JACINTO COURTHOUSE AND RELATED FACILITIES IN ALCORN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST CORINTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO PROVIDE ENHANCED CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING TO CORINTH STUDENTS IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY SKILLS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROAD 961 IN TISHOMINGO COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EVANSTON ROAD AT AND NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE GEORGE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK IN GEORGE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF BRUCE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPANSION OF AND REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S SEWER SYSTEM, SEWAGE LAGOON AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF BRUCE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO VARDAMAN STREET; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN

OF BRUCE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CALHOUN STREET; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PETE BROWN GOLF COURSE IN THE CITY OF JACKSON; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF THE TOUGALOO SENIOR CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE PASCAGOULA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WITH THE FLAGSHIP DISTRICT PROJECTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 4; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE ON TEMPLE ROAD OVER REESE CREEK AND THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE ON BROOKLYN-JANICE ROAD OVER CHANEY BRANCH CREEK IN FORREST COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE PREPARATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST LAUDERDALE ATHLETIC COMPLEX IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST WILKINSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACEMENT OF THE JACKSON POINT ROAD BRIDGE IN WILKINSON COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST UNION COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF A BRIDGE ON COUNTY ROAD 81 IN UNION COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, RENOVATION, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE AT LIVINGSTON PARK IN THE CITY OF JACKSON; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BROOKWAY BOULEVARD; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTENSION OF WEST OXFORD LOOP IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OXFORD SQUARE PARK AND RELATED FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF OXFORD; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF HORN LAKE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A PRESSURE FILTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE WELL HEAD PROVIDING WATER FOR THE SYSTEM PROVIDING WATER SERVICE TO THE TWIN LAKES SUBDIVISION AREA IN THE CITY OF HORN LAKE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF D'IBERVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO MALLET ROAD; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK FOR THE 3 MILE CORNER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, RENOVATION, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, GROUNDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE AT LAKE HICO PARK AND NORTHGATE PARK IN HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST CLAY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OVERLAY OF NORTH BEASELY ROAD AND SOUTH BEASELY ROAD IN CLAY COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST MONROE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CHAPEL GROVE ROAD AND BISHOP ROAD IN MONROE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BYRAM-CLINTON PARKWAY PROJECT IN HINDS COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF FLORA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S WATER SYSTEM AND SEWER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO BOZEMAN ROAD IN MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES TO ARROW DRIVE AND NORTHSIDE DRIVE IN THE CITY OF CLINTON; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI PORTS IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FIVE-LANING THE PORTION OF GETWELL ROAD FROM LESTER TO PLEASANT HILL ROAD IN DESOTO COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE ASU FOUNDATION, INC., IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRING, RENOVATING, RESTORING, REHABILITATING, PRESERVING, UPGRADING, IMPROVING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING THE HISTORIC OAKLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL, BELLES LETTRES HALL, THE OLD PRESIDENT'S HOME, AND THE HISTORIC OAKLAND MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN CLAIBORNE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF HAZLEHURST, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY CENTER/EMERGENCY STORM SHELTER AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTING A ROAD AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE THAT WILL PROVIDE AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO LAND OWNED BY THE CITY DESIGNATED FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON OR NEAR THE LOCATION OF WINSTON PLYWOOD & VENEER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF EUPORA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS AND ROADS IN THE TOWN OF EUPORA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF FRENCH CAMP, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S SEWER SYSTEM, SEWER LAGOON AND

RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST CHOCTAW COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STURGIS ROAD IN CHOCTAW COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST WEBSTER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CHESTER - TOMNOLEN ROAD IN WEBSTER COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST GRENADA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD IN GRENADA COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST PONTOTOC COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PONTOTOC COUNTY COURTHOUSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST PONTOTOC COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE W. A. GRIST BUILDING; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST PONTOTOC COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHANCERY COURT BUILDING AND YOUTH COURT FACILITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING THE COSTS RELATED TO THE COMPLETION OF THE BELWOOD LEVEE IN ADAMS COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION, UPGRADES, IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF HICKORY FLAT, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS AND ROADS IN THE TOWN OF HICKORY FLAT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST MARSHALL COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACEMENT OF BETHLEHAM WATERFORD BRIDGE IN MARSHALL COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE MIDTOWN AREA OF THE CITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ROADS, BRIDGES, WATER, SEWER, DRAINAGE, SIDEWALKS, STORMWATER DETENTION, LAND ACQUISITION, UTILITY RELOCATION AND LIGHTING; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF MORTON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS AND ROADS AROUND MORTON HIGH SCHOOL AND SURROUNDING AREAS IN THE CITY OF MORTON; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST SCENIC RIVERS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY

ACRES OF LAND FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LOCATED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND RELATED ROAD AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST PIKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PIKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMPLEX BUILDINGS AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS AND ROADS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO AND NEAR THE MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE SQUARE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION AND REPLACEMENT OF WALTER PAYTON FIELD AND RELATED FACILITIES AT COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE EXTENDING FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE EXTENSION OF WARE STREET AND RELOCATED ST. AUGUSTINE STREET TO PEARSON ROAD IN THE CITY OF PEARL, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF CARROLLTON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF STORMWATER DRAINAGE CULVERTS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING DRAINAGE AND REDUCING THE RISK OF FLOODING IN THE TOWN OF CARROLLTON; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OVERLAY OF FISHER ROAD FROM U.S. HIGHWAY 51 TO WILLETTE LANE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF WINONA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OVERLAYING ROADS AND STREETS IN THE CITY OF WINONA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF DUNCAN, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE GRADING, PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN'S COMMUNITY PARK; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST WALTHALL COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENOVATION OF THE WALTHALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF TYLERTOWN, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION, RESTORATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FORMER WALTHALL HOTEL BUILDING AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE CITY OF CHARLESTON SHADE STREET HEALTH COMPLEX; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF A SOLID WASTE COLLECTION TRANSFER STATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF OAKLAND, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS AND ROADS IN THE TOWN OF OAKLAND; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTENSION OF STARK ROAD AND HOSPITAL ROAD IN THE CITY OF STARKVILLE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO

PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF SEBASTOPOL, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO A BUILDING THAT WILL BE THE TOWN'S MULTIPURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF UNION, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF TWO MOTOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR SUCH MOTOR VEHICLES, TASERS AND OTHER SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF UNION POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF SEMINARY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S WATER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE AND/OR SEWER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR, RENOVATION AND UPGRADES OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS CITY HALL BUILDING AND RELATED FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL PARKING AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TIPPAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AT THE TIPPAH COUNTY HOSPITAL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF RIPLEY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF ARTESIA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO STORM WATER STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPROVING DRAINAGE AND REDUCING THE RISK FOR FLOODING IN THE TOWN OF ARTESIA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A STUDY REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPORTS STADIUM FOR JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY IN DOWNTOWN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE MISSISSIPPI'S TOUGHEST KIDS FOUNDATION IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGN, PREPLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF BUILDINGS AND RELATED FACILITIES AT CAMP KAMASSA IN COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND DESIGN, PREPLANNING, CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AT CAMP KAMASSA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM AND SEWER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE AND DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST ATTALA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ATTALA COUNTY COURTHOUSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF KOSCIUSKO, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HUGH ELLARD PARK IN THE CITY OF KOSCIUSKO; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE KOSCIUSKO SCHOOL DISTRICT PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST LEAKE COUNTY,

MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, RESURFACING, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HOOPER MILL CREEK ROAD IN LEAKE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TUNICA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS WITH ASSOCIATED REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BATTLE ARENA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ITAWAMBA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST ITAWAMBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A COUNTY 911 CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF FULTON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPANSION OF THE CITY'S NATURAL GAS SYSTEM AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTER FOR THE LONG BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIREHOUSE FOR THE KOSSUTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ALCORN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF AN AMPHITHEATER AND A SONG WRITERS' MUSEUM; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PARK AND WALKING TRAIL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF D'LO, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE STATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION FOR THE TATE COUNTY COURTHOUSE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LIGHTING REPAIRS AT THE INTERSTATE 55/MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 740 INTERCHANGE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RESURFACING TATE - PANOLA ROAD IN TATE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL LANES FOR U.S. HIGHWAY 51 NORTH OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 740; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE GREENWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS TO GREENWOOD CEMETERY IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST ENTERPRISES OWNING AND OPERATING CERTAIN HYDROPONIC FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF BALDWIN, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

AND RECREATIONAL TRAILS AT CHROMCRAFT LAKE IN TATE COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PORT OF VICKSBURG IN WARREN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LEVEE SYSTEM PROTECTING THE PHILADELPHIA UTILITIES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 41, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF WESSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING CERTAIN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WESSON OLD SCHOOL VISITOR CENTER, MAY BE USED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Dean Kirby (No Signature)

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Scott, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Present--Clark, Karriem. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2839: SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2839: SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Mike Thompson, Jeremy England
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Stevers, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevers, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Guice, Ladner, Rushing. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem taxation; allow county to exempt up to 50% of assessed value of renewable energy project property from.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem tax; provide assessment rate for transformative renewable energy project property designated by the county board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "project" means a facility, placed in operation after the effective date of this act, generating energy through the use of a renewable energy source such as wind, water, biomass or solar.

(2) In any project with a capital investment from private sources of not less than One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00), all property, whether real, personal or mixed, including fixtures and leaseholds utilized in the project, including, but not limited to, operational and environmental property utilized in the project, may be exempted by the

county board of supervisors from ad valorem taxation up to an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total assessed value of the project.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO ALLOW A COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION THE PROPERTY OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT, UP TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 50% OF THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROJECT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Benjamin Suber, John Horhn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Johnathan Ray Lancaster

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Hopkins. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2598: Department of Public Safety; revise licensing.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2598: Department of Public Safety; revise licensing.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 45-9-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 277, 2021 Regular Session, House Bill No. 886, 2021 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 2253, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

45-9-101. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to issue licenses to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers to persons qualified as provided in this section. Such licenses shall be valid throughout the state for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance, except as provided in subsection (25) of this section. Any person possessing a valid license issued pursuant to this section may carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or concealed revolver.

(b) The licensee must carry the license, together with valid identification, at all times in which the licensee is carrying a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver and must display both the license and proper identification upon demand by a law enforcement officer. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph (b) shall constitute a noncriminal violation with a penalty of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be enforceable by summons.

(2) The Department of Public Safety shall issue a license if the applicant:

(a) Is a resident of the state. However, this residency requirement may be waived if the applicant possesses a valid permit from another state, is * * * a member of any active or reserve component branch of the United States of America Armed Forces stationed in Mississippi, is the spouse of a member of any active or reserve component branch of the United States of America Armed Forces stationed in Mississippi, or is a retired law enforcement officer establishing residency in the state;

(b) (i) Is twenty-one (21) years of age or older; or

(ii) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age but not yet twenty-one (21) years of age and the applicant:

1. Is a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces, including National Guard or Reserve; and

2. Holds a valid Mississippi driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety or a valid and current tribal identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe containing a photograph of the holder;

(c) Does not suffer from a physical infirmity which prevents the safe handling of a stun gun, pistol or revolver;

(d) Is not ineligible to possess a firearm by virtue of having been convicted of a felony in a court of this state, of any other state, or of the United States without having been pardoned or without having been expunged for same;

(e) Does not chronically or habitually abuse controlled substances to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired. It shall be presumed that an applicant chronically and habitually uses controlled substances to the extent that his faculties are impaired if the applicant has been voluntarily or involuntarily committed to a treatment facility for the abuse of a controlled substance or been found guilty of a crime under the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law or similar laws of any other state or the United States relating to controlled substances within a three-year period immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted;

(f) Does not chronically and habitually use alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired. It shall be presumed that an applicant chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired if the applicant has been voluntarily or involuntarily committed as an alcoholic to a treatment facility or has been convicted of two (2) or more offenses related to the use of alcohol under the laws of this state or similar laws of any other state or the United States within the three-year period immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted;

(g) Desires a legal means to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver to defend himself;

(h) Has not been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or has waited five (5) years from the date of his restoration to capacity by court order;

(i) Has not been voluntarily or involuntarily committed to a mental institution or mental health treatment facility unless he possesses a certificate from a

psychiatrist licensed in this state that he has not suffered from disability for a period of five (5) years;

(j) Has not had adjudication of guilt withheld or imposition of sentence suspended on any felony unless three (3) years have elapsed since probation or any other conditions set by the court have been fulfilled;

(k) Is not a fugitive from justice; and

(l) Is not disqualified to possess a weapon based on federal law.

(3) The Department of Public Safety may deny a license if the applicant has been found guilty of one or more crimes of violence constituting a misdemeanor unless three (3) years have elapsed since probation or any other conditions set by the court have been fulfilled or expunction has occurred prior to the date on which the application is submitted, or may revoke a license if the licensee has been found guilty of one or more crimes of violence within the preceding three (3) years. The department shall, upon notification by a law enforcement agency or a court and subsequent written verification, suspend a license or the processing of an application for a license if the licensee or applicant is arrested or formally charged with a crime which would disqualify such person from having a license under this section, until final disposition of the case. The provisions of subsection (7) of this section shall apply to any suspension or revocation of a license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(4) The application shall be completed, under oath, on a form promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and shall include only:

(a) The name, address, place and date of birth, race, sex and occupation of the applicant;

(b) The driver's license number or social security number of applicant;

(c) Any previous address of the applicant for the two (2) years preceding the date of the application;

(d) A statement that the applicant is in compliance with criteria contained within subsections (2) and (3) of this section;

(e) A statement that the applicant has been furnished a copy of this section and is knowledgeable of its provisions;

(f) A conspicuous warning that the application is executed under oath and that a knowingly false answer to any question, or the knowing submission of any false document by the applicant, subjects the applicant to criminal prosecution; and

(g) A statement that the applicant desires a legal means to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver to defend himself.

(5) The applicant shall submit only the following to the Department of Public Safety:

(a) A completed application as described in subsection (4) of this section;

(b) A full-face photograph of the applicant taken within the preceding thirty (30) days in which the head, including hair, in a size as determined by the Department of Public Safety, except that an applicant who is younger than twenty-one (21) years of age must submit a photograph in profile of the applicant;

(c) A nonrefundable license fee of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00). Costs for processing the set of fingerprints as required in paragraph (d) of this subsection shall be borne by the applicant. Honorably retired law enforcement officers, disabled veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and law enforcement officers employed with a law enforcement agency of a municipality, county or state at the time of application for the license, shall be exempt from the payment of the license fee;

(d) A full set of fingerprints of the applicant administered by the Department of Public Safety; and

(e) A waiver authorizing the Department of Public Safety access to any records concerning commitments of the applicant to any of the treatment facilities or institutions referred to in subsection (2) of this section and permitting access to all the applicant's criminal records.

(6) (a) The Department of Public Safety, upon receipt of the items listed in subsection (5) of this section, shall forward the full set of fingerprints of the applicant to the appropriate agencies for state and federal processing.

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall forward a copy of the applicant's application to the sheriff of the applicant's county of residence and, if applicable, the police chief of the applicant's municipality of residence. The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence and, if applicable, the police chief of the applicant's municipality of residence may, at his discretion, participate in the process by submitting a voluntary report to the Department of Public Safety containing any readily discoverable prior information that he feels may be pertinent to the licensing of any applicant. The reporting shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date he receives the copy of the application. Upon receipt of a response from a sheriff or police chief, such sheriff or police chief shall be reimbursed at a rate set by the department.

(c) The Department of Public Safety shall, within forty-five (45) days after the date of receipt of the items listed in subsection (5) of this section:

(i) Issue the license;

(ii) Deny the application based solely on the ground that the applicant fails to qualify under the criteria listed in subsections (2) and (3) of this section. If the Department of Public Safety denies the application, it shall notify the applicant in writing, stating the ground for denial, and the denial shall be subject to the appeal process set forth in subsection (7); or

(iii) Notify the applicant that the department is unable to make a determination regarding the issuance or denial of a license within the forty-five-day period prescribed by this subsection, and provide an estimate of the amount of time the department will need to make the determination.

(d) In the event a legible set of fingerprints, as determined by the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, cannot be obtained after a minimum of two (2) attempts, the Department of Public Safety shall determine eligibility based upon a name check by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and a Federal Bureau of Investigation name check conducted by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol at the request of the Department of Public Safety.

(7) (a) If the Department of Public Safety denies the issuance of a license, or suspends or revokes a license, the party aggrieved may appeal such denial, suspension or revocation to the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his authorized agent, within thirty (30) days after the aggrieved party receives written notice of such denial, suspension or revocation. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or his duly authorized agent, shall rule upon such appeal within thirty (30) days after the appeal is filed and failure to rule within this thirty-day period shall constitute sustaining such denial, suspension or revocation. Such review shall be conducted pursuant to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Public Safety may adopt.

(b) If the revocation, suspension or denial of issuance is sustained by the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his duly authorized agent pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, the aggrieved party may file within ten (10) days after the rendition of such decision a petition in the circuit or county court of his residence for review of such decision. A hearing for review shall be held and shall proceed before the court without a jury upon the record made at the hearing before the Commissioner of Public Safety or his duly authorized agent. No such party shall be allowed to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver pursuant to the provisions of this section while any such appeal is pending.

(8) The Department of Public Safety shall maintain an automated listing of license holders and such information shall be available online, upon request, at all times, to all law enforcement agencies through the Mississippi Crime Information Center. However, the records of the department relating to applications for licenses to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers and records relating to license holders shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, and shall be released only upon order of a court having proper jurisdiction over a petition for release of the record or records.

(9) Within thirty (30) days after the changing of a permanent address, or within thirty (30) days after having a license lost or destroyed, the licensee shall notify the Department of Public Safety in writing of such change or loss. Failure to notify the Department of Public Safety pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall constitute

a noncriminal violation with a penalty of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be enforceable by a summons.

(10) In the event that a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver license is lost or destroyed, the person to whom the license was issued shall comply with the provisions of subsection (9) of this section and may obtain a duplicate, or substitute thereof, upon payment of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) to the Department of Public Safety, and furnishing a notarized statement to the department that such license has been lost or destroyed.

(11) A license issued under this section shall be revoked if the licensee becomes ineligible under the criteria set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

(12) (a) Except as provided in subsection (25) of this section, no less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of the license, the Department of Public Safety shall mail to each licensee a written notice of the expiration and a renewal form prescribed by the department. The licensee must renew his license on or before the expiration date by filing with the department the renewal form, a notarized affidavit stating that the licensee remains qualified pursuant to the criteria specified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, and a full set of fingerprints administered by the Department of Public Safety or the sheriff of the county of residence of the licensee.

The first renewal may be processed by mail and the subsequent renewal must be made in person. Thereafter every other renewal may be processed by mail to assure that the applicant must appear in person every ten (10) years for the purpose of obtaining a new photograph.

(i) Except as provided in this subsection, a renewal fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) shall also be submitted along with costs for processing the fingerprints;

(ii) Honorably retired law enforcement officers, disabled veterans, active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States and law enforcement officers employed with a law enforcement agency of a municipality, county or state at the time of renewal, shall be exempt from the renewal fee; and

(iii) The renewal fee for a Mississippi resident aged sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall forward the full set of fingerprints of the applicant to the appropriate agencies for state and federal processing. The license shall be renewed upon receipt of the completed renewal application and appropriate payment of fees.

(c) A licensee who fails to file a renewal application on or before its expiration date must renew his license by paying a late fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). No license shall be renewed six (6) months or more after its expiration date, and such license shall be deemed to be permanently expired. A person whose license has been permanently expired may reapply for licensure; however, an application for licensure and fees pursuant to subsection (5) of this section must be submitted, and a background investigation shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(13) No license issued pursuant to this section shall authorize any person, except a law enforcement officer as defined in Section 45-6-3 with a distinct license authorized by the Department of Public Safety, to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver into any place of nuisance as defined in Section 95-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972; any police, sheriff or highway patrol station; any detention facility, prison or jail; any courthouse; any courtroom, except that nothing in this section shall preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or determining who will carry a concealed weapon in his courtroom; any polling place; any meeting place of the governing body of any governmental entity; any meeting of the Legislature or a committee thereof; any school, college or professional athletic event not related to firearms; any portion of an establishment, licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, that is primarily devoted to dispensing alcoholic beverages; any portion of an establishment in which beer, light spirit product or light wine is consumed on the premises, that is primarily devoted to such purpose; any elementary or secondary school facility; any junior college, community college, college or university facility unless for the purpose of participating in any authorized firearms-related activity; inside the passenger terminal of any airport, except that no person shall be prohibited from carrying any legal firearm into the terminal if the firearm is encased for shipment, for purposes of checking such firearm

as baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft; any church or other place of worship, except as provided in Section 45-9-171; or any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law. In addition to the places enumerated in this subsection, the carrying of a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver may be disallowed in any place in the discretion of the person or entity exercising control over the physical location of such place by the placing of a written notice clearly readable at a distance of not less than ten (10) feet that the "carrying of a pistol or revolver is prohibited." No license issued pursuant to this section shall authorize the participants in a parade or demonstration for which a permit is required to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver.

(14) A law enforcement officer as defined in Section 45-6-3, chiefs of police, sheriffs and persons licensed as professional bondsmen pursuant to Chapter 39, Title 83, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be exempt from the licensing requirements of this section.

(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide licenses to law enforcement officers as defined in Section 45-6-3 who choose to obtain a license under the provisions of this section, which shall include a distinction that the officer is an "active duty" law enforcement officer and an endorsement that such officer is authorized to carry in the locations listed in subsection (13). A law enforcement officer shall provide the following information to receive the license described in this subsection: (i) a letter, with the official letterhead of the agency or department for which the officer is employed at the time of application and (ii) a letter with the official letterhead of the agency or department, which explains that such officer has completed a certified law enforcement training academy.

(b) The licensing requirements of this section do not apply to the carrying by any person of a stun gun, pistol or revolver, knife, or other deadly weapon that is not concealed as defined in Section 97-37-1.

(15) Any person who knowingly submits a false answer to any question on an application for a license issued pursuant to this section, or who knowingly submits a false document when applying for a license issued pursuant to this section, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 99-19-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(16) All fees collected by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to this section shall be deposited into a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury and shall be used for implementation and administration of this section. After the close of each fiscal year, the balance in this fund shall be certified to the Legislature and then may be used by the Department of Public Safety as directed by the Legislature.

(17) All funds received by a sheriff or police chief pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited into the general fund of the county or municipality, as appropriate, and shall be budgeted to the sheriff's office or police department as appropriate.

(18) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require or allow the registration, documentation or providing of serial numbers with regard to any stun gun or firearm.

(19) Any person holding a valid unrevoked and unexpired license to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers issued in another state shall have such license recognized by this state to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a reciprocal agreement with another state if that state requires a written agreement in order to recognize licenses to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers issued by this state.

(20) The provisions of this section shall be under the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Safety. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

(21) For the purposes of this section, the term "stun gun" means a portable device or weapon from which an electric current, impulse, wave or beam may be directed, which current, impulse, wave or beam is designed to incapacitate temporarily, injure, momentarily stun, knock out, cause mental disorientation or paralyze.

(22) (a) From and after January 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations which provide that licenses authorized by this section for honorably retired law enforcement officers and honorably retired correctional officers from the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall (i) include the words "retired

law enforcement officer" on the front of the license, and (ii) unless the licensee chooses to have this license combined with a driver's license or identification card under subsection (25) of this section, that the license itself have a red background to distinguish it from other licenses issued under this section.

(b) An honorably retired law enforcement officer and honorably retired correctional officer shall provide the following information to receive the license described in this section: (i) a letter, with the official letterhead of the agency or department from which such officer is retiring, which explains that such officer is honorably retired, and (ii) a letter with the official letterhead of the agency or department, which explains that such officer has completed a certified law enforcement training academy.

(23) A disabled veteran who seeks to qualify for an exemption under this section shall be required to provide a veterans health services identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs indicating a service-connected disability, which shall be sufficient proof of such service-connected disability.

(24) A license under this section is not required for a loaded or unloaded pistol or revolver to be carried upon the person in a sheath, belt holster or shoulder holster or in a purse, handbag, satchel, other similar bag or briefcase or fully enclosed case if the person is not engaged in criminal activity other than a misdemeanor traffic offense, is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a pistol or revolver under state or federal law, and is not in a location prohibited under subsection (13) of this section.

(25) An applicant for a license under this section shall have the option of, instead of being issued a separate card for the license, having the license appear as a notation on the individual's driver's license or identification card. If the applicant chooses this option, the license issued under this section shall have the same expiration date as the driver's license or identification card, and renewal shall take place at the same time and place as renewal of the driver's license or identification card. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations which may be necessary to ensure the effectiveness of the concurrent application and renewal processes.

SECTION 2. Section 63-1-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 550, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

63-1-9. (1) No driver's license * * * or * * * learner's permit shall be issued pursuant to this article:

(a) To any person under the age of eighteen (18) years except as provided in this article.

(b) To any person whose license to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of Mississippi has been previously revoked or suspended by this state or any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, if the revocation or suspension period has not expired.

(c) To any person who is an habitual drunkard or who is addicted to the use of other narcotic drugs.

(d) To any person who would not be able by reason of physical or mental disability to operate a motor vehicle on the highways with safety. However, persons who have one (1) arm or leg, or have arms or legs deformed, and are driving a car provided with mechanical devices whereby the person is able to drive in a safe manner over the highways, if otherwise qualified, shall receive an operator's license the same as other persons. Moreover, deafness shall not be a bar to obtaining a license.

(e) To any person as an operator who has previously been adjudged to be afflicted with and suffering from any mental disability and who has not at time of application been restored to mental competency.

(f) To any unmarried person under the age of eighteen (18) years who does not at the time of application present a diploma or other certificate of high school graduation or a general educational development certificate issued to the person in this state or any other state; or on whose behalf documentation has not been received by the Department of Public Safety from that person or a school official verifying that the person:

(i) Is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a general educational development certificate;

(ii) Is enrolled in school in this state or any other state;

(iii) Is enrolled in a "nonpublic school," as such term is defined in Section 37-13-91(2)(i); or

(iv) Is unable to attend any school program due to circumstances deemed acceptable as set out in Section 63-1-10.

(g) To any person under the age of eighteen (18) years who has been convicted under Section 63-11-30.

(2) All permits and licenses issued on or before July 31, 2009, shall be valid according to the terms upon which issued. From and after August 1, 2009:

(a) A *** learner's permit may be issued to any person who is at least fifteen (15) years of age who otherwise meets the requirements of this article.

(***b) A driver's license may be issued to any person who is at least *** sixteen (16) years of age who otherwise meets the requirements of this article and who has held *** a learner's permit for at least one (1) year without any conviction under Section 63-11-30 or of a moving violation. Any conviction under Section 63-11-30 or of a moving violation shall restart the *** one-year requirement for the holding of *** a learner's permit before an applicant can qualify for a driver's license. *** An applicant for a driver's license who was unable to make timely application in 2020 for *** a learner's permit, due to the closure of driver's license offices owing to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), shall have the period in which he or she was eligible but unable to apply credited toward the *** one-year requirement for the holding of *** a learner's permit.

(***c) An applicant for a Mississippi driver's license who, at the time of application, is at least *** sixteen (16) years of age and who has held a valid motor vehicle driver's license issued by another state for at least six (6) months shall not be required to hold a *** learner's permit *** before being issued a driver's license.

(3) The commissioner shall ensure that the *** learner's permit *** and driver's license issued under this article are clear, distinct and easily distinguishable from one another.

SECTION 3. Section 63-1-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 550, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

63-1-21. (1) To obtain a new or original Class R *** or Class D *** license, every applicant other than a person holding a valid out-of-state license shall first obtain a *** learner's permit, successfully complete the examination provided for in Section 63-1-33, and pay the *** learner's permit fee and examination fee prescribed in Section 63-1-43.

(2) A *** learner's permit entitles the holder, if the permit is in his immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle on the highways of the State of Mississippi only when accompanied by a licensed operator who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and who is actually occupying the seat beside the driver. A *** learner's permit may be issued to any applicant who is at least fifteen (15) years of age and shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of issue.

(3) *** A regular license holder under the age of eighteen (18) shall be allowed unsupervised driving from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and *** shall be allowed unsupervised driving any time for a person traveling directly to or from work or other educational or extracurricular activity. At all other times *** for the first six (6) months as a regular license holder, the regular license holder under the age of eighteen (18) must be supervised by a parent, guardian or other person aged twenty-one (21) years or older who holds a valid driver's license under this article and who is actually occupying the seat beside the driver.

SECTION 4. Section 63-11-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-11-25. If the forfeiture, suspension or denial of issuance is sustained by the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his duly authorized agent pursuant to subsection (1) of Section 63-11-23, upon such hearing, the person aggrieved may file within ten (10) days after the rendition of such decision a petition in the circuit or county court having original jurisdiction of the violation for review of such decision and such hearing upon review shall

proceed as a trial de novo before the court without a jury. The petition shall be served upon the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Public Safety. Provided further, that no such party shall be allowed to exercise the driving privilege while any such appeal is pending.

SECTION 5. Subject to available appropriations, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall establish an alternative state identification card that does not conflict with the requirements of the federal Real ID Act of 2005, except that this card shall not require proof of domicile for persons who do not have a domicile to list.

SECTION 6. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund, to be known as the "Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund," into which shall be deposited any federal monies that are made available for the establishment of electric vehicle infrastructure in the state. Any interest earned on the special fund shall be credited to the special fund and shall not be paid into the State General Fund. Any monies remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund.

SECTION 7. Section 45-33-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 550, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

45-33-43. At the time a person surrenders a driver's license from another jurisdiction or makes an application for a driver's license, temporary driving permit, * * * commercial driver's license or identification card issued under Section 45-35-3, the department shall provide the applicant with written information on the registration requirements of this chapter and shall require written acknowledgment by the applicant of receipt of the notification.

SECTION 8. Section 63-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 550, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

63-1-5. (1) (a) No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle or an autocycle as defined in Section 63-3-103 upon the highways of the State of Mississippi without first securing an operator's license to drive on the highways of the state, unless specifically exempted by Section 63-1-7.

(b) The types of operator's licenses are:

- (i) Class R;
- (ii) Class D;
- (iii) Class A, B or C commercial license governed by Article

5 of this chapter; and

* * *

(* * *iv) Interlock-restricted license as prescribed in

Section 63-11-31.

(2) (a) Every person who makes application for an original license or a renewal license to operate any single vehicle with a gross weight rating of less than twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds or any vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds other than vehicles included in Class C, vehicles which require a special endorsement, or to operate a vehicle as a common carrier by motor vehicle, taxicab, passenger coach, dray, contract carrier or private commercial carrier as defined in Section 27-19-3, other than those vehicles for which a Class A, B or C license is required under Article 5 of this chapter, may, in lieu of the Class R regular driver's license, apply for and obtain a Class D driver's license. The fee for the issuance of a Class D driver's license shall be as set forth in Section 63-1-43 and the Class D license shall be valid for the term prescribed in Section 63-1-47. Except as required under Article 5 of this chapter, no driver of a pickup truck shall be required to have a Class D or a commercial license regardless of the purpose for which the pickup truck is used.

(b) Persons operating vehicles listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection for private purposes or in emergencies need not obtain a Class D license.

(3) An interlock-restricted license allows a person to drive only a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition-interlock device.

(4) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be punished by imprisonment for not less than two (2) days nor more than six (6) months, by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both.

SECTION 9. Section 63-1-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-6. (1) Unless exempted under Section 63-1-7 or Section 63-1-6.1, no person shall drive or operate a motorcycle, except for an autocycle as defined in Section 63-3-103, upon the highways of the State of Mississippi without first securing an operator's license with a motorcycle endorsement upon it.

(2) (a) A motorcycle endorsement may be issued to any person who holds a valid Mississippi driver's license and meets the other requirements for a motorcycle endorsement contained in this chapter.

(b) Every applicant for a motorcycle endorsement shall first obtain a temporary motorcycle permit, successfully complete the examination provided in Section 63-1-33, and pay the temporary motorcycle permit fee and examination fee prescribed in Section 63-1-43. Applicants for a temporary motorcycle permit shall:

(i) Be at least fifteen (15) years of age;

(ii) Operate a motorcycle only under the direct supervision of a person at least twenty-one (21) years of age who possesses either a valid driver's or operator's license with a motorcycle endorsement or a valid restricted motorcycle operator's license;

(iii) Be prohibited from transporting a passenger on a motorcycle;

(iv) Be prohibited from operating a motorcycle upon any controlled access highway; and

(v) Be prohibited from operating a motorcycle during the hours of 6:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m.

Temporary motorcycle driving permits shall be valid for the same period of time and may be renewed upon the same conditions as * * * learner's permits issued under Section 63-1-21.

SECTION 10. Section 63-1-10.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 550, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

63-1-10.1. A school superintendent or designee shall report to the Department of Education on a schedule determined by the State Board of Education when a student under eighteen (18) years of age who has been issued a driver's license * * * or temporary learning permit has been coded as a "drop out" as defined by the State Board of Education. The Department of Education will provide notification to the Department of Public Safety of those students under eighteen (18) years of age who have obtained a driver's license * * * or temporary learning permit and have been coded by the local school district as a "drop out" upon verification that prior written parental consent for the release of educational records has been obtained in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1972, as amended, 20 USCS Section 1232.

SECTION 11. Section 63-1-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 550, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

63-1-23. The application of any person under the age of seventeen (17) years for a temporary driving permit * * * or license issued pursuant to this article shall be signed and verified before a person authorized to administer oaths by both the father and mother of the applicant, if both are living and have custody of him, or in the event neither parent is living then by the person or guardian having such custody or by an employer of him, or in the event there is no guardian or employer then by any other responsible person who is willing to assume the obligation imposed under Section 63-1-25 upon a person signing the application of a minor.

SECTION 12. Section 63-1-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-33. (1) Except as otherwise provided under subsections (6) and (7) of this section, it shall be the duty of the license examiner, when application is made for an operator's license or * * * learner's permit, to test the applicant's ability to read and understand road signs and to give the required signals as adopted by the National Advisory Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

(2) Except as otherwise provided under subsections (6) and (7) of this section, the commissioner shall have prepared and administer a test composed of at least ten (10) questions relating to the safe operation of a motor vehicle and testing the applicant's

knowledge of the proper operation of a motor vehicle. Every examination shall ensure adequate knowledge on the part of the applicant as to school bus safety requirements.

(3) Prior to the administration of the test, the license examiner shall inspect the horn, lights, brakes, vehicle registration and proof of liability coverage of the motor vehicle which the applicant expects to operate while being tested, and if he finds that any of the aforementioned items are deficient, no license or endorsement shall be issued to the applicant until same have been repaired.

(4) An applicant for a Mississippi driver's license who, at the time of application, holds a valid motor vehicle driver's license issued by another state shall not be required to take a written test.

(5) Except as otherwise provided by Section 63-1-6, when application is made for an original motorcycle endorsement, the applicant shall be required to pass a written test which consists of questions relating to the safe operation of a motorcycle and a skill test similar to the "Motorcycle Operator Skill Test," which is endorsed by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. The commissioner may exempt any applicant from the skill test if the applicant presents a certificate showing successful completion of a course approved by the commissioner, which includes a similar examination of skills needed in the safe operation of a motorcycle.

(6) The Department of Public Safety shall accept the certification of successful completion of an individual's training in the knowledge and skills needed for the proper and safe operation of a motor vehicle from a driver education and training program at a secondary school that meets the standards of the State Board of Education, in lieu of the department administering the examination of the individual for the purpose of obtaining a driver's license. The school may employ teachers duly certified by the Department of Education to teach in such a program. In addition, off-duty members of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall be authorized to teach in such a program without having to obtain a teaching certificate from the Department of Education. Instructors will be considered employees of the school, not of the Driver License Examining Bureau. The commissioner and the State Board of Education shall jointly promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this subsection.

(7) The commissioner shall develop an affidavit whereby a parent, teacher or guardian may certify that he or she has witnessed a student operate a motor vehicle for at least fifty (50) hours and attest to their proficiency in the proper and safe operation of a motor vehicle and the Department of Public Safety shall accept such in lieu of a skills test conducted by the department.

SECTION 13. Section 63-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 550, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

63-1-35. (1) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall prescribe the form of license issued pursuant to this article which shall, among other features, include a driver's license number assigned by the Department of Public Safety. A licensee shall list his social security number with the department which shall cross reference the social security number with the driver's license number for purposes of identification. Additionally, each license shall bear a full-face color photograph of the licensee in such form that the license and the photograph cannot be separated. The photograph shall be taken so that one (1) exposure will photograph the applicant and the application simultaneously on the same film. The department shall use a process in the issuance of a license with a color photograph that shall prevent as nearly as possible any alteration, counterfeiting, duplication, reproduction, forging or modification of the license or the superimposition of a photograph without ready detection. The photograph shall be replaced by the department at the time of renewal. Drivers' licenses, including photographs appearing thereon, may be renewed by electronic means according to rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner in conformity to Section 27-104-33.

(2) The commissioner shall prescribe the form of license issued pursuant to this article to licensees who are not United States citizens and who do not possess a social security number issued by the United States government. The license of such persons shall include a number and/or other identifying features.

(3) Any new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit * * * or commercial driver's license issued to a person required to register as a sex offender

pursuant to Section 45-33-25 shall bear a designation identifying the licensee or permittee as a sex offender.

(4) The commissioner is authorized to provide the new, renewal or duplicate driver's license, temporary driving permit * * * or commercial driver's license to any honorably discharged veteran as defined in Title 38 of the United States Code, and such license or permit shall exhibit the letters "Vet" or any other mark identifying the person as a veteran. The veteran requesting the "Vet" designation shall present his DD-214 or equivalent document that includes a notation from the State Veterans Affairs Board that the applicant is a veteran.

(5) Not later than July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall develop and implement a driver's license or driving permit in electronic format as an additional option for license or permit holders. Acceptable electronic formats include display of electronic images on a cellular phone or any other type of electronic device.

SECTION 14. Section 63-1-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-37. If a license or * * * learner's permit issued under the provisions of this article is lost or destroyed, the licensee may obtain a duplicate copy by paying the fee prescribed in Section 63-1-43. The license or permit shall be marked "Duplicate."

SECTION 15. Section 63-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 550, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

63-1-43. (1) The commissioner shall charge and collect the following fees:

(a) Fees to which the card stock fee authorized in Section 45-1-21

shall be added:

Class R original or renewal four-year license
authorized in Section 63-1-5 \$18.00

Class R original or renewal eight-year license
authorized in Section 63-1-5 \$36.00

Class D original or renewal four-year license
authorized in Section 63-1-47 \$23.00

Class D original or renewal eight-year license
authorized in Section 63-1-47 \$46.00

Four-year Identification Card authorized in
Section 45-35-7 \$11.00

Eight-year Identification Card authorized in
Section 45-35-7 \$22.00

Eight-year Identification Card for the blind
authorized in Section 45-35-7 \$11.00

Four-year Disability Identification Card authorized in
Section 45-35-53 \$11.00

* * * Learner's Permit authorized in
Section 63-1-21 \$ 1.00

Duplicate Identification Card or Disability
Identification Card \$ 5.00

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Duplicate Class R or Class D license
authorized in Section 63-1-37 \$ 5.00

Class A, B or C Commercial driver's license
authorized in Section 63-1-208 \$48.00

CDL Learner's Permit authorized in Section 63-1-208 \$10.00

Duplicate CDL or CDL learner's permit \$ 5.00

Ignition-Interlock-Restricted License
authorized in Section 63-11-31 \$50.00

(b) Driver services fees to which the card stock fee authorized in

Section 45-1-21 is not added:

Temporary Motorcycle Permit \$ 1.00

Four-year or eight-year Motorcycle Endorsement \$ 5.00

Late Renewal Fee \$ 1.00

Four-year Identification Card upon medical reason for
surrender of a driver's license as authorized in

Section 45-35-7 (one (1) time only) No fee
 Hazardous Materials Background Check (federal) \$63.00
 Hazardous Materials Background Check (state) \$37.00
 CDL Application Fee \$25.00
 CDL Endorsements:
 Tanker Endorsement \$ 5.00
 Doubles/Triples Endorsement \$ 5.00
 Passenger Endorsement \$ 5.00
 Hazardous Materials Endorsement \$ 5.00
 School Bus Endorsement \$ 5.00

(c) In addition to the fees required in this section, an applicant may contribute an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) which shall be deposited into the Statewide Litter Prevention Fund. The applicant shall be informed that he may contribute an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) which shall be deposited into the Statewide Litter Prevention Fund and shall be expended solely for the purpose of funding litter prevention projects or litter education programs, as recommended by the Statewide Litter Prevention Program of Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc.

(d) Starting January 1, 2021, for any original or renewal license for which the fee is greater than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), if the applicant brings all required documentation but does not receive his or her license within two and one-half (2-1/2) hours of entering and remaining at the license station, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be deducted from the total amount owed for the license.

(2) All originals and renewals of operators' licenses shall be in compliance with Section 63-1-47.

SECTION 16. Section 63-1-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 550, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

63-1-47. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each applicant for an original or renewal Class R or Class D license issued pursuant to this article, who is entitled to issuance of same, shall be issued a four-year license or an eight-year license, at the option of the applicant, which will expire at midnight on the licensee's birthday and may be renewed any time within six (6) months before the expiration of the license upon application and payment of the required fee, unless required to be reexamined.

(***) (b) The term of an ignition-interlock-restricted license issued under this article shall be four (4) years.

(2) Any commercial driver's license issued under Article 5 of this chapter shall be issued for a five-year term to expire at midnight on the licensee's birthday.

(3) (a) All applications by an operator under eighteen (18) years of age must be accompanied by documentation that the applicant is in compliance with the education requirements of Section 63-1-9(1)(g), and the documentation used in establishing compliance must be dated no more than thirty (30) days before the date of application.

(b) All applications by an operator under eighteen (18) years of age, if applicable, must be accompanied by documentation signed and notarized by the parent or guardian of the applicant and the appropriate school official, authorizing the release of the applicant's attendance records to the Department of Public Safety as required under Section 63-1-10.

(c) The commissioner shall suspend the driver's license *** or *** learner's permit of a student under eighteen (18) years of age who has been reported by the Department of Education as required by Section 63-1-10.1, and shall give notice of the suspension to the licensee as provided in Section 63-1-52(4). A school superintendent or designee may request that the driver's license *** or *** learner's permit that has been suspended under the provisions of this subsection be reinstated after the student has successfully completed nine (9) weeks of school attendance without an unlawful absence.

(4) (a) Any original or renewal license issued under this chapter to a person who is not a United States citizen shall expire four (4) years from the date of issuance or on the expiration date of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States, whichever is the lesser period of time, and may be renewed, if the person is otherwise qualified to

renew the license, within thirty (30) days of expiration. The fee for any such license and for renewal shall be as prescribed in Section 63-1-43.

(b) Any applicant for an original or renewal license under this subsection (4) must present valid documentary evidence documenting that the applicant:

- (i) Is a citizen or national of the United States;
- (ii) Is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent or temporary residence in the United States;
- (iii) Has conditional permanent residence status in the United States;
- (iv) Has an approved application for asylum in the United States or has entered into the United States in refugee status;
- (v) Has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into or lawful presence in the United States;
- (vi) Has a pending application for asylum in the United States;
- (vii) Has a pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
- (viii) Has approved deferred-action status;
- (ix) Has a pending application for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States; or
- (x) Has a valid employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

(5) For any driver's license issued under this chapter, the Department of Public Safety shall send an email and text message notification of an upcoming driver's license expiration date to the known emails and phone numbers authorized by license holders for such notices not less than thirty (30) days before the expiration date of that license.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY TO WAIVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR A CONCEALED-CARRY LICENSE FOR A MEMBER OF AN ACTIVE OR RESERVE COMPONENT BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ARMED FORCES STATIONED IN MISSISSIPPI, OR THE SPOUSE OF THE SAME; TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-1-9 AND 63-1-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 550, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, TO REMOVE THE INTERMEDIATE LICENSE; TO REVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S AUTHORITY TO ISSUE DRIVER'S LICENSES AND LEARNER'S PERMITS; TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE UNDER A CERTAIN AGE TO BE SUPERVISED WHILE DRIVING FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF POSSESSION OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A PETITION APPEALING THE FORFEITURE, SUSPENSION OR DENIAL OF ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE SHALL BE SERVED ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE PROOF OF DOMICILE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD AVAILABLE FOR PERSONS WHO DO NOT HAVE A DOMICILE TO LIST; TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY INTO WHICH SHALL BE DEPOSITED ANY FEDERAL MONIES THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 45-33-43, 63-1-5, 63-1-10.1, 63-1-23, 63-1-35, 63-1-43 AND 63-1-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 550, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-1-6, 63-1-33 AND 63-1-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jenifer B. Branning, Mike Thompson
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Shanda Yates

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 86: New Site High School Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship.

H. R. No. 88: Oak Grove High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

At 3:06 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 7:00 PM.

At 7:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 6,836,882.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme Court which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 937,470.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	70
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 26,322,941.00.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the trial judges, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 4,192,368.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	109
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

Of the funds appropriated and allocated herein, Eight Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$8,720,000.00) is provided for the purpose of employing support staff in an amount not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) per fiscal year per judge.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 11,203,352.00.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Office of Courts for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Administrative Office of Courts and the Board of Certified Court Reporters for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 30,050,212.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of Courts, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 39
 Part Time 0
 Time-Limited: Full Time 0
 Part Time 0

SECTION 10. Of the funds in Section 8, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the match for youth court computer system for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 141,000.00.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Continuing Legal Education Fund, a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of providing continuing legal education programs to lawyers in Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 151,593.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Continuing Legal Education Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Continuing Legal Education Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of providing continuing legal education programs, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 2
 Part Time 0
 Time-Limited: Full Time 0
 Part Time 0

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 4,493,144.00.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,588,856.00.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 58
 Part Time 0
 Time-Limited: Full Time 0
 Part Time 0

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Bar Admissions, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 349,724.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of funding the Board of Bar Admissions, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 3
 Part Time 0

Time-Limited: Full Time 0
Part Time 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 18. No part of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of such funds be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 19. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Supreme Court shall charge the maximum amount allowable by law for services rendered where charges for such services are provided for by statute, and for any other services rendered, shall charge an amount consistent with the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Mississippi State Supreme Court.

SECTION 20. It is the intent of the Legislature that no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for the payment of rent for the public space in the Law Library.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Two Million Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,012,500.00) may be provided for the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Supreme Court shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, One Million Eight Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,875,000.00) shall be provided for the Youth Court Support Fund administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in Section 7, Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000.00) is provided to defray the costs of the Drug Court Program.

SECTION 26. It is the intention of the Legislature that in the event there are not sufficient funds in the Judicial System Operation Fund created under Section 9-21-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, in any given year with which to pay the annual salary supplements set forth in HB 484, 2012 Regular Session, then the county treasury shall not be obligated to fund such salary supplements and the salary of county court judges shall be that in place prior to the passage of HB 484, 2012 Regular Session.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in Section 7, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount of Six Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars

(\$6,700,000.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

Drug Courts \$ 6,500,000.00
Civil Legal Assistance \$ 200,000.00

SECTION 28. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 29. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SUPREME COURT WHICH IS COMPRISED OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COURT CLERK AND THE STATE LAW LIBRARY AND TO PAY EXPENSES OF SPECIAL JUDGES, CHANCELLORS AND CIRCUIT JUDGES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS AND CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, COURT OF APPEALS AND THE BOARD OF BAR ADMISSIONS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Jenifer B. Branning

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Guice, McGee, Rushing, Williams-Barnes. Total-7.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Environmental Quality for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 10,740,138.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Environmental Quality which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 257,296,241.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	271
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	233
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and

Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental Quality shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Pollution Control	
Days with Air Advisories (%)	5.00
Air Permits Modified/Issued in a Timely Manner (%)	50.00
Counties that Meet NAAQ Standards (%)	75.00
Air Facilities Inspected (%)	35.00
Air Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements (%)	85.00
Waste Permits Issued/Modified in a Timely Manner (%)	50.00
Waste Facilities Inspected (%)	55.00
Inspected Waste Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements (%)	93.00
Citizens Who Have Access to Recycling Programs (%)	55.00
Underground Storage Tanks in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements (%)	75.00
Contaminated Sites That Have Completed Assessment (%)	61.00
Contaminated Sites That Have Completed Remediation (%)	20.00
Waters That Have Acceptable Quality for Their Designed Use (%)	56.00
NPDES Permits Issued/Modified in a Timely Manner (%)	70.00
NPDES Majors Inspected Per Year (%)	50.00
NPDES Majors in Compliance (%)	66.00
Staff with Expertise in the National	

Incident Management System (%)	70.00
Construction Grants	
SRF Loan Recipients in Compliance with Loan Agreements (%)	90.00
Land & Water	
Annual Prioritized Water Resource Areas Adequately Characterized (%)	79.00
Groundwater Use Permits Issued/Modified (%)	95.00
Surface Water Use Permits Issued/Modified (%)	95.00
Water Use Reported (%)	80.00
High Hazard Dams with Emergency Action Plans (%)	75.00
Geology	
Mining Facilities Inspected (%)	95.00
Inspected Mining Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements (%)	85.00
Administrative Services	
Administration as a Percentage of Total Budget (%)	5.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount no greater than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality - Office of Administrative Services for support of Legal Division environmental protection activities.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount no greater than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality - Office of Pollution Control for support of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grants Program.

SECTION 9. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may request that the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) staff shall provide an economic viability assessment for any complete application or group of related complete applications submitted to DEQ after July 1, 1999, for which DEQ estimates that DEQ will be required to devote extraordinary effort to process the application or group of related applications within the one hundred eighty (180) days required by Section 49-17-29(3)(c). For purposes of this paragraph, "extraordinary effort" means the constant dedication of more than three (3) full-time equivalent positions for a period of at least one hundred eighty (180) days. The economic viability assessment shall include, but not be limited to: (i) an analysis of the current and future market viability of the project concerning which application(s) has been made to DEQ; and (ii) an analysis of the applicant's economic ability to construct, develop, maintain and operate the project as described in the application(s) submitted to DEQ. If the economic viability assessment concludes that the project is not economically viable for any reason, DEQ shall suspend processing the permit application(s), notwithstanding the provisions of Section 49-17-29(3)(c). Within thirty (30) days of the decision of MDA staff, the permit applicant may present any additional information on its behalf to the Executive Director of MDA, and the Executive

Director shall review the MDA staff assessment. If additional information is received in writing from the applicant, the Executive Director of MDA shall make a decision in review of the MDA staff decision within sixty (60) days of the staff decision, and the decision of the Executive Director of MDA shall be the final administrative action of MDA in the matter.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall have authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Environmental Quality. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated herein, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental Quality shall pay debt service on bonds issued to provide state matching funds for the State Revolving Loan Fund with interest earnings derived from the fund.

SECTION 13. It is the intent of the Legislature that from the funds available to the Department of Environmental Quality, the agency may purchase and pay premiums on property damage insurance on its motor vehicles, boats, trailers, motors, and other equipment assigned to the South Regional Office.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount not greater than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality to be used for dam and reservoir inspections, inventory, and reporting.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Department of Environmental Quality to continue with any agreements with Mississippi state agencies, including grant agreements, that provide environmental projects to restore Mississippi's natural resources in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the purpose of assessment, remediation, operation and maintenance, cost-sharing, oversight, and administration of water, land, and air contamination projects within the State of Mississippi pursuant to the 2020 settlement in The State of Mississippi ex rel. Lynn Fitch, Attorney General vs. EnPro, Inc., et.al.; Cause No. CV-2017-19-JMY2.

SECTION 17. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Environmental Quality is authorized to make payment to certain vendors for expenses incurred during 2019 to certain vendors as follows:

United States Geological Survey	\$ 3,212.86
United States Geological Survey	\$ 3,220.84
MS Department of Marine Resources	\$ 21,304.99
MS Department of Marine Resources	\$ 53,891.74
Quitman County Board of Supervisors	\$ 6,530.00
Mississippi State University	\$ 84,363.30

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the Mississippi Dam Safety Fund.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their

appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 20. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sampson Jackson II, Benjamin Suber

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anthony, Guice, McGee, Williams-Barnes. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 5,990,033.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support and maintenance of the department, including the Museum of Natural Science and the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 77,023,000.00.

The following sum, which is included in the sum appropriated above in this section, is appropriated out of the state excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products to the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 5,750,000.00.

The Department of Revenue is directed to set aside the amount of this appropriation or any part thereof at any time it sees fit, out of any collections of taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products, and to deduct the amounts so set aside from such funds before making distribution thereof. However, provisions shall first be made for the Highway Bonds Sinking Fund, as required under the provisions of Chapter 130, Laws of 1938, and any amendments thereto, and Section 27-5-101, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Any funds available in the Wildlife Heritage Fund may be expended by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks as authorized by law. The department shall make a detailed report to the Legislature regarding the spending of the Wildlife Heritage funds by September 1 for the preceding fiscal year.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 to the Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries, funds in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$125,335.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Project WILD for Fiscal Year 2022.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	634
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	63
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action

increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 5. Each conservation officer and supervisor shall be furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) per annum.

Provided further, when any personnel of the Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries are transferred from one (1) county to another on a permanent assignment, the expense monies now paid on out-of-county duty shall not be applicable.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

		FY2022
Performance Measures		Target
Support Services		
Hunting & Fishing Licenses Sold (Number Of)		450,000
Registration of Boats (Number Of)		46,000
Change in License Sales (%)		1.00
Change in Boat Registration (%)		1.00
Fisheries		
Fish Stock for Public Water (Fish)		2,000,000
Number of Customers of DWFP Lakes		65,000
Increase in Participation in Aquatic Education (%)		6,500.00

	Number of Access Facilities Built or Maintained (Boat Ramps)	38
Wildlife		
	MDWFP Management for Hunters & Non-consumptive Users (Man-days)	125,000
	Research Projects Conducted to Sustain Healthy & Abundant Wildlife Populations	4
	Acres of Forest Inventory	10,000
	Acres of Prescribed Burning, Waterfowl Management, & Timber Management on WMA's to sustain Healthy and Abundant Wildlife	33,500
	Change in Number of Research Projects Conducted to Sustain Healthy and Abundant Wildlife Populations(%)	0.00
	Change in number of Private Land Acres Influenced (%)	0.00
	Change in the number of Forest Inventories Conducted (%)	0.00
Law Enforcement		
	Hunter Education (Participants)	10,000
	Number of Hours Patrolled on Land	160,000
	Number of Hours Patrolled on Water	72,000
	Number of Criminal Investigations Conducted	8,000
	Number of Shooting Sport Programs	840
	Number of Boating Accidents	20
	Number of Boating Fatalities	5
	Cost per student for Hunter Education	48.00
	Increase in Shooting Sports Program (%)	23.00
	Change in number of Boating Accidents (%)	50.00
	Change in Boating Related Fatalities (%)	50.00
	Change in Public Contacts per Officer/per Day (%)	10.00
Special Projects		
	Improve use of special funds (%)	0.20
Motor Vehicle Fund		
	Vehicles Purchased	41
	Used Vehicle Sold	41
	Change in Number of Vehicles in the Fleet in Order to Maintain Efficient and Reliable Fleet of Vehicles (%)	3.00
Parks		
	Overnight Accommodation (Cabins/Motels)	450,000
	Overnight Accommodations (Camping)	745,000
	Day Use Services (Persons)	300,000
	Change in Day Use Services (%)	2.00
	Change in the Prior Year of Occupancy Rate of Cabins (%)	1.00
Museum		
	Statewide Education Programming (Participants)	100,000
	Total Public Programming (Persons)	200,000
	Number of Visitors to Exhibits	60,000
	Number of Natural Heritage Records Entered	50,000
	Increase in Students that Understand the Importance of Natural Resource Conservation (%)	15.00
	Increase of Visitors to Exhibits (%)	5.00
	Change in the number of Natural Heritage	

Records (%) 10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following amount shall come from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Special Pearl River Timber Fund No. 3465, for the purpose of making improvements to the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated within this act, the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may enter into cooperative agreements with the board of supervisors of any county or any group or combination of counties for the purpose of creating, improving or restoring parks, public game and fish habitat lying or to be situated wholly or partially within such county or in an adjoining county; and each county is empowered and authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds from the general county fund for such purposes from which fund they shall reimburse to the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks the actual cost of all surveying and engineering projects incurred by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks incidental thereto. Such boards of supervisors are further authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to enter into agreements necessary to carry out the purposes of this act with any other county, the United States Forest Service or any other agency if same should be necessary for the acquisition of land by lease or otherwise for such purposes.

SECTION 10. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. In order to be in compliance with Section 63-1-201 et seq., funds are herein provided and may be expended by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to pay the costs of commercial driver's licenses for specific employees and/or to reimburse such costs for specific employees who, in the course of their duties and responsibilities, are required to hold a valid Mississippi Commercial Driver's License.

SECTION 12. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is authorized to provide financial support of One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) and to enter into an agreement with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for a project specialist and related supportive cost.

SECTION 13. The department is authorized to spend up to sixty percent (60%) of revenue in the State Park Timber Endowment Fund, as needed, to operate and maintain the state parks.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) may be provided to fund the Youth Participation Initiative for the purpose of educating children in the areas of hunting, fishing, conservation, and safety.

SECTION 16. The fund created pursuant to Section 49-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, and known as the "Fisheries and Wildlife Fund" shall be treated as a special trust fund. All funds derived from the sale of licenses, fees, fines and other revenues received by the department as provided by law, shall be deposited in the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund. In addition, revenue derived from the sale of timber on wildlife management areas, refuges and preserves shall be deposited into an account established for such revenues under the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund. The interest and any investment income earned on the fund shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund. Any unexpended funds remaining in the fund

at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse and shall remain in the fund. Nothing in this section shall prevent the use of said funds from maintenance and upgrade of wildlife management areas.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that no more than One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) be expended from the Motor Vehicle Fund for the purchase of any type of motor vehicle.

SECTION 18. The executive director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is authorized to enter into an agreement with any public or private entities to manage any park or parks within the state park system.

SECTION 19. It is the intent of the Legislature that no state-owned wildlife management area be closed and that to the greatest practicable extent, department land management decisions and actions may not result in any net loss of any acreage available for hunting opportunities that existed on July 1, 2006, as provided in Section 49-5-99(4). It is the intention of the Legislature that no state park be closed without legislative approval.

SECTION 20. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the authority to enter into multi-year contracts for the purpose of placing a sign on such state park property under the department's domain, in accordance with any applicable rules and regulations. All proceeds generated from these activities shall remain with the department and shall be deposited into the proper special fund.

SECTION 21. It is the intent of the Legislature that from the funds available to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the department may purchase and pay premium(s) on property damage insurance on its motor vehicles, boats, trailers, real property improvements, buildings, furnishings, and such other assets as may be appropriate or practical, and/or as required by a granting entity.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) shall be designated for the purpose of defraying the operational expenses of Special Projects. None of these funds shall be used for "Personal Services".

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend funds from the Gulf and Wildlife Protection Fund, not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of preservation, protection, conservation, and acquisition of waters, land and wildlife of this state.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, is provided for the detection and prevention of Chronic Wasting Disease in deer populations across the state.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, is provided for the purchase of land to provide public access to hunting, fishing, and outdoor activities.

SECTION 26. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Fifty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$58,593.00) may be allocated for the Hunter Education program supported from the General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 28. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State

Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 29. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sampson Jackson II, Angela Burks Hill

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Hale, Hopkins, McLeod, Owen, Turner, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, McLean. Total-2.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Funds not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Public Service Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 4,355,157.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Public Service Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 493,431.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	61
Part Time	6	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	5
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's

responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Utility Regulatory Services	
Utility Docket Cases (Number of)	240
Utility Complaints (Number of)	4,560
Electric Complaints as a Percentage of Total (%)	48.00
Telecommunication Complaints as a Percentage of Total (%)	32.00
Water Complaints as a Percentage of Total (%)	10.00
Gas Complaints as a Percentage of Total (%)	8.00
Sewer Complaints as a Percentage of Total (%)	1.00
Average Cost per Utility Complaint (\$)	638.00
Time To Resolve Utility Complaints (Days)	3
Average Price of Electricity per Kilowatt Hour in MS for Residential Customers, by Utility Type: Investor-Owned Utilities (Cents/kWh)	0.11
Average Price of Electricity per Kilowatt Hour in MS for Residential Customers, by Utility Type: Electric Cooperatives (Cents/kWh)	0.11
Average Price of Electricity for Residential Customers in MS as a Percentage of the April 2016 National Average, 12.43 Cents/kWh - Investor Owned Utilities (%)	86.89
Average Price of Electricity for Residential Customers in MS as a Percentage of the April 2016 National Average, 12.43 Cents/kWh - Electric Cooperative (%)	95.14
Average Monthly Residential Electric Usage in MS (kWh)	1,200
Average Monthly Residential Electric Usage in MS as a Percentage of the 2015 National Average, 909 kWh (%)	135.00
Pipeline Inspections (Number of)	630
Average Cost per Pipeline Inspection (\$)	883.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 5. None of the funds herein appropriated by this act to the Public Service Commission shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Mississippi Public Service Commission that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Service Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Public Service Commission to administer the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 66,372.00.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the Public Service Commission to administer the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 287,121.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 8, Two Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-one Dollars (\$287,121.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for development of a new No-Call database system.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2022 Target
Performance Measures	
Telephone "no-call"	
No-Call Complaints (Number of)	15,425
Average Cost per No-Call Complaint (\$)	20.00
A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.	

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Service Commission shall compile the amount of time that is expended on each regulated entity during Fiscal Year 2021. On or before August 1, 2021, the Public Service Commission shall report these findings to the House of Representatives' Public Utilities Committee.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,079,426.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 92,536,490.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, Three Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,050,000.00) is derived from the state excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	104
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	75
Part Time	0	

Each Marine Conservation Officer and Supervisor shall be furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per annum.

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the

expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Tidelands Fund No. 3345200000 to the Department of Marine Resources for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the tidelands projects for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 12,226,497.00.

PROJECT NO.	PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Harrison County:		
FY22-P601-11	Eagle Point Park	
	- City of Biloxi	\$ 125,000.00
FY22-P601-08	Hiller Park Boat Launch	
	- City of Biloxi	\$ 150,000.00
FY22-P601-06	Kuhn St. Boat Launch	
	- City of Biloxi	\$ 450,000.00
FY22-P601-10	Causeway Park Floating Dock Project	
	- City of Biloxi	\$ 200,000.00
FY22-P603-06	Bernard Bayou James Hill Park	
	Site Improvements	
	-City of Gulfport	\$ 200,000.00
FY22-P603-04	Courthouse Rd Boat Launch	
	Maintenance Dredge	
	-City of Gulfport	\$ 250,000.00
FY22-P613-05	Long Beach Harbor Improvements	
	-City of Long Beach	\$ 25,000.00
FY22-P600-03	West Small Craft Harbor Improvements	
	-City of Pass Christian	\$ 270,000.00
FY22-P511-07	D'Iberville Working Waterfront	
	Harbor Marina Public Access	
	-City of D'Iberville	\$ 400,000.00
FY22-P999-07	Applications Maritime Classroom	
	-Harrison County Board of	
	Supervisors	\$ 100,000.00
FY22-P999-04	MS Coastal Map	
	-Hancock County Board of	
	Supervisors	\$ 150,000.00
Jackson County:		
FY22-P412-03	East Beach Accessibility Phase II	
	-City of Ocean Springs	\$ 234,000.00
FY22-P602-12	Racetrack Road Boat Launch	
	-Jackson County Board of Supervisors.....	\$ 150,000.00
FY22-P618-05	Shepard State Park Upgrades Project	
	- City of Gautier	\$ 250,000.00
FY22-P618-04	Mary Walker Bayou Parks Project	
	-City of Gautier	\$ 250,000.00
FY22-P604-08	Improvements to Point Park	
	Boardwalk and Piers	
	-City of Pascagoula	\$ 400,000.00
FY22-P501-03	Highway 613 Sunset Pier and	
	Sidewalk Extension	
	-City of Moss Point	\$ 403,450.00
FY22-P606-03	Estuarine Education Center Comfort	
	Station	
	-Mississippi Gulf Coast Community	

FY22-M648-32	College	\$ 100,000.00
	USM/GCRL Marine Education Center	
	Pier and Kayak Launch	
	-University of Southern Mississippi	\$ 335,000.00
Hancock County:		
FY22-P401-03	Bayou La Croix Boat Launch Ward 6	
	-City of Bay St. Louis	\$ 200,000.00
FY22-P626-04	Boat Launch Marina Planning Assistance	
	-City of Waveland	\$ 300,000.00
FY22-P510-03	Diamondhead Noma Drive Public Access Improvements	
	-City of Diamondhead	\$ 400,000.00
FY22-P610-04	Clermont Harbor Pier Expansion	
	-Hancock County Board of Supervisors	\$ 451,000.00
Seafood Museum Hurricane Zeta Schooner Pier Repair		
	-City of Biloxi	\$ 241,000.00
Long Beach Pavilion, Harbor and Volleyball Area		
	-Harrison County Board of Supervisors	\$ 375,000.00
Marine Patrol Equipment		
	-Department of Marine Resources	\$ 200,000.00
Oceans Springs Sidewalk Project		
	-City of Ocean Springs	\$ 200,000.00
Total Public Access Projects	\$ 6,809,450.00	
Total Management Projects	\$ 3,217,047.00	
Bond Repayment	\$ 1,200,000.00	
Prior Year Projects	\$ 1,000,000.00	
Total Tidelands Funds:	\$12,226,497.00	

Each political subdivision receiving funds authorized in this section shall be held responsible for complying with Section 29-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be subject to an audit by the State Auditor and shall submit detailed reports beginning June 30, and every six (6) months thereafter for the duration of the project to the Department of Marine Resources on how funds authorized in this section were expended.

It is the intention of the Legislature that any political subdivision seeking to qualify for tidelands funds for the subsequent fiscal year shall submit a proposal to the Department of Marine Resources no later than July 1, 2021. All proposals submitted will be reviewed and evaluated by the Department of Marine Resources in accordance to department plans and procedures. Multiphased projects, multiyear projects, proposed projects with high dollar value and projects that have a record of stacking funds shall be considered as low priority projects when evaluated.

It is the intention of the Legislature that if the amount of the tidelands funds appropriated in this act exceed the actual amount of tidelands funds available, the available funds shall be allocated on a pro rata basis between projects listed in this section.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the department shall place any special trust funds appropriated to the department in a special trust fund and the interest earned on the principal shall be credited to the special trust fund. Monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be retained in the special trust fund for use in the next succeeding fiscal year. The department may use the interest earned on the fund to pay reasonable costs for administering the fund and related projects.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources has the authorization to move tidelands funds between approved projects upon request from entity and proper completion of Form TTF-6 documentation.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources is hereby authorized to pay invoices submitted by the City of Long Beach, MS

for reimbursement for prior fiscal year projects in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,750.00).

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality to continue with any agency partnerships, including grant agreements, that provide environmental projects to restore Mississippi's natural resources in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Forty-Three Million One Hundred Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$43,111,590.00) is provided for the funding of the following Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) projects for FY 2022:

(a) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Ocean Enterprise Project.....	\$ 4,990,274.00
(b) To assist the Audubon of Mississippi through the Department of Marine Resources for the Audubon Mississippi Coastal Conservation project.....	\$ 225,493.00
(c) To assist the City of Biloxi with the East Biloxi Boardwalk.....	\$ 1,901,538.00
(d) To assist the City of Biloxi with the East Biloxi Boardwalk sand re-nourishment.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
(e) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Coffee Creek Outfall.....	\$ 1,732,759.00
(f) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Coffee Creek water quality.....	\$ 509,764.00
(g) To assist the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks with the Buccaneer State Park.....	\$ 1,957,424.00
(h) To assist the City of Biloxi with the Bayview Avenue Boardwalk.....	\$ 2,645,630.00
(i) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with the Ward 6 Boat Launch, Public Water Access and Restroom Facility.....	\$ 271,951.00
(j) To assist Harrison County with the Sea Oats and Sand Dunes Creation.....	\$ 105,000.00
(k) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Infinity Science Center.....	\$ 470,267.00
(l) To assist Mississippi State University with the IMMS Evaluation Study.....	\$ 803,657.00
(m) To assist Jackson County Board of Supervisors with the Front Beach Erosion Control.....	\$ 1,742,568.00
(n) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Aquaculture Depth Control Unit.....	\$ 12,790.00
(o) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with GOMESA project management, development and mitigation.....	\$ 218,516.00
(p) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with an oyster plant.....	\$ 2,000,000.00
(q) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Shellfish Water	

Quality Testing	\$ 87,598.00
(r) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with artificial reef Construction	\$ 753,014.00
(s) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the oyster clutch	\$ 503,384.00
(t) To assist the Department of Environmental Quality with water quality	\$ 996,285.00
(u) To assist Hancock County with Water Sewer Force Crossing	\$ 243,223.00
(v) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Bonnet Carre Response	\$ 250,000.00
(w) To assist Jackson County with a Watershed Development Plan	\$ 450,000.00
(x) To assist the City of Diamondhead with Marsh Erosion Prevention	\$ 495,000.00
(y) To assist the City of Diamondhead with Sewer Improvements	\$ 831,600.00
(z) To assist the City of Pass Christian with Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Repairs	\$ 967,575.00
(aa) To assist Hancock County with Atlantic Street Sewer Improvements	\$ 2,721,150.00
(bb) To assist the City of Long Beach with Small Craft Harbor SE Bulkhead Improvements	\$ 2,188,000.00
(cc) To assist the Kiln Utility District with the Jordan River Shores Sewer Force Main Relocation	\$ 410,000.00
(dd) To assist the City of Biloxi with the Point Cadet Living Shoreline	\$ 800,000.00
(ee) To assist the Department of Marine Resources for Oyster Restoration and Enhancement	\$ 466,675.00
(ff) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with MS Reef Fish Monitoring and Assessment	\$ 120,000.00
(gg) To assist Hancock County Utility Authority with Oak Harbor Sewer Improvements	\$ 2,811,548.00
(hh) To assist Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission with Port Bienville Conservation Management	\$ 510,200.00
(ii) To assist the City of Gautier with Water Quality and Infrastructure Sanitary Sewer	\$ 2,668,265.00
(jj) To assist the City of Pascagoula with Buena Vista Area Drainage	\$ 915,000.00
(kk) To assist the City of Pass Christian with Gravity Sewer System Improvements Phase I	\$ 1,744,319.00
(ll) To assist the City of Pascagoula with Point Park Pier Repair/Improvements	\$ 510,000.00
(mm) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Railroad Corner Beneficial Use Site	\$ 236,900.00
(nn) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with Collection of Fishery-Dependent information on Blue Crabs	\$ 244,223.00
(oo) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with administrative expenses	\$ 600,000.00

SECTION 12. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources shall have the authority to expend funds in an amount not to exceed Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000.00) from funds for the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) that may become available to the agency in fiscal year 2022 in

accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Timmy Ladner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Guice, McGee. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Transportation Funds, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,159,195,578.00.

SECTION 2. The following offices are supported by the funds appropriated in Section 1: The Office of Administrative Services, the Office of Highways, the Office of Aeronautics and Rails and the Office of Enforcement. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	3,384
Part Time	9	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or

positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Transportation under the provisions of Section 1, the following amounts shall be available for expenditure in the program budgets as required by Section 27-103-127, Mississippi Code of 1972:

Administration and Other Expenses	\$ 60,613,653.00
Construction	\$ 754,520,005.00
Maintenance	\$ 211,244,935.00
Debt Service	\$ 78,782,972.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 16,964,654.00
Aeronautics, Rails and other	\$ 37,069,359.00

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the Beaver Control or Eradication Program during the Fiscal Year 2022.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall expend such funds as necessary to conduct project planning. Such project planning shall apply to all preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects of the department and, at a minimum, shall consist of policies for the oversight and management of project cost which:

(a) Establish a reasonable cost estimate for each project. For purposes of this provision, projects include preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction;

(b) Capture and retain the initial project cost estimates for comparison with final actual expenditures;

(c) Require that any changes to a cost estimate for a project will be reviewed and approved by district or central office personnel. Such personnel shall be responsible for signing any revision, and providing a narrative description of the reasons for approving a revision;

(d) Capture the cost of consultants, engineers, attorneys, contract appraisers and other technical and professional contractors used in preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects.

SECTION 7. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act may be expended by the Department of Transportation for construction of new highways if such highway segment is less than ten (10) miles in length unless:

(a) The explanation and justification for letting such a contract for a length of less than ten (10) miles is entered upon the official minutes of the Transportation Commission;

(b) The commission, within ten (10) working days after entry of its explanation and justification upon its minutes, gives notice, by United States First Class Mail, and provides a copy of such entry upon its minutes, to the Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Mississippi Senate Highways and Transportation Committee.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be used for the Statewide Litter Prevention Program.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less than Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000.00) shall be expended for contracted maintenance overlay and pavement rehabilitation.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to expend with funds which were obligated in Fiscal Year 2021 for maintenance overlay projects and maintenance repair projects but not completed by the end of Fiscal Year 2021, in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to transfer between the various programs in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount allocated in Section 3, except that no transfers shall be authorized which increase the "Administrative and Other Expenses" Program or the "Law Enforcement" Program or which decrease the "Maintenance" Program.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to expend funds which were obligated in Fiscal Year 2021 but not expended in 2021 in the "Capital Outlay-Equipment" category in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) as authorized in SB 2825, 2020 Regular Session, for Fiscal Year 2021.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) received from other public or private entities as reimbursements for payments made on federal projects.

SECTION 14. With the funds appropriated in this act, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall notify members of the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives upon the award of projects within their respective districts and at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement of ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature." Further, the signage shall state the four-year legislative term in which the project was funded.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 16. The Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to dispose of or transfer used cell phones that are obsolete or inoperable to cell phone recycling programs dedicated to providing free phone access to United States military personnel.

SECTION 17. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Maintenance	
Total Number of Acres Mowed (First and Subsequent)	290,000
Increase of Acreage Mowed (%)	0.97
Slow the Expected Increases of Total Fatalities According to a 5 Year Rolling Average (697 or Less)	685.00
Decrease in State-Maintained Lane Miles Needing Repair or Rehabilitation (%)	1.50
Pavement Needs Met Annually (%)	0.05
Interstate Lane-miles With an Acceptable Payment Condition Rating (%)	38.00
4 Lane Highway Lane-miles With an Acceptable Pavement Condition Rating (%)	71.00
2 Lane Highway Lane-miles With an Acceptable Pavement Condition Rating (%)	54.00
Cost per Mile to Maintain State Highways (\$)	27,969.00
Number of Bridges in Poor Condition	190
Number of Bridges With Timber Components	145
Construction	
Miles of State Maintained Highways that Meet MDOT Thresholds for Congestion (%)	1.97
Miles of State Maintained Highways Requiring Additional Capacity (Num of Lane Miles)	219.08
Cost per Mile to Construct State Highways	13,940,000
Administration & Other	
Administration as a Percentage of Total Budget	5.23
GO-MDOT-Total Number of Page Views	838,650
Increase in Utilization of MDOTTRAFFIC.COM website (%)	5.00
Bonded Debt Service	
MDOT's Share of Annual Debt Service will not exceed 3.75% of Annual Budget	0.94
Law Enforcement	
Number of Trucks Weighed	6,800,000
Number of Trucks Over Axle	5,500
Number of Weight & Size Permits Authorized	175,000
Number of Trucks Over Gross	7,100
Vehicles Inspected Exceeding Restricted Weight Limits (%)	25.00

Aeronautics & Rails

Number of Airports Inspected	69
Number of Grade Crossings Inspected	2,800

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to pay invoices submitted by Hampton Inn, Greenwood, MS, for services in prior fiscal years in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars and Fifty-two Cents (\$128.52).

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to pay invoices submitted by Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, Ocean Springs, MS, for services in prior fiscal years in an amount not to exceed Ninety-three Dollars (\$93.00).

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to pay invoices submitted by Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, Ocean Springs, MS, for services in prior fiscal years in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$279.00).

SECTION 21. Contingent upon passage of House Bill 2956, it is the intention of the Legislature, that the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall transfer all employees, equipment, inventory and resources of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division employed and used as law enforcement personnel to the Department of Public Safety on July 1, 2021. The transfer of personnel shall be commensurate with the number and classification of positions allocated to that law enforcement. The transfer shall also include direct support, clerical, data processing and communications positions allocated to that law enforcement.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and authorized for expenditure in Section 3, Sixteen Million Two Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$16,210,546.00) shall be provided from Fund No. 3941 in the State Treasury, contingent upon the passage of Senate Bill 2434, 2021 Regular Session.

SECTION 23. The Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00).

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the Highway Infrastructure Program funds received by the state pursuant to the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and appropriated under authority of this act shall be spent on the following projects in the following amounts:

(1) To assist in paying costs for improvements to the interchange of Highway 463 and Stribling Road in Madison County to support access to the new sixth grade school to be constructed in that area \$ 500,000.00.

(2) To assist in paying costs for right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, design and construction necessary to 4-lane that portion of Mississippi Highway 12 from the City of Durant in Holmes County, Mississippi, to the City of Kosciusko in Attala County, Mississippi \$ 4,500,000.00.

(3) To assist in paying costs for the planning, environmental studies and preliminary engineering as necessary to secure United States Department of Transportation approvals for Interstate 10 interchange modifications at Mississippi Highway 613 and Mississippi Highway 63 in Moss Point, Mississippi \$ 300,000.00.

(4) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, with the replacement of the Roy Cumbest Bridge over the Pascagoula River on Mississippi Highway 614 \$ 4,700,000.00.

(5) To assist in paying costs associated with right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, design and construction necessary to add a center turning lane and upgrade the roadway on State Highway 4 from Interstate 55 to the campus of North West Mississippi Community College \$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 25. It is the Intention of the Legislature to Provide General Improvements, widening and/or overlay of the following:

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| (a) Highway 41 in Pontotoc County..... | \$ 250,000.00 |
| (b) Old West Point Road in Lowndes County | \$ 250,000.00 |
| (c) Highway 8 from Calhoun City to the
intersection of Highway 9..... | \$ 500,000.00 |
| (d) Intersection of Searcy Road and Highway
366 in Tishomingo County | \$ 500,000.00 |
| (e) Highway 51 in Desoto County | \$ 500,000.00 |
| (f) Highway 45 from Saltillo to Guntown for
safety enhancements, including but not limited to
deceleration lanes, red light, striping and
lighting \$ 250,000.00 | |
| (g) Intersection of Green Tea and Highway 51 | |

in Desoto County.....	\$ 250,000.00
(h) County Road 600 in Corinth	\$ 250,000.00
(i) Highway 7 from Grenada to Greenwood.....	\$ 500,000.00
(j) Highway 7 at University Blvd in Oxford,	
Mississippi.....	\$ 250,000.00
(k) Highway 403 in Webster County.....	\$ 250,000.00
(l) Highway 51 in Tate County North of	
Highway 740	\$ 500,000.00
(m) Highway 6 in Quitman County	\$ 250,000.00
(n) Highway 49 in Greenwood, Mississippi.....	\$ 250,000.00
(o) Highway 25 in Monroe County.....	\$ 250,000.00
(p) Highway 16 West from Philadelphia to	
Carthage \$ 500,000.00	
(q) Canton/Madison corridor Highway 51	
(repair, renovation, upgrades)	\$ 500,000.00
(r) Highway 80 from Trickham Bridge Road	
to I-20 \$ 500,000.00	
(s) Highway 463 Madison County at the	
Intersection of Stribling Road.....	\$ 250,000.00
(t) Hebron Christian Road in Clay County	\$ 250,000.00
(u) Highway 16 West between Dekalb and	
Philadelphia.....	\$ 500,000.00
(v) Intersection of Highway 15 and Broad	
Street in the Town of Decatur for upgrades to	
signal lights and poles	\$ 250,000.00
(w) Main Street, Town of Carthage	\$ 500,000.00
(x) State Highway 18, South of I-20 in Hinds	
County \$ 500,000.00	
(y) I-55 exit at Terry, Mississippi	\$ 250,000.00
(z) Highway 511, starting in Quitman toward	
Highway 45, in Lauderdale County.....	\$ 250,000.00
(aa) Old Highway 16 from Yazoo City to	
Canton \$ 250,000.00	
(bb) Highway 3 between 49 W and Highway 82.....	\$ 250,000.00
(cc) Highway 438 in Washington County.....	\$ 250,000.00
(dd) Intersection of Highway 57 and Ira Turner	
Road and High Street Road in Greene County.....	\$ 500,000.00
(ee) Intersection of Highway 43 North and	
Richardson Road in Picayune for caution lights and	
safety enhancement; for any remaining funds for	
culverts under Highway 43 North during Hobolichitto	
Creek \$ 500,000.00	
(ff) Highway 603 in Hancock County.....	\$ 500,000.00
(gg) Highway 589/Purvis Oloh Road Intersection	
in Lamar County.....	\$ 500,000.00
(hh) Highway 11 at the I-59 Interchange	\$ 500,000.00
(ii) Highway 49 in Harrison County.....	\$ 500,000.00
(jj) Highway 605 at Dedeaux Road in Harrison	
County \$ 500,000.00	
(kk) Highway 11 North starting at the	
Jones/Jasper County line going north.....	\$ 500,000.00
(ll) Highway 583 in Lincoln County.....	\$ 250,000.00
(mm) Highway 24/Main Street in Liberty,	
Mississippi.....	\$ 250,000.00
(nn) County Farm Road in Harrison County	\$ 500,000.00

SECTION 26. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Department of Transportation Funds not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Transportation Funds , as authorized in HB 1727, 2020

Regular Session to provide funds to assist Jackson County, Mississippi, with the construction of a turn lane on Saracennia Road into the Helena Industrial Park for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 200,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 27. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 28. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Busby, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - general support.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support, maintenance, affirmative action plan, interest funds and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher learning; for support of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 306,095,961.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of education and general operations of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 997,314,008.00.

SECTION 3. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Ayers Endowment Interest Fund, State Treasury Fund No. 3325800000, for the purposes as set out by the courts in the Ayers Case for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022:

Alcorn State University	\$	254,700.00
Jackson State University	\$	390,600.00
Mississippi Valley State University	\$	254,700.00

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the amount of One Million Four Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars (\$1,439,589.00) shall be derived from unexpended balances in the Ayers program funds provided for the purpose in prior-year appropriations enacted by The Mississippi Legislature. These funds are to be allocated as follows:

Jackson State University	\$	1,019,621.00
Mississippi Valley State University	\$	419,968.00

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate funds to the off-campus centers based on a minimum rate of sixty-five percent (65%) of the on-campus cost of a full-time equivalent student. The on-campus distribution is to be determined without regard to the costs incurred by any one or more of them in the operation of off-campus degree-completing centers' classes. Off-campus centers which are operated jointly by two (2) or more institutions, the amount allocated to such centers shall be prorated among the institutions jointly operating such centers based on the full-time equivalent enrollment of such centers.

The board of trustees shall insure that the off-campus centers are not charged with any indirect or overhead cost prorated from any on-campus activity. It is the intention of the Legislature that the on-campus operations charge the off-campus centers with only actual direct charges.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented.

Provided, however, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall develop the governing policy for faculty, course content and facilities selection on a competitive basis from all Mississippi senior colleges and universities. The Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented shall accept not less than one (1) high school student nominee from each accredited high school in Mississippi. The nominees, selected under criteria developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall be provided a two-week tuition-free program.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$349,200.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Teacher Corps.

SECTION 8. It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following amounts shall be used as set forth:

- (a) For Mississippi State University as interest on agricultural land script fund and interest on sale of university land, the sum of \$ 14,387.00
- (b) For the University of Mississippi as interest on original seminary fund, the sum of \$ 32,643.00
- (c) For the University of Mississippi as interest on 1904 land grant fund, the sum of \$ 9,965.00
- (d) For the University of Mississippi as interest on LaBauve Fund, the sum of \$ 1,420.00
- (e) For Mississippi University for Women as interest on funds paid into the State Treasury as proceeds of sale of land donated to the Industrial Institute and College by the United States government, the sum of \$ 9,389.00
- (f) For Alcorn State University as interest on land script and land sales funds, the sum of \$ 12,592.00

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following amount shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

- On-campus and off-campus support of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi for the sum of \$ 60,373,070.00.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated under the provision of Section 2, the following sum, or so much necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 13,239,631.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

Alcorn State University \$ 732,372.00

Delta State University	\$ 607,055.00
Jackson State University	\$ 1,175,025.00
Mississippi State University (including the Forest and Wildlife Research Center and the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine)	\$ 3,819,858.00
Mississippi University for Women	\$ 534,143.00
Mississippi Valley State University	\$ 696,445.00
University of Mississippi	\$ 3,296,782.00
University of Southern Mississippi	\$ 2,377,951.00
Total	\$ 13,239,631.00

SECTION 12. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, Seven Million Six Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Dollars (\$7,633,000.00) shall be available to be expended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of defraying the costs associated with the implementation of the Ayers Settlement as follows:

Ayers-related programs at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University
\$ 6,733,000.00

Interest on the Ayers Endowment Fund \$ 900,000.00

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall first use special funds to the greatest extent possible to defray the costs of providing remediation at the state-supported institutions of higher learning.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provision of Section 2, One Million One Hundred Thirty-seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy-three (\$1,137,173.00), or so much necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided unspent Ayers Program Funds by these respective schools from FY 2004 through FY 2008 and allocated as follows:

Alcorn State University	\$ 635,353.00
Jackson State University	\$ 153,481.00
Mississippi Valley State University	\$ 348,339.00

SECTION 15. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the institutions for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning continue to review, and eliminate when possible, duplicating programs and degrees in the existing institutions of higher learning in this state.

SECTION 18. No state appropriations or student tuition and fee receipts, except those specifically charged for the provision of the services, shall be used to support auxiliary enterprises, with the exception of intercollegiate athletics at a level designated by the board of trustees. It is the intent of the Legislature that auxiliary enterprises shall be self-supporting and that deficits not be taken from funds intended for instruction and academic programs.

SECTION 19. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature the institution compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

SECTION 20. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 21. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Instruction	
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	12,221
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded	4,592
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awarded in the Fields of STEM, Health & Education	5,083
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded per 100 Undergraduate FTE Enrollment	20.10
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded per 100 Graduate FTE Enrollment	44.20
Number of Students Completing 30 Hours	13,915
Number of Students Completing 60 Hours	10,132
Research	
Number of Patents Obtained in Emerging Technologies	25

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 22. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated equally to Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi for economic development, reorganization, and relocation of efforts at those universities \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 23. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Mississippi State University - Meridian Branch \$ 900,000.00.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 25. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Jackson State University E-Learning Center \$ 485,000.00.

SECTION 26. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to the Delta State University E-Learning Center \$ 155,000.00.

SECTION 27. It is the intent of the Legislature that at the end of Fiscal Year 2022 any unexpended balances in Ayers programs funds established pursuant to this act shall not lapse into the State General Fund, but shall carry over and be available for expenditure in the succeeding fiscal year, and subject to Legislative appropriation.

SECTION 28. None of the state general funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for the purpose of travel outside the United States.

SECTION 29. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Delta State University Department of Commercial Aviation

\$ 800,000.00.

SECTION 30. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$191,610.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

SECTION 31. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 32. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount shall be allocated to the Delta State University Delta Center for Culture and Learning \$ 100,000.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used for the Delta Center for Culture and Learning.

SECTION 33. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to fund the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars Mississippi Initiative Scholarship Program

\$ 75,000.00.

This program will provide opportunities for Mississippi's university and college students to gain real-life experience working in Washington, D.C. The funding will provide scholarships at Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi. A written report shall be submitted listing the scholarship recipients by university to the Chairmen and members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

SECTION 34. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, an amount not more than One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be allocated to implement university system efficiencies, including, but not limited to, academic, space, energy and any other system projects or expenditures that would lead to improved efficiency. Such funds may also be used to draw down other funds or as matching funds.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Eighty-seven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$87,300.00) shall be used to defray the expenses of the Children's Center for Communication and Development at the University of Southern Mississippi.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of Two Hundred Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$242,500.00) is provided for defraying the expenses of the DuBard School.

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, the following sum is for the Southwest Mississippi Center Culture and Learning at Alcorn State University for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 266,750.00.

SECTION 39. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) is provided for the Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for Research and Development opportunities in Science and Technology initiatives.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Delta State University Delta Music Institute.

SECTION 41. It is the intention of the Legislature that Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to provide water or sewer service to any existing, privately-owned structures that presently take water or sewer service from Mississippi Valley State University. Furthermore, Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to charge a flat

or metered rate for the service provided. Mississippi Valley State University shall not provide any water or sewer service to any new, privately-owned structures.

SECTION 42. Of the funds herein appropriated, Seven Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$729,890.00) shall be provided to the Charter School Authorizer Board. Of this amount, Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$229,890.00) shall be provided in General Funds and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided in Special Funds from the Charter School Authorizer Board Fund - Fund No. 3001700000.

SECTION 43. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 44. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 45. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Shanks. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources Institute, Mississippi Law Research Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center, Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Supercomputer, the Stennis Institute of Government, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Institute, Small Business Development Center, Stennis Center for Higher Learning, the Commission for Volunteer Services, the State Court Education Program, and the executive office of the board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 34,585,035.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources Institute, Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program, Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi Law Research Institute, Mississippi Small Business Development Center, Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Supercomputer, Stennis Space Center's Center for Higher Learning, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center, the Commission for Volunteer Services, and the executive office of the board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 46,215,454.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the following amounts, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

(a) From State General Funds, for the support of:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems \$ 4,480,637.00.

Supercomputer for the sum of \$ 630,650.00.

Center for Manufacturing Excellence for
the sum of \$ 2,742,797.00.

Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for
the sum of \$ 342,489.00.

State Court Education Program for the
sum of.....\$ 1,859,022.00.

Mississippi Law Research Institute for the
sum of \$ 818,324.00.

Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for
the sum of \$ 6,929,980.00.

Mississippi Polymer Institute for

the sum of \$ 667,563.00.
Mississippi Small Business Development
Center for the sum of \$ 269,582.00.
Stennis Space Center - Center for Higher
Learning for the sum of \$ 345,515.00.
Jackson State University Urban Research
Center for the sum of \$ 506,111.00.
Stennis Institute of Government for the
sum of \$ 741,318.00.
Commission for Volunteer Services for
the sum of \$ 694,976.00.
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 8,039,119.00.
Mississippi Water Resources Institute for the
sum of \$ 351,676.00.
Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 1,748,464.00.
Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
for the sum of \$ 3,416,812.00.
(b) From Special Funds, for the support of:
Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for
the sum of.....\$ 142,782.00.
Center for Manufacturing Excellence for the
sum of.....\$ 142,782.00.
Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for
the sum of \$ 544,921.00.
Mississippi State University-Alcohol Safety
for the sum of \$ 1,816,761.00.
Mississippi Law Research Institute for the
sum of \$ 1,344,830.00.
Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for
the sum of \$ 20,465,376.00.
Mississippi Small Business Development
Center for the sum of \$ 1,368,396.00.
Commission for Volunteer Services for
the sum of \$ 5,083,677.00.
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 1,841,177.00.
Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 503,441.00.
Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
for the sum of \$ 12,961,311.00.

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and allocated to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) for Sea Grants matching for the Fiscal Year 2022.

Provided further, it is the intention of the Legislature, in the event budget reductions are imposed on the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, as a result of the Governor ordering budget reductions under the provisions of Section 27-104-13 or 31-17-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, the same percent reduction will be applied to those state funds identified in this section for Sea Grant match.

It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

After the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory has provided the maximum amount of services which may be provided free of charge under the provisions of Section 57-21-11(c), Mississippi Code of 1972, the laboratory shall not provide any additional

services from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 if any charges for such services previously provided are more than ninety (90) days past due. After all such delinquent charges have been paid by a client, the laboratory may provide additional services to the client.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 and authorized for expenditure in Section 3(b), the following amounts shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems.....	\$ 142,782.00.
Center for Manufacturing Excellence.....	\$ 142,782.00.
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.....	\$ 142,782.00
Executive Office of the Board of Trustees	

for the sum of \$ 402,396.00.

Total.....\$ 830,742.00.

SECTION 5. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the individual institutes, laboratories and programs consolidated in this bill for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature any institution not in compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

SECTION 8. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the University of Mississippi - State Court Education Program for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds for operational expenditures, as authorized in SB 2926, 2020 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 360,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES' DESIGNATED INSTITUTES, LABORATORIES AND PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, McLeod, Owen, Williamson. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University Agricultural Research, Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 6,311,173.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University Agricultural Research, Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 119,322.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Sixty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-two Dollars (\$69,322.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for operational expenditures.

SECTION 5. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000.00) is provided for the Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION AND LAND-GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Sarita Simmons

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 21,740,924.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 10,355,234.00.

SECTION 3. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as current restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2022 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Two Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars (\$1,235,578.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Plant Systems	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	52.35
Research Publications (Publications)	268
Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	1.12
Animal Systems	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	29.15
Research Publications (Publications)	262
Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.29
Health & Sustainable Communities	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	43.83
Research Publications (Publications)	337
Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.26

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for operational expenditures.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EXPERIMENT STATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Sarita Simmons

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Damell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Goodin, Guice. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending

June 30, 2022 \$ 29,796,866.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending

June 30, 2022 \$ 14,247,456.00.

SECTION 3. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service provide programs in the emphasis areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Education, Natural Resources and Environment, 4-H, and Business and Community Development in each county.

SECTION 5. No part of the funds appropriated or authorized to be expended hereby shall be spent directly or indirectly for payment of attorneys' fees for the services of any attorney who was not employed by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service pursuant to the express authorization of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning prior to performance of such legal services.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as current restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2022 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Forty-five Thousand Two Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$1,045,245.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Agriculture	
Published Information (Items)	300
Mass Media (Items)	4,500
Direct Educational Contacts (Persons)	270,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	13.46
Family & Consumer Education	
Published Information (items)	150
Direct Educational Contacts (persons)	205,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	9.34

Business & Community Dev	
Direct Educational Contacts (Persons)	88,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	20.28
4-H Youth Development	
Direct Educational Contacts (Persons)	178,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	11.66
Natural Resources & Environment	
Published Information (Items)	150
Mass Media (Items)	6,000
Total Contacts (Persons across all Delivery Methods/Events)	370,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	27.75

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for operational expenditures.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Bart Williams
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan,

Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 5,501,910.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 1,264,064.00.

SECTION 3. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2022 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three Hundred Three Thousand Five Dollars (\$303,005.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for operational expenditures.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE FOREST AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Bart Williams
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C. Guice. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to be used for the operation of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 17,481,477.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022
\$ 31,605,969.00.

SECTION 3. Any transfer shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Six Hundred Twenty-two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$622,920.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures

FY2022
Target

Instruction	
Percentage of Year 4 DVM students passing NAVLE at graduation (%)	95.00
Percentage of DVM graduates reporting employment in the field within 12 months of graduation	95.00
Research	
Number of grants/contracts awarded	55
Percentage of graduate students reporting employment in the field within 12 months of graduation (%)	95.00
Public Service - Animal Health Ctr	
Number of patient visits to AHC (AHC caseload managed)	29,677
Client satisfaction based on surveys (%)	98.00
Referring veterinarian satisfaction based on surveys (%)	95.00
Public Service - Diagnostic Lab	
Number of Lab Accessions (Test Requests)	22,849
Vet Research & Diagnostic Lab	
Diagnostic tests performed (Number)	383,000
Academic Support	
Percentage of vet campers and parents indicating "willing to recommend" on satisfaction surveys (%)	100.00
Percentage of alumni who report a satisfactory level of engagement with the college on surveys (%)	98.00
Operation & Maintenance	
Number of square feet O & M / Custodial Services	483,589
Cost per square foot Maintenance and Custodial Services	1.20

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of testing, programming, and personnel-related expenses for Chronic Waste Disease.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for operational expenditures.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State

Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Bart Williams
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs authorized by law and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 47,107,957.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized out of the proceeds derived from any federal funds, grants, donations, fees, or other special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs authorized by law including funds used as federal matching funds for the GEAR UP Mississippi Scholarship Program and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 3,336,000.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated in this act shall be paid to or for the benefit of any student who applies for the first time, subsequent to July 1, 2021, for assistance through the Assistant Teacher Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-35, the Southeast Asia POW/MIA Grant established under the provisions of Section 37-106-41, the Public Management Graduate Internship established under the provisions of Section 37-106-43, the State Medical Education Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-61, the State Dental Education Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-63, the Graduate and Professional Degree Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-65, the Health Care Professions Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-67, or the Family Protection Specialist Social Worker Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-69.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified applicants, for nine (9) new entering optometry students and the number of returning optometry students who received funding under the program during the preceding school year.

SECTION 5. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, among the student financial aid programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to all students eligible for financial aid under the provisions of Section 37-106-39, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. All funds provided for in this act shall be accounted for in an annual report, which shall be submitted at the next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days after the convening thereof. The report should detail for each grant, scholarship, or loan program the number of recipients, the total amount of awards made, and the average award amount. The report shall include the number of students at each institution receiving financial assistance and the amount of such assistance. For loan programs, the report shall also include a summary of the repayment status and method of repayment for student cohorts as well as an accounting of the receipt of funds in repayment. Furthermore, all funds received and expended shall be reported and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-106-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, except where individual identifying information must be withheld pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC Section 1232g 34 CFR Part 99.

No public or private institution of higher learning receiving funds under the respective provisions of this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship grants or loans, shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have any amount of repayment in arrears on the date such official transcript is requested.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 8. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an amount not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) is provided for the Speech-Language Pathologists Loan Forgiveness Program established under the provisions of Section 37-106-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid.

SECTION 11. Awards for the Higher Education Legislative Plan Grant Program, authorized by Section 37-106-75, shall be made to applicants meeting all program requirements and found to be in financial need according to the following definition:

(a) The family has one (1) child under the age of twenty-one (21), and the annual adjusted gross income of the family is less than Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00); or

(b) The family has annual adjusted gross income of less than Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00) plus Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each additional child under the age of twenty-one (21).

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31 Mississippi Code of 1972. This amount shall be used for the William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr. Teacher Loan Repayment Program, HB 1179 2021 Regular Session.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that no student should receive undergraduate grant aid through more than one state-supported undergraduate grant program in the same term of enrollment. If a student is eligible for aid through multiple grant programs, the student shall be awarded from the program that awards the larger sum.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that all students must demonstrate eligibility at the conclusion of each term during the regular academic year in order to continue to receive state-supported aid.

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP, LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAMS AND THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Guice. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 160,924,339.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,661,705,977.00.

SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the

School of Health Related Professions, the School of Population Health, the Teaching Hospital and the Medical Center Service Area. The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall prepare and make available to the Legislature an accounting of expenditures for each of the divisions listed in this section at the beginning of the legislative session.

SECTION 4. Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting qualified registered nurses.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, and the funds authorized to be expended in Section 2, none may be used to provide medical services on behalf of any state agency, institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been paid.

SECTION 6. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 8. Of the funds authorized for expenditure in Section 2, Six Million Eight Hundred Eighty-eight Thousand Twenty-nine Dollars (\$6,888,029.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-one Dollars (\$2,380,431.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the sum of Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$315,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program as described in House Bill 776, 2013 Regular Session.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, One Million Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$1,830,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural Physicians' Scholarship Program as described in House Bill 1465, 2007 Regular Session. Of this amount, Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) is provided for a Psychiatrist Scholarship as described in Senate Bill 2524, 2019 Regular Session.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund and Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,250,000.00) shall be derived from any special source funds collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Five Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$595,000.00) is hereby appropriated for A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT) Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, One Million Three Hundred Eighty-two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,382,250.00) is

provided for the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce as described in House Bill 317, 2012 Regular Session.

SECTION 16. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research that kills or destroys an existing human embryo.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, One Million Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$1,349,998.00) shall be provided from General Funds and shall be provided to the Center of Excellence at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children for the care of abused and neglected children, and expended to improve, enlarge and/or construct the physical facilities of the Children's Safe Center and for support and maintenance of the center.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-eight Dollars (\$280,848.00) is provided for the administration of the Rural Physicians' Scholarship Program and the Rural Dentists' Scholarship Program.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be provided to the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$1,260,369.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for replacement, repair, renovation, and modernization of the UMMC grounds and infrastructure.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million Six Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$3,681,530.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the Asylum Hill Project.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that any cash balances at the Office of Physician Workforce, the Children's Safe Center, and the MIND Center shall only be spent in support of those divisions.

SECTION 24. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 25. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL
CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Kevin Blackwell

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Guice. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 5,979,750.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Community College Board, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 120,817,960.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$356,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the regulation and administration of the Mississippi Proprietary School and College Registration Law and the associated expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....

.....\$ 574,386.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	52
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	10
Part Time	0	

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated herein, up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Work Force Carryover Fund as created by House Bill No. 1271, 1995 Regular Session.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, funds in the amount of Fifty Million Eight Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$50,831,802.00) are appropriated for the Workforce Education Program and Industrial Training. No funding obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the state for industrial training beyond the level of funding made available in this section. All industrial training program commitments made in Fiscal Year 2022 and future fiscal years shall be based only upon funds available in this section and any proposed commitments shall be approved by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, or the Executive Director's designee prior to such commitment being finalized. Industrial training program commitments shall be made and based only upon training services provided and not for a specific funding amount. Any expenditures of funds authorized in this section are limited to obligations made July 1, 2021, or after, and shall not be expended for obligations made prior to this date.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of Twenty-eight Million Dollars (\$28,000,000.00) shall be derived from unemployment compensation contributions deposited into the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and shall be utilized exclusively by the Mississippi Community College Board for workforce training in accordance with Senate Bill No. 2027, 2010 Regular Session. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall have not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) set aside as a carry-forward to begin the Fiscal Year 2023 Workforce Education Program.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for the Workforce Online Training Program, and the Mississippi Virtual Community College and funds in the amount of Two Million One Hundred Forty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$2,144,914.00) shall be transferred from the Community and Junior College Education Technology Fund for the purpose of defraying the costs of the Mississippi Virtual Community College, the Workforce Online Training Program and the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall

be derived from fees charged for issuing duplicate transcripts and duplicate diplomas for the High School Equivalency Testing Program for the purpose of defraying the costs of administering the High School Equivalency Testing Program of the Mississippi Community College Board, in accordance with Senate Bill No. 2626, 2002 Regular Session.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from the transfer of postsecondary vocational and technical funds from the Mississippi Department of Education to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of managing the day-to-day operations of postsecondary career and technical education.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Five Hundred Forty-two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$542,459.00) is provided to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Greenville Higher Education Center.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that an amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot shall be transferred to the Executive Office of the State Board of Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Thirty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$37,626.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 18. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAIVING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Hillman Terome Frazier, Michael McLendon

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Richard Bennett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan,

Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid and support of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 146,581,405.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise appropriated, for the aid and support of public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 49,884,946.00.

SECTION 3. The funds appropriated in this act for the aid and support of the public and community junior colleges shall be apportioned in accordance with the following assigned weights:

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(a) Aid to Colleges:

Base

15% prior year

appropriation

Academic

1.0

	Technical	1.0
	MSVCC Shared Host	.75
	MSVCC Shared Provider	.25
(b)	Career	1.0
(c)	Associate Degree Nursing	1.19
(d)	Associate Degree Allied Health	1.19

Academic, Technical, Career, Associate Degree Nursing and Associate Degree Allied Health funds shall be disbursed on the basis of prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of hours generated during the summer, fall and spring semesters for each public community and junior college student actually enrolled and in attendance the last day of the sixth week of each semester, or its equivalent, counting only students who reside within the State of Mississippi. However, associate degree nursing students who reside outside the State of Mississippi may be counted for pay purposes.

Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) shared hosted and provided courses may qualify for incentive funding on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of MSVCC shared hours generated during the summer, fall and spring semesters. In addition, all provider MSVCC semester credit hours will be included in either the academic, technical or career sections of the formula at a weight of one (1.0).

The Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, or his designee, shall audit each public community and junior college and shall determine who shall be counted in each college and shall certify the number to the Mississippi Community College Board.

If, pending determination of the enrollment of students at the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate in this appropriation, as provided for in this section, the Mississippi Community College Board shall find and determine that any such public or community junior college does not have sufficient funds on hand for payment of the necessary expenses of its operation for the period commencing July 1, 2021, until distribution of the funds appropriated hereby, then, in that event, the Mississippi Community College Board is expressly authorized to make an advance to any such public community or junior college or colleges not having sufficient operating funds for such period from the funds appropriated hereby; provided, however, that the amount of any such advance to any one (1) public community or junior college shall not exceed thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of state-appropriated funds received by such public community or junior college during the preceding fiscal year; and provided, further, that the amount of any such advance shall be deducted from the pro rata part of the funds appropriated hereby accruing to said public community or junior college when enrollment has been ascertained and distribution of funds is made.

SECTION 4. No part of the amount herein appropriated shall be used by the Mississippi Community College Board for administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 5. The funds disbursed under the provisions of this act shall be accounted for through the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 6. The following public community and junior colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided by Sections 1 and 2 of this act:

Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College, Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi Community College.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any public community and junior college employee who is serving as a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for

the aid of the public community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance, for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 25,475,460.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan. Any funds appropriated in this section which are not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward for the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

SECTION 9. In addition to funds appropriated in Section 8, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Insurance Carryover Fund No. 3295, for the purpose of fully funding life and health insurance through the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for all qualified community and junior college employees, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 400,000.00.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the public community and junior colleges, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022..... \$ 8,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the public community and junior colleges as allocated herein:

Coahoma Community College	\$ 249,272.00.
Copiah- Lincoln Community College	\$ 365,103.00.
East Central Community College	\$ 271,878.00.
East Mississippi Community College	\$ 432,041.00.
Hinds Community College	\$ 1,313,066.00.
Holmes Community College	\$ 576,171.00.
Itawamba Community College	\$ 612,183.00.
Jones Junior College	\$ 555,906.00.
Meridian Community College	\$ 351,157.00.
Mississippi Delta Community College	\$ 323,680.00.
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	\$ 992,562.00.
Northeast Mississippi Community College	\$ 436,876.00.
Northwest Mississippi Community College	\$ 707,581.00.
Pearl River Community College	\$ 552,006.00.
Southwest Mississippi Community College	\$ 260,518.00.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of Workforce and Economic Development Support, including the operation of the Workforce Development Centers and Advanced Training Centers, providing start-up costs for new career and technical programs, and providing the necessary funding to replace outdated and obsolete equipment for existing career and technical programs at each of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 6,750,000.00.

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of Sign Language Interpreter Training at the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 179,050.00.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Education Technology Program at the public community and junior colleges and the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 7,099,160.00.

SECTION 14. A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of enrollment, as set out in Section 37-155-5(d)(iii), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 15. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022
Instruction	Target
Number of Total Degrees Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment (%)	31.29
Number of Associate Degrees Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment (%)	17.11
Number of Associate of Applied Science Degrees Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment (%)	7.00
Number of Certificates Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment (%)	9.50
Percentage of First-Time Entering, Part-time degree- seeking students (fall) who earned 24 credit hours by the end of year two (%)	18.50
Percentage of First-Time Entering, Full-time degree-seeking students (fall) who earned 42 credit hours by the end of year two (%)	46.82
Percentage of Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing Licensure Exam Pass Rates (%)	42.51
Percentage of Total Student Success, which includes Graduates, Transfers, and Retention (those still enrolled) (%)	60.78
Percentage of Graduates (%)	33.50
Percentage of Transfers (%)	20.78
Percentage of Retention (%)	8.34
Percentage of Students Enrolled in Career/ Technical and Health Science Graduates (%)	23.50
Percentage of In-State Job Placements of Career/ Technical and Health Science Graduates (%)	90.10
Percentage of developmental English Students (unduplicated headcount) who enrolled in English Composition I who successfully completed English Composition I during the academic year (%)	70.00
Percentage of developmental Math students (unduplicated headcount) who enrolled in College Algebra who successfully completed College Algebra during the academic year (%)	68.00
Number of High School Equivalencies awarded	2,320

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Associate Degree Nursing and Allied Health Programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 2,556,922.00.

SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of continuing the dropout recovery initiative based on a successful program administered through the adult basic education program with the Mississippi Community College Board and to enroll low-skill adults in career pathways that combine high school equivalency, skills training and workforce credentials in an intensive program that produces adults who can compete for jobs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 3,000,000.00.

Of the funds provided in this section, one-half (1/2) shall be allocated equally and the remaining half shall be allocated on the basis of the prior year headcount enrollment in Adult Education, MIBEST or other career pathway programs.

The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget Office a comprehensive report on the number of dropouts that have enrolled in a High School Equivalency and/or career program for each community and junior college during Fiscal Year 2021 on, or before, August 1, 2022.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the support of community and junior colleges shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is provided for the Career and Technical Advantage Program which will provide start-up costs for new career and technical programs, expansion of existing career and technical programs, and infrastructure for career and technical program equipment, lab upgrades, and renovations to sustain the programs at public community colleges. Fifteen percent (15%) of the funds appropriated in this section shall be distributed evenly to each community college and the remaining eighty-five percent (85%) of the funds shall be distributed on the basis of prior year career and technical full-time equivalency (FTE) hours generated during the summer, fall, and spring semesters for each public community college.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their

appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 23. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 24. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Hillman Terome Frazier, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Richard Bennett

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 323,552,322.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Corrections which is collected by or otherwise becomes available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 30,045,036.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended:

CENTRAL OFFICE

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	24,400,295.00
Special Funds		9,593,670.00
Total	\$	33,993,965.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	187
Part Time	1	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	8
Part Time	0	

FARMING OPERATIONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	0.00
Special Funds		2,411,181.00
Total	\$	2,411,181.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	8
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

PAROLE BOARD

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	701,010.00
Special Funds		0.00
Total	\$	701,010.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	8
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

PRIVATE PRISONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 67,729,681.00
Special Funds 0.00
Total \$ 67,729,681.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 0
Part Time 0
Time-Limited: Full Time 0
Part Time 0

MEDICAL SERVICES

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 75,343,375.00
Special Funds 261,487.00
Total \$ 75,604,862.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 0
Part Time 0
Time-Limited: Full Time 2
Part Time 0

REGIONAL FACILITIES

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 43,850,472.00
Special Funds 0.00
Total \$ 43,850,472.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 0
Part Time 0
Time-Limited: Full Time 0
Part Time 0

LOCAL CONFINEMENT

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 7,438,367.00
Special Funds 0.00
Total \$ 7,438,367.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 0
Part Time 0
Time-Limited: Full Time 0
Part Time 0

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 21,688,145.00
Special Funds 12,863,909.00
Total \$ 34,552,054.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 561
Part Time 0
Time-Limited: Full Time 83
Part Time 0

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 28,075,422.00
 Special Funds 1,446,152.00
 Total \$ 29,521,574.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 609
 Part Time 1
 Time-Limited: Full Time 5
 Part Time 0

PARCHMAN

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 34,135,755.00
 Special Funds 2,015,439.00
 Total \$ 36,151,194.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 635
 Part Time 9
 Time-Limited: Full Time 9
 Part Time 0

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 20,189,800.00
 Special Funds 1,453,198.00
 Total \$ 21,642,998.00

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 357
 Part Time 0
 Time-Limited: Full Time 4
 Part Time 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
General Administration	
Support as a percent of total budget (%)	9.20
State prisoners per 100,000 population (includes only inmates sentenced to more than a year) (Number of)	619
Average annual incarceration cost per inmate (\$)	39.91
Offenders returning to incarceration with 3 years of release (%)	33.00
Farming Operations	
Annual income from farm sales (\$)	1,000,000.00
Parole Board	
Inmates paroled (Number of)	5,100
Private Prisons	
ABE program slots available (Number of)	572
VOC-ED program slots available (Number of)	221
A&D program slots available (Number of)	186
Medical Services	
Total inmate days in a hospital (Number of)	4,172
Regional Facilities	
ABE Program slots available (Number of)	585
VOC-ED program slots available (Number of)	700
A&D Program slots available (Number of)	424
Probation/parole	
Recidivism rate within 12 months of release to field supervision (%)	10.70
Recidivism rate within 36 months of release to field supervision (%)	14.00
Community Work Centers	
Recidivism rate within 12 months of release (%)	6.50
Recidivism rate within 36 months of	

release (%)	25.90
Restitution Centers	
Recidivism rate within 12 months (%)	16.80
Recidivism rate within 36 months (%)	35.50
Local Confinement	
Number of Inmates Housed in County Jails (Inmate Days)	260,626
Institutional Security	
Assault on inmates per 100 inmates (Number of)	7
Assaults on officers per 100 officers (Number of)	19
Youthful Offender School	
Recidivism rate within 12 months of release (%)	26.00
Recidivism rate within 36 months of release (%)	50.00
Evidenced Based Intervention	
Recidivism rate for inmates who complete the ABE program (%)	24.00
Recidivism rate for inmates who complete a vocational program (%)	16.00
Recidivism rate for inmates who complete the A&D program (%)	23.00
Offenders possessing GED Certificate or High School Diploma at time of release (%)	38.30
Offenders obtaining marketable job skills during incarceration (%)	3.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, none shall be expended for personnel housing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections unless the department shall collect a reasonable rent, after a finding of fact as to what is a reasonable rent, and/or the cost of utilities furnished to said housing. The Department of Corrections shall not pay for the installation or monthly service of any telephone installed in a staff residence under its jurisdiction.

It is further the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane and cable services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, and authorized for expenditure in Section 3, payment may be authorized for court-ordered attorney fees and any accrued interest subject to the approval of the Office of the Attorney General.

SECTION 7. None of the money herein appropriated shall be paid to any person who by the provision of Section 47-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, is prohibited from being an employee of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The State Department of Finance and Administration shall at least annually make a report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review and to the Attorney General stating the name of any person prohibited under the provisions of Section 47-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, from being an employee of the Mississippi Department of Corrections who has during the preceding year received any money herein appropriated. In the event that any such person prohibited as hereinabove provided from receiving funds herein appropriated should receive any of said funds, the Attorney General shall immediately commence action to recover the monies so paid to

said person and to enjoin the further employment of said person at the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

SECTION 8. It is the intent of the Legislature that all prisoners at Parchman shall work a minimum of eight (8) hours per day, excluding prisoners with a physical disability or those incarcerated in maximum security.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the per diem rates paid to regional facilities shall not exceed Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00) per inmate. All regional facilities shall continue to receive the annual three percent (3%) increase in the per diem rate as authorized in Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972, however, in no event shall any regional facility's per diem rate exceed Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00) per inmate.

SECTION 10. The department or its contracted medical provider will pay to a provider of a medical service for any and all incarcerated persons from a correctional or detention facility an amount based upon negotiated fees as agreed to by the medical care service providers and the department and/or its contracted medical provider. In the absence of a negotiated discounted fee schedule, medical care service providers will be paid by the department or its contracted medical service provider an amount no greater than the reimbursement rate applicable based on the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate. This limitation applies to all medical care services, durable and nondurable goods, prescription drugs and medications provided to any and all incarcerated persons outside of the correctional or detention facility. None of the monies appropriated herein may be used to pay for cosmetic medical procedures for any prisoner. Cosmetic medical procedure means any medical procedure performed in order to change an individual's appearance without significantly serving to prevent or treat illness or disease or to promote proper functioning of the body.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall have the authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Corrections. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Corrections shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 12. The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to transfer spending authority between and within budgets, both positions and funds, in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the authorized budgets in the aggregate. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Corrections shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that all funds held by the Inmate Welfare Fund be placed in a treasury fund effective July 1, 2021. Of the amounts appropriated in Section 2, an amount not exceeding Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) shall be available for expenditure in the Inmate Welfare Fund. Of these funds, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be used to provide for transitional housing and post release reentry programs.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Mississippi Department of Corrections to manage funds budgeted and allocated. In so doing, the commissioner of the department shall have the authority to amend, extend and/or renew the term of any lease agreement or any inmate housing agreement in connection with a correctional facility. Notwithstanding any statutory limits to the contrary, such amendment, extension and/or renewal may be for a length of time up to and including ten (10) years as is necessary for the continued operations of such facilities and implementation of the department's duties and responsibilities in accordance with Title 47 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

SECTION 17. With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intent of the Legislature that upon vouchers submitted by the board of supervisors of any county housing offenders in county jails pending a probation or parole revocation hearing, the department shall pay the reimbursement costs as provided for in Section 47-5-901(3)(b), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 585, 2014 Regular Session.

SECTION 18. With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intent of the Legislature, that for Fiscal Year 2022, the Department of Corrections shall reimburse municipalities, up to Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) a day, for the cost incurred of housing inmates in any jail facility based on time served for the conviction of larceny, shoplifting, or related convictions where the value of the property taken is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more but is equal to or less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). A copy of the court abstract of record and the jail docket shall be provided to show the total number of days an individual was incarcerated in said jail facility. The reimbursement shall be payable back to the municipality upon receipt of required documentation and an invoice. Total reimbursements resulting from this section shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds may be expended to defray the costs of clothing for sworn nonuniform law enforcement officers in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually per officer.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Five Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-one Dollars (\$510,261.00) shall be allocated to Victim's Notification Programs supported by General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary for repairs and renovation of the physical facilities of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

SECTION 22. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 23. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Brice Wiggins, Jeff Tate

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eure, Guice. Total-2.

Present--Hudson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 107,455,881.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 126,720,218.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	1,827
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	95

Part Time 3

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. The Commissioner of Public Safety may, on a case-by-case basis, within funds available, recommend that corrective salary adjustments be made to the compensation of employees of the Department of Public Safety where an inequity was created between employees of equivalent capacity by previous application of the agency appropriation acts. Any such corrective salary adjustment plan must have prior approval by the State Personnel Board. Such adjustments will not be retroactive.

Any funds in the Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits major object of expenditure may be used to purchase accumulated compensatory time within funds available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature, in accordance with House Bill 974, 2021 Regular Session, the Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer Six Million Six Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$6,632,215.00), all employees, equipment, inventory and resources of the Capitol Police employed and used as law enforcement personnel to the Department of Public Safety on July 1, 2021. The

transfer of personnel shall be commensurate with the number and classification of positions allocated to that law enforcement. The transfer shall also include direct support, clerical, data processing and communications positions allocated to that law enforcement. SECTION 6. Contingent upon passage of Senate Bill 2956, 2021 Regular Session, it is the intention of the Legislature, that the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall transfer Sixteen Million Two Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$16,210,546.00), all employees, equipment, inventory and resources of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division employed and used as law enforcement personnel to the Department of Public Safety on July 1, 2021. The transfer of personnel shall be commensurate with the number and classification of positions allocated to that law enforcement. The transfer shall also include direct support, clerical, data processing and communications positions allocated to that law enforcement.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, funds are provided for the implementation of House Bill 974, 2021 Regular Session and Senate Bill 2956, 2021 Regular Session.

SECTION 8. It is the intent of the Legislature that the local governments pay for part of the computer cost of the Mississippi Justice Information Center by maintaining their contribution to the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety designate certain employees to aid the Office of Forensics Laboratories in the billing and collecting of all fees charged for services rendered by the Office of Forensics Laboratories.

SECTION 10. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor shall any personnel paid with funds appropriated herein be transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity, or publication activities of such office.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety shall not issue citations for violations of speed limits on a quota basis. No funds expended under this act shall be used for such quota-based citations for violations of speed limits.

SECTION 12. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Enforcement	
Increased Enforcement - Citations (%)	6.30
Decrease Fatalities (%)	4.10
Increase in DUI Arrests (Includes Felony DUI) (%)	5.00
Criminal Investigations (Actions)	30,000
Highway Fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel (#)	0.90
Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100,000 Population (#)	1.40
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrests per 100,000 Population (#)	230
Percentage Increase in Seatbelt/Child Restraint Citations	13.00
Driver Services	
Driver's License/ID Cards Issued (Items)	622,720
Cost per License Document Produced (\$)	24.00
Drivers Suspended (Persons)	40,549
Accident Reports Processed (Actions)	2,018
Average Wait Time (Minutes)	56

Number of Complaints (Documented)	27
Percentage Change in Wait Time (%)	-10.00
Percentage Change in Complaints (%)	-18.00
Increase in Regular & Commercial Driver Licenses Issued (%)	10.00
Support Services	
Number of Financial Transactions Processed	35,500
Number of Employees Supported	1,188
Forensic Analysis	
Reports Issued (Cases)	17,000
Court Testimonies (Cases)	200
Cost per Case Analyzed (\$)	500.00
Cost per Testimony (\$)	500.00
Percentage of Days for Reports Issued	30.00
DNA Analysis	
Known Felony Offender Samples in Database (Items)	137,000
Proficiency Samples (Items)	434
Casework Samples Examined (Items)	9,500
Cost per Sample (\$)	450.00
Maintain the Integrity of the CODIS Database	99.00
Forensic Pathology	
Deaths Investigated (Actions)	24,250
Autopsies Performed SME Office (Actions)	1,200
Cost per Autopsy Performed (\$)	1,800.00
% Change in the # of Deaths Investigated	2.00
% of Coroners Educated by ME's Office	30.00
% Change in the # of Autopsies Performed at SME Office	-6.00
Training Academy	
Basic Students to Graduate (Persons)	320
Basic Refresher Students to Graduate (Persons)	70
In-Service & Advanced Students to Graduate (Persons)	2,600
Percentage of Law Enforcement Officers Trained (%)	100.00
Drug Enforcement	
Number of Drug Suspects Arrested (Persons)	1,050
Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted (Actions)	900
Number of Drug Organization Disrupted &/or Dismantled	8
Percentage Change in Number of Drug Suspects Arrested	1.00
Percentage Change in Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted	1.00
Percentage Change in Number of Drug Organization Disrupted and/or Dismantled	1.00
Jail Officer Training	
Jail and Youth Detention Officers Certified	350
Certification Transactions (Actions)	3,850
Number of Administrative Review Actions	20
Percent of Appointed Jail and Youth Detention Officers Obtaining Certification (%)	75.00
Percent of Administrative Review Actions Taken Within One Year (%)	4.00
Law Enforcement Training	
Basic Law Enforcement Officers Certified	

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(Persons)	550
Certification Transactions (Actions)	2,750
Training Quality Monitoring (Actions)	1,100
Percent of Appointed Law Enforcement Officers Obtaining Certification (%)	90.00
Percent of Appointed Part-Time, Reserve, and Auxiliary Officers Obtaining Certification (%)	85.00
Percent of Administrative Disciplinary Actions Taken Within One Year (%)	4.00
Highway Safety	
Number of Federal Applications Funded & Statewide Programs Supported	8
% decrease in the number of unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities by 5%	2.00
% decrease in the number of fatalities in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with a bac of .08 and above	12.45
Justice	
Number of Juvenile Jail/Detention Alternatives (Alternatives)	0
Number of Hot Spots Policing Programs Funded	3
Emergency Telecommunications Tng	
Emergency Telecommunicators Certified (Persons)	500
Certification Transactions (Actions)	2,000
Percent of Appointed Emergency Telecommunicators Obtaining Certification	80.00
Percent of Appointed Emergency Telecommunicators Obtaining Recertification (%)	60.00
Percent of Administrative Review Actions Taken Within One Year (%)	3.00
Council On Aging	
Establish Triad Programs (Programs)	3
Conduct Training Programs (Programs)	1
Provide On-Site-Training	0
Percentage Change in the Number of Operational Triad Programs	10.00
Percentage Increase in Funding to Counties to Educate Senior Citizens	0.00
Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit	
Number of Facilities Inspected (Items)	125
Strategic Plans Implemented (Items)	20
Percentage of Admin Review Actions Taken Within One Year	80.00
Homeland Security	
OHS Grants for Jurisdictions (Number)	107
First Responder Classes (Number)	118
Percentage increase in Emergency Task Force Responder Training and Exercises (%)	2.00
Percentage increase in Citizen and Community Preparedness Training and Exercises (%)	2.00
Percentage increase in Requests for	

Information (%)	2.00
Percentage increase in National Incident Management Training and Exercises (%)	2.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that all divisions within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds may be expended to defray the costs of clothing for sworn nonuniform law enforcement officers in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually per officer.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 16. The department is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 17. Of the funds provided herein, and in addition to the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) authorized in Section 45-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, Department of Public Safety Officers who are licensed commercial pilots shall receive an additional Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00), for a total of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), additional compensation for such service.

SECTION 18. It is the direction of the Legislature that all Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) nonexempt sworn officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol who are working one hundred seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day work cycle be compensated based on the annual salary established by the State Personnel Board for a one-hundred-sixty-hour per month schedule divided by two thousand eighty-seven and one hundred forty-three one thousandths (2,087.143), for an hourly rate, to be multiplied by two thousand two hundred twenty-three (2,223) or one hundred seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day work cycle for a new annual salary. All hours worked over one hundred seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day schedule shall be governed by the FLSA or other special compensation plan. All realignments after July 1, 2010, shall be calculated using this formula. This section shall be known as the "David R. Huggins Act."

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, Four Hundred Ninety-five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$495,190.00) is appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Public Safety for the purposes of paying for eleven (11) hours of compensatory time at an hourly rate based on two thousand eighty-seven and one hundred forty-three one thousandths (2,087.143) hours per year for sworn officers who hold the rank of Lieutenant and above. The funds provided in this section to pay for the eleven (11) hours authorized in this section shall be expended only for this purpose.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to the Mississippi Legislature detailing any elected official or any other person who is not an employee of the Department of Public Safety who was transported in Highway Patrol aircraft during the fiscal year. The report shall be provided to each member of the Mississippi Legislature on or before January 15, 2022.

SECTION 21. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall have the authority to transfer any funds from any division within the Department of Public Safety to any other division of the Department of Public Safety Special Funds, including, but not limited to, Funds 3711, 371C, 371E, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3740, 3741, 3742, 3744, 3747 and 3718, not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) collectively during Fiscal Year 2022. However, none of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended unless the Department of Public Safety provides prior written notification of any transfer of funds provided in this section.

SECTION 22. The Bureau of Narcotics is authorized to expend a sum, not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from account No. 3371800000, for purposes of effectuating the provisions of House Bill 812, 2017 Regular Session, Section 1. Expenditures authorized by this section may include, but not be limited to, costs associated with contracting with one or more vendors, contractors or other persons or entities to create, operate and maintain the forfeiture website and to provide continuing support in relation thereto. In the event an amount less than Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) is required to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Bureau is authorized to expend the remainder of such authorized funds for the purchase of commodities, vehicles and/or other equipment necessary in the furtherance of the needs of the Bureau.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Four Million Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars (\$4,312,602.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

State Crime Stoppers Fund.....	\$ 99,003.00.
Adult Driver Training.....	\$ 75,794.00.
Information Exchange Network Fund.....	\$ 264,007.00.
Forensics Lab MS – MS Forensics Lab – Implied Consent Law Fund.....	\$ 404,795.00.
Forensics Lab Forensics Laboratory – DNA Identification Fund.....	\$ 629,543.00.
Law Enforcement and Firefighters Death Benefits Trust Fund.....	\$ 191,361.00.
Law Enforcement Standards Training – Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund.....	\$ 2,276,404.00.
Drug Abuse/Driver's License Reinstatement.....	\$ 13,573.00.
Federal – State Alcohol Program Fund.....	\$ 160,431.00.
MS Leadership Council on Aging Fund.....	\$ 197,691.00.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend special funds from the Drug Evidence Disposition Funds (3372000000), not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to House Bill No 571, 2019 Regular Session, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the duties and operations of a Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator and a data analyst within the Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Public Safety, who shall coordinate all statewide activities and work with the Department of Child Protection Services for all victims recovered.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to House Bill 1283, 2019 Regular Session, Two Hundred Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred Three dollars (\$242,603.00) is provided for the duties and operations associated with the Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for repairs and renovations at the Department of Public Safety Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for Bullet Proof Vests at the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 29. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 30. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Brice Wiggins, Robert L. Jackson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, John W. Hines, Sr.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the general expenses of the operation of the Mississippi National Guard for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 7,997,192.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Mississippi National Guard, out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund No. 3700, as created by Chapter 187, Laws of 1954, as amended; the Army National Guard Programs Fund No. 3701; the Camp Shelby Base Operations Fund No. 3705; and the Air National Guard Programs Fund No. 3709, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of applicable statutes and federal/state agreements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 152,899,498.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	886
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	27
Part Time	0	

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 5. All funds authorized to be expended herein shall be expended and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-104-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. If not needed for other purposes, the Adjutant General is hereby expressly authorized to invest any part of or all monies herein appropriated out of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund at the highest rate of interest obtainable and credit interest accruing on such investments to the respective fund. Such monies may be invested in any short-term bonds, notes or other direct obligations of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi or any county or municipality of this state, which said county or municipal bonds have been approved by a reputable bonds attorney or have been validated by a decree of the court, and in any event the said bonds, notes or obligations in which such funds are invested shall mature or be redeemable prior to the time the funds so invested will be needed for the refund or refunds herein provided for.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Million Nine Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Seventy-five Dollars (\$1,928,075.00) shall be provided for the support of the Youth Challenge Program at Camp Shelby.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, Six Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Five Dollars (\$626,505.00) is provided for the Armed Forces Military Museum located at Camp Shelby.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated to be expended in this act, no General Funds shall be used to reimburse members and personnel of the Mississippi National Guard for the costs associated with attending authorized training. Any expenditure of funds for the purpose of compensation of such personnel and members for per diems and travel

expenses shall be expended from any federal funds which are made available to the Mississippi National Guard for ancillary purposes.

SECTION 9. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Sonny Montgomery Center for America's Veterans at Mississippi State University.

SECTION 10. Of the funds provided in Sections 1 and 2, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is provided for the purchase of uniforms for the Youth Challenge Program staff.

SECTION 11. The Adjutant General of Mississippi is hereby authorized to transfer any part of appropriated funds, including general funds, to special funds, within the Mississippi Military Department, to facilitate federal grant matching requirements. Prior written notification of transfer shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for repairs and renovation of the physical facilities of the Mississippi National Guard.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Tammy Witherspoon

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Mac Huddleston, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter,

Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Owen, Scott, Williamson. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the Veterans Affairs Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 5,507,083.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Veterans Affairs Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the board, for the support and maintenance of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022\$ 53,145,609.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended; however, notwithstanding any other provision in this act, the Executive Director of the Veteran Affairs Board is hereby authorized to transfer spending authority between and within budgets, in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the authorized budgets in the aggregate.

MISSISSIPPI VETERANS AFFAIRS

FUNDING:

General Funds.....	\$ 5,507,083.00
Special Funds.....	\$ 7,133,120.00
Total	\$ 12,640,203.00

With the funds appropriated for this budget, the following positions are

authorized:

Permanent:	Full Time	34
Part Time		0

Time-Limited: Full Time 29

Part Time 0

MISSISSIPPI STATE VETERANS HOMES SYSTEM

FUNDING:

General Funds.....	\$ 0.00
Special Funds.....	\$ 46,012,489.00
Total	\$ 46,012,489.00

With the funds appropriated for this budget, the following positions are

authorized:

Permanent: Full Time 53

Part Time 0

Time Limited:	Full Time	511
	Part Time	76

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) are provided to defray the cost of providing care to indigent/low-income Mississippi veterans and the nonveteran surviving spouses of Mississippi veterans if the surviving spouse was a resident of a state veterans home at the time of the veteran's death and who, subsequent to the veteran's death, meets the indigent/low-income criteria established by the State Veterans Affairs Board, in the state veterans homes. It is the intention of the Legislature that the provision pertaining to use of indigent/low-income surviving spouses be retroactive for any such period, prior to the effective date of this act, that a current surviving spouse may have met the criteria. This section and its provisions shall be known and cited as the "Hilton R. 'Jack' Vance Act of 1997."

SECTION 5. The Veterans Affairs Board shall have continued authority for all action related to planning, development, construction, and outfitting of the North Mississippi Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Veterans Affairs Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Veterans' Affairs Board is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from fund number 3373200000, in an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), for the purpose of operating the state veterans homes as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Veterans' Affairs Board to set the compensation of two (2) Nursing Services Director PINs and two (2) Nurse Administrator PINs based on the education and experience of the incumbent not to exceed the end salary as established by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. The Veterans Affairs Board shall have the authority to escalate and expend increased federal funds obtained by virtue of Public Law 109-461 (38 CFR Part 51).

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Philip Moran
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Mac Huddleston, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Guice. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,400,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, or its successor, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 174,511,553.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	396
Part Time	132	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	54

Part Time 150

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum shall be derived from money in the Unemployment Trust Fund, made available to this state under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 USCA Section 1103), to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security to be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund and used by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the following purposes:

(a) Payment of various One-Stop Administration expenses that support the service delivery of employment and workforce information services. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- (i) Staff for delivery of reemployment services to UI claimants, including group job search assistance and staff-assisted referrals to jobs.
- (ii) Equipment and resources for resource rooms.

(iii) Payment for rent, utilities and maintenance of facilities, including common spaces such as resource rooms, reception areas, conference areas, etc.

(iv) Payment of shared costs for operation of local One-Stop Career Centers, including payment for One-Stop operators.

(v) Purchase of computer equipment, network equipment, telecommunications equipment, application development and other technology resources.

(vi) Training, technical assistance, and professional development of staff who deliver employment and workforce information services.

(vii) Access Improvement costs for individuals with disabilities, including remodeling or retrofitting One-Stop Career Centers and purchasing appropriate software, hardware, furniture and supplies.

(b) Administration of the Unemployment Compensation (UC) law and its public employment service (ES) offices. This includes, but is not limited to, the following uses:

(i) ES and UI automation. This includes purchases, modifications, or automation of computer-related systems and related costs.

(ii) UI and ES Performance Improvement costs.

(iii) Fraud and Abuse Reduction costs.

(iv) UI Claims Filing and Payment Methods Improvement costs.

(v) Under the direction of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management to acquire lands and construct buildings thereon or improve existing buildings to be used as offices. The funds in this section are authorized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 33,047,000.00.

The funds authorized in this section shall be requisitioned by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security from the Unemployment Trust Fund maintained by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States as needed for the payment of obligations incurred under this appropriation, and such monies shall be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 71-5-457, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security is authorized to expend up to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the State Workforce Investment Funds for the State Workforce Investment Board, collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in this act, a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is made available for Pathways2Possibilities from the State Workforce Investment Funds collected.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security is authorized to expend up to Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Works Fund collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an amount not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) is authorized for the Mississippi Integrated Education and Workforce State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Brice Wiggins
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Rushing. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, including the Homestead Exemption Division, the Motor Vehicle Comptroller functions, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division and the Bureau of Telecommunications, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022\$ 42,095,644.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Revenue which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 22,842,849.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	820
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, and he is hereby empowered to select in the manner provided by Section 27-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, such employees as may be necessary to the administration of all acts relating to the exemption of homesteads and the reimbursement of tax losses to the several taxing units of the state, and to assign them to the use of the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for facility repairs.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million One Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,140,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for IT equipment expenditures.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated may be used for any expenses which the commission may legally incur. Provided, however, that no part of the money herein appropriated shall be used for the payment of attorney's fees, except upon recommendation of the Governor with the approval of the Attorney General, nor shall any of said funds be used either directly or indirectly for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other employee who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rule of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof, except that when the relationship is by affinity and the person is dead through whom the relationship was established, this rule shall not apply. In the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making such payment shall be liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund three (3) times any such amount so paid to be recovered at suit by the Attorney General.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
General Administration	
Average Cost per Return Processed (\$)	4.32
ROI - Revenue Collected per Dollar of Expense	127.16
Tax Administration	
Cost per Unit of Work (Item/Case/Call) (\$)	13.70
Cost per Call Center Call Answered (\$)	3.30
Audit	
Cost per Audit (\$)	729.69
Tax Production per audit (\$)	5,661.00
Tax Enforcement	
Cost per Dollar Collected in Recovery Actions (\$)	0.06
Property & Motor Vehicle Services	
Cost per Homestead Exemption Application (\$)	3.50
Cost per Title Issued (\$)	2.79

Alcohol Beverage Control

Cost per Case Shipped (\$)	1.65
ROI - GF Dollars Returned per Dollar of Cost	15.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for the purpose of reimbursing the counties of the state, the road districts and school districts therein and the municipal separate school districts, for tax losses incurred by reason of the exemption of homes from certain ad valorem taxes under the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 79,013,472.00.

SECTION 10. Each county, road district, school district and municipal separate school district which has incurred a tax loss that is reimbursable under Section 8 of this act shall be reimbursed a sum which is equivalent to the amount of tax loss produced by the application of tax rates annually fixed for maintenance and current expenses to the assessed value of homes, or so much thereof as has been lawfully authorized under the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

The disbursements from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 8 shall be based upon the certificates required of the clerks of the county boards of supervisors and of the clerks of the municipalities, which certificates shall conform strictly in every respect to the requirements of the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

All disbursements from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 8 of this act shall be made strictly in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, and no disbursements other than those clearly authorized by those sections shall be made, the provisions of any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 11. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 8 of this act may be distributed to any county, municipality, school district or other taxing district in which the assessed valuation of the taxing district has increased as a result of reappraisal of the property of the taxing district unless the governing board of the taxing district has published a notice in a newspaper having a general circulation in the taxing district, stating the lower millage rate that would produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxation on property of the taxing district that was produced in the fiscal year before the property of the taxing district was reappraised.

SECTION 12. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Revenue – License Tag Commission from any other special source funds made available to the License Tag Commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 5,300,000.00.

(a) Of the funds appropriated in this section, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission.

(b) Of the funds appropriated in this section, Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,800,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Revenue – License Tag Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar

preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be expended unless an advisory committee continues to coordinate, in an advisory capacity only, with the Department of Revenue in the determination of the collection of statistical data and information related to economic and tax policy. This advisory committee shall consist of the following members or their designees: the Director of the Legislative Budget Office, the Director of the Joint Legislative PEER Committee, the State Economist, the President of the Mississippi Economic Council and the Director of the Mississippi Economic Policy Center.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Revenue shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 16. None of the funds appropriated in Section 11 of this act shall be expended to purchase motor vehicle license tags made or manufactured by any department, agency or instrumentality of a state other than the State of Mississippi. None of the funds appropriated in this section shall be used for the purchase of bolts, nuts or other fastening devices for attaching said motor vehicle license tags. Provided further, that all motor vehicles belonging to any state department, agency, commission, institution or any other division of state government shall have license tags which shall bear the words "Government" at the bottom of such license tags.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that up to Eight Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$811,740.00) shall be allocated as follows: to the Municipal Court Collections Program Four Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$405,870.00) and to the Justice Court Collections Program Four Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$405,870.00) to be supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated by this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that the department make certain that funds required to be appropriated to defray rent expenses for the department's headquarters located in Clinton, Mississippi, do not exceed Two Million Five Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$2,590,000.00).

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Revenue is hereby authorized to pay invoices submitted by Holiday Inn, Long Beach, MS, for services in prior fiscal years in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Eighty-two Dollars (\$282.00).

SECTION 21. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, INCLUDING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION DIVISION, THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMPTROLLER FUNCTIONS, THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION,

AND THE BUREAU OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE COUNTIES, COUNTY DISTRICTS AND MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TAX LOSSES INCURRED BY REASON OF THE EXEMPTION OF HOMES FROM CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 214,082,403.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 410,087,618.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Eighteen Million Nine Hundred Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$18,951,886.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health. The funds provided for in this section shall be allocated as follows:

\$ 16,797,843.00	Expenses of the Department of Mental Health, payment of Medicaid state share,
	or prepayment of Medicaid state share.
\$ 379,417.00	Alzheimer's disease services development and implementation of Senate Bill No. 2100, 1997 Regular Session.
\$ 636,374.00	Crisis Centers
\$ 1,138,252.00	Physician services at community mental health centers.

\$ 18,951,886.00 TOTAL

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	6,351
Part Time	19	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	460
Part Time	9	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval

from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Services Management	
Number of on-site reviews conducted by the Division of Audit	58
Number of on-site reviews conducted for DMH certified provider agencies	190
Mental Health Services	
Percentage of population lacking access to community-based mental health care	31.00
Percentage of DMH clients served in the community versus in an institutional setting	98.00
Increase by at least 25% the utilization of alternative placement/treatment options for individuals who have had multiple hospitalizations and do not respond to traditional treatment	25.00
Number served by the Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), Intensive Community Outreach and Recovery Teams (ICORT), and Intensive Community Support Services (ICSS)	4,100
Number of individuals employed through supported employment	300
Increase access to crisis services by tracking the number of calls to Mobile Crisis Response Teams	37,663
Number referred from Mobile Crisis Response Teams to a Community Mental Health Center and scheduled an appointment	8,813
Number diverted from a more restrictive environment due to Mobile Crisis Response Teams	31,327
Increase the number of Certified Peer Support Specialists in the State	311

IDD Services	
Number of individuals on planning list for home and community-based services	2,800
Percentage of DMH institutionalized clients who could be served in the community	86.00
Percentage of DMH clients served in the community versus in an institutional setting	86.00
Number of people added from planning list to ID/DD Waiver services	50
Children & Youth Services	
Percentage of children with serious mental illness served by local Multidisciplinary Assessment and Planning (MAP) teams	1.20
Number served by MAP teams	550
Number of children and youth that are served by Wraparound Facilitation	2,288
3% Alcohol Tax-alcohol/drug Prg	
Number of residential beds made available statewide due to the Three Percent Tax supplements	226
Number receiving residential substance use disorder treatment	1,589
Crisis Stabilization Units	
Average length of time from mental health crisis to receipt of community mental health crisis service	1.50
Percentage of people receiving mental health crisis services who were treated at community mental health centers vs. institutions	98.00
Diversion rate of admissions to state hospitals (% of people)	90.00
Number of involuntary admissions	1,726
Number of voluntary admissions	1,804
MI - Institutional Care	
Number served adult acute psychiatric	1,985
Maintain readmission rates within national trends (%)	3.30
MI - Support Services	
Support as an overall percent of total budget	6.40
IDD - Institutional Care	
Number of people served in residential IID programs	791
Number of people transitioned from facility to ICF/IID community home	26
IDD - Group Homes	
Number of people served in the 10-bed ICF/IID community homes	609
Percentage of people served in the community versus in an institutional setting	86.00
IDD - Community Programs	
Number of people added from planning list to ID/DD Waiver Services	53
Number of people enrolled in the 1915i	955

IDD - Support Services

Support as a percentage of total budget 3.70

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 6. The Department of Mental Health and its facilities shall have the authority, within funding and spending authority appropriated under the provisions of this act to transfer funds to the Division of Medicaid in payment of Medicaid match and designate that the funds thus transferred shall be applied to Medicaid match obligations arising in the subsequent fiscal year.

SECTION 7. Any person within the Department of Mental Health who must work on a statutory holiday or any holiday proclaimed by the Governor may, at the discretion of the Director of the Institution and the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health and within available personnel funds, be paid "call-back pay" in lieu of "compensatory time credit."

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated to the "Service Budget," funds are included for the support of community mental health services for Fiscal Year 2022.

Provided, however, that none of the funds appropriated for the support of community mental health services shall be made available to any Regional Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Center which does not receive from each of its participating counties a dollar amount equivalent to what the proceeds of a three-fourths (3/4) mill tax on all taxable property in the county in Fiscal Year 1982 would have been or the amount of funds contributed to the center by the county in Fiscal Year 1984, whichever shall be greater. By means of performance contracts, the Department of Mental Health shall disburse the funds appropriated in this section for services for the mentally ill, intellectually disabled and alcohol/drug abusers. The State Board of Mental Health and the Department of Mental Health shall be responsible for selecting the types of services which shall be provided with the funds appropriated in this section, for developing and monitoring performance contracts and for holding contractors accountable for utilization of funds.

SECTION 9. Ellisville State School is authorized to draw up to Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) from interest earned on funds invested in Ellisville State School Client's Trust Fund for the purpose of supplementing the cost related to supplies, property, and equipment in direct care.

SECTION 10. The Department of Mental Health and its facilities shall have the express legal authority, within funding and spending authority appropriated under the provisions of this act to purchase land for use by residential facilities operated by the department, either directly or by means of transferring funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, and to transfer such funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management for the purposes of constructing and equipping group homes for persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and/or substance abuse; constructing and equipping such other buildings as may be required for treatment of persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and/or substance abuse; repair and renovate existing buildings; and to construct, repair and/or renovate employee housing. Any intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) constructed with funds authorized in this section shall be authorized to participate in Medicaid funding available for such services.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing

shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall have authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Mental Health. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration. None of the funds transferred with this section may be transferred to the Central Office for Personal Services.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, Twenty Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$20,100,000.00) is provided to the Department of Mental Health to expand those community-based services that will improve the State of Mississippi's compliance with the Olmstead decision of the United States Supreme Court. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall have the authority to transfer such sums from this source as are necessary to implement or improve those community services that are more appropriately addressed by the Mississippi Department of Education and/or the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services to those agencies for that purpose. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that any sums received from this source that are not expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health shall be reappropriated for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall account for the expenditure of these funds in sufficient detail to clearly show the purposes for which such funds were expended. The Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall report any such reappropriation to the Legislative Budget Office no later than fifteen (15) days after the effective date of the reappropriation.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health, with approval by the board, may contract with a Community Mental Health Center, or suitable entities, for the purpose of operating the Crisis Intervention Center at Grenada.

Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health, with approval by the board, may contract with a community health center to allow Region 14 to be served at the Crisis Stabilization Unit at Gulfport.

The Department of Mental Health, with approval by the board, may also contract with suitable entities for the purpose of operating the crisis intervention centers in Batesville, Brookhaven, Cleveland, Corinth, Laurel and Newton. The department shall provide quarterly progress reports on the operation of the crisis intervention centers to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Public Health and Appropriations Committees.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 17. The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) shall transfer funds back to the Department of Mental Health, upon the request of the Department of Mental Health, where the funds received by DFA from the Department of Mental Health were special funds (neither general funds or bond funds) and where those funds are not required for the payment of costs already incurred on a building or repair project. For the purposes of this section, the term "special funds" includes any state source special funds including, but not limited to, funds from the Health Care Expendable Fund. The duty of DFA to transfer funds back to the Department of Mental Health under this section applies to any funds described in this section that were transferred to DFA, regardless of the year that the transfer was made by the Department of Mental Health.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health may provide, upon the availability of funds, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to the Hope Village for Children Program.

SECTION 19. None of the funds provided in Section 1, 2, or 3 of this act shall be used to pay Medicaid match for the thirteen (13) Community Mental Health Centers.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for community-based mental health services for juveniles in detention.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Nine Hundred Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Two Dollars (\$3,910,702.00) shall be allocated to the Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund supported by General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health shall fund four (4) Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Teams and provide supportive employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided as an increase over and above the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriation level of funding for eighty-three (83) ID/DD Home and Community Based Waiver slots.

SECTION 24. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022
\$ 600,000.00.

The purpose of these funds is to provide to The Department of Mental Health and community mental health centers funding to expand outpatient services and community-based services for former inmates of the Department of Corrections who are no longer incarcerated within a correctional institution of the Department of Corrections. The expanded outpatient services and community-based services shall be for such former inmates who were diagnosed with a mental illness while housed within a state correctional institution of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

SECTION 25. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Mental Health is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2017 and 2019 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
Arjo, Inc.	2017	\$ 3,818.83
Arjo, Inc.	2019	\$ 832.25
Broadway Linen	2019	\$ 2,988.72
CDW Direct	2019	\$ 500.22
Mobile Medic Service	2019	\$ 2,266.24
Mobile Medic Service	2019	\$ 360.50
Precision Healthcare	2019	\$ 15,471.80

SECTION 26. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Burks Hill, J. Walter Michel

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Taylor. Total--2.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the purposes enumerated in Section 51-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 149,479.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 215,755.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	2
Part Time	1	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSES ENUMERATED IN SECTION 51-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, Albert Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, William Tracy Arnold

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans,

M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, including the Divisions of Support, Plant Industry, Farmers Central Market, Fair Commission, Livestock Coliseum, Industrial Showcase, and Trade Mart Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 7,998,944.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds, which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, including the Divisions of Support and Plant Industry, Farmers Central Market, Fair Commission, Livestock Coliseum, Industrial Showcase, and Trade Mart Building for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 14,192,933.00.

The funds authorized for expenditure under the provisions of this section include subscription fees produced from the Market Bulletin and admission fees produced from the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived from the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and

Commerce - Fruit and Vegetable Revolving Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department \$ 600,000.00.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	235
Part Time	38	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	5
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seventy-four Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$74,805.00) shall be provided for the support of the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided

herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Plant Industry	
Pesticide related inspections (Number of)	2,000
Marketplace Inspections in Full Compliance (Number of)	205
Dealer Inspections in Full Compliance (Number of)	110
Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Pesticide Application Inspections in Full Compliance (Number of)	1,200
Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Record Inspections in Full Compliance (Number of)	350
Marketplace Inspections in Full Compliance (%)	85.00
Dealer Inspections in Full Compliance (%)	96.00
Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Pesticide Application Inspections in Full Compliance (%)	93.00
Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Record Inspections in Full Compliance (%)	95.00
Museum	
Total Attendance (Number of)	125,000
Students in School Groups (Number of)	18,000
Private Revenue Generating Functions (Number of)	1,700
Change in Number of Private Revenue Generating Functions (%)	1.00
Change in Revenue from Private Functions (%)	1.00
Increase in Attendance from Prior Year (%)	2.00
Increase of School Students in Attendance from Prior Year (%)	2.00
Revenue Generated from Functions (\$)	312,000.00
Regulatory	
Retail Motor Fuel devices Inspected (Number of)	55,100
Food Sanitation Inspections (Number of)	5,000
Total Retail Motor Fuel Devices Inspected (%)	100.00
Total Retail Food Sanitation Inspections (%)	100.00
Consumer Complaints Answered within 48 Hours (%)	97.00
Marketing	
Persons Reached by Marketing Means (Number of)	1,138,150
Increase of Persons Reached by Marketing Means (%)	3.00
Administration	
Maintain Administrative Cost at 18% of Total Budget (%)	25.00
Livestock Theft	
Cases Investigated (Number of)	200
Cases cleared (Number of)	30
Cases Prosecuted (%)	20.00
Farmer's Market	

Retail Spaces Rented Based on Seasonal Availability of Produce (%)	85.00
Amount of Revenue Generated through Rental Space Rented (\$)	45,000.00
Seed Testing Lab	
Days to run cool test (Number of)	7
Official samples collected (Number of)	2,350
Days for Germination test (Number of)	
(Average Depending on Type of Seed)	20
Hours to evaluate TZ test (Number of)	1
Mississippi State Fairgrounds	
Event Days	520
Estimated Total Attendance	1,250,000

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 7. The funds appropriated and authorized to be expended under the provisions of this act shall be expended for the purpose of defraying all expenses incurred by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce in the operation of all programs and activities (except operation of the State Lime Plants, Veterinary Laboratory, Pink Bollworm-Plant Quarantine Inspection Stations and Fire Ant Program) authorized to be conducted and carried on by said department; including, but not limited to: the administration of the Feed, Fertilizer and Dairy Act; the Weights and Measures Act; the Meat Inspection Act of 1968; the Mississippi Pure Seed Law; and the following additional programs and activities: enforcement of the egg law; publication and distribution of the Mississippi Market Bulletin, agricultural statistics, market news service at Stoneville, Mississippi; and inspection, grading and certifying of fruits, vegetables, hay, grain, meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, pecans, seed and syrup.

SECTION 8. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, with the assistance of the State Department of Audit and the Department of Finance and Administration, shall establish nonbudgeted enterprise funds for all "for-profit" activities related to the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. The funds shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and regulations prescribed by the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Beaver Control Program or from any other special source funds made available to the Beaver Control Program, to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the support of the Beaver Control Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 1,100,000.00.

Of the special funds authorized in this section, Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) shall be derived from funds received from the Mississippi Department of Transportation and from fees charged private persons/organizations, and Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be derived from funds received from the State Forestry Commission. A county in order to participate must pay up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) and if any county wishes to pay any additional funds than provided, those funds may be used only in said county.

SECTION 10. Of the funds provided by the provisions of this act, it is the intent of the Legislature that not more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) shall be expended for the Mississippi Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program, which shall be established by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce to serve senior citizens above sixty (60) years of age who fall within one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the poverty level. The Commissioner of Agriculture may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the Mississippi Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-

103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for equipment expenditures.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND COMMERCE, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sampson Jackson II, Sarita Simmons

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022\$ 1,299,501.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 1,061,671.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	22
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	5
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be

processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The Mississippi Board of Animal Health is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-one Dollars (\$48,741.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for equipment expenditures.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sampson Jackson II, Benjamin Suber

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 34,347,303.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the

operation of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 98,755,987.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	375
Part Time	3	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	1
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Tort Claims Trust Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses

of the Tort Claims Board in the administration of the Tort Claims Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 6,549,647.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	8
Part Time		0
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time		0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of

the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 39,995.00.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 7,265.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds to defray the expense of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women as established pursuant to Sections 43-59-1 through 43-59-14, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 6 and 7, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	1
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the

intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 10. The department is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 12. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services is hereby expressly authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state, local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of construction and/or repairs and renovation projects. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services shall not use any of the funds authorized in this section to pay salaries. For the purposes of this section, the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services does not have the authority to escalate from the Capital Expense Fund or the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) is authorized to be expended for the purpose of transferring funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the administration of projects for the repair and maintenance of state-owned buildings.

SECTION 14. A report based on expenditures incurred during the current and immediate past fiscal years shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office each regularly scheduled legislative session. This report should reflect expenditures as a result of the operation of the Robert E. Lee Building, the Woolfolk State Office Building, the Gartin and Sillers Buildings, the Capitol Buildings, the Central High School Building, the Robert G. Clark, Jr. Building and other state buildings, and this report should contain any steps taken to reduce operating costs.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that no state-owned aircraft shall be utilized by any person except for official business only.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is authorized to be expended to defray any shortfall in the Master Lease Purchase Program as defined in Section 31-7-10, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 17. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of State Property Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 11,010,438.00.

SECTION 18. Of the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature that two (2) of the allotted Full-Time Permanent Positions in Section 3 of this bill may be used for performing related administrative duties of the State Property Insurance program.

SECTION 19. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of providing a grant to the Mississippi Home Corporation, for the fiscal year beginning

July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 1,810,227.00.

SECTION 20. The funds appropriated herein shall be targeted to individuals with disabilities or individuals with serious mental illnesses who:

(1) Are being discharged from a state psychiatric hospital after a stay of more than ninety (90) days; or, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities after a stay of more than ninety (90) days; or

(2) Have been discharged from a state psychiatric hospital within the last two (2) years; and

(a) Had multiple hospital visits in the last year due to mental illness; or

(b) Are known to the mental health or state-housing agency to have been arrested or incarcerated in the last year due to conduct related to mental illness; or

(c) Are known to the mental health or state-housing agency to have been homeless for one (1) full year or have had four (4) or more episodes of homelessness in the last three (3) years.

(3) Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes a subset for an individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for ninety (90) days or less and who resides in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Any funds appropriated herein to hire additional staff or employ staff shall only be used to implement this housing program.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that an annual financial report based upon the state's fiscal year shall be provided to the Attorney General, the Chairman of Senate Appropriations, the Chairman of House Appropriations, and the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) shall be expended for the purpose of making a payment of any kind or for any purpose, directly or indirectly, to a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature, state official, MHC board member, or person who has been a member of the MHC within the last year.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund, as established in Section 29-5-215, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the department is authorized to enter into a contract for use by state agencies to establish a pilot program for Fleet Management Services, to include vehicle leasing and disposal, without being subject to the provisions of law otherwise applicable to fleet management.

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 26. It is the intention of the Legislature, in accordance with House Bill 974, 2021 Regular Session, the Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer all employees, equipment, inventory and resources of the Capitol Police employed and used as law enforcement personnel to the Department of Public Safety on July 1, 2021. The transfer of personnel shall be commensurate with the number and classification of positions allocated to that law enforcement. The transfer shall also include direct support, clerical, data processing and communications positions allocated to that law enforcement.

SECTION 27. In addition to all sums otherwise appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund created in House Bill No. 109, 2021 Regular Session, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of allocating funds to non-entitlement units of local government in accordance with the provisions applicable to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) and any applicable federal guidelines for the period upon passage and through June 30, 2022

\$ 260,000,000.00

SECTION 28. In addition to all other funds herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, for the repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities, and community colleges \$16,600,000.00.

Any amounts allocated to a project that are in excess of that needed to complete the project may be used for general repairs and renovations at state-owned facilities, universities and community colleges at the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty-seven Million Seven Hundred Twenty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$57,723,800.00) or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer. These funds are provided for such purposes as follows:

- (a) To assist the City of Hattiesburg in paying the costs associated with the 12th Circuit Community Service Inmate Program \$ 125,000.00
- (b) To assist the City of Heidelberg in paying the costs associated with repairs to Magnolia Street and East Poplar Street \$ 100,000.00
- (c) To assist Marshall County in paying the costs associated with improvements to Barringer Road \$ 1,200,000.00
- (d) To assist the City of Byram in paying the costs associated with Flood Control Project \$ 400,000.00
- (e) To assist Hinds County in paying the costs associated with the District Attorney's Office \$ 150,000.00
- (f) To assist the City of Shannon in paying the costs associated with the construction/improvements to its Community Center..... \$ 400,000.00
- (g) To assist the Windows of Amory, a non-profit corporation, for expenses related to improvements and operations of the Old Christian Church in Amory, Mississippi known in paying the costs associated with Windows of Amory \$ 200,000.00
- (h) To assist the City of Hazlehurst in paying the costs associated with Reflective Signs \$ 75,000.00
- (i) To assist Rankin County and the City of Richland in paying the costs associated with Flood Control District..... \$ 2,000,000.00
- (j) To assist the City of Winona in paying the costs associated with the construction and replacement of historic clock tower..... \$ 100,000.00
- (k) To assist the City of Leakesville in paying the costs associated with infrastructure upgrades \$ 500,000.00
- (l) To assist the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation for infrastructure Upgrades \$ 500,000.00
- (m) To assist the Town of Sumrall in paying the costs associated with Phase II of Sportsplex..... \$ 600,000.00
- (n) To assist Rankin County in paying the costs associated with improvements to Andrew Chapel Road \$ 1,000,000.00
- (o) To assist the City of Brandon in paying the costs associated with its downtown revitalization project \$ 1,250,000.00
- (p) To assist the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District in paying the costs associated with

Dredging \$ 500,000.00
(q) To assist Rankin County in paying the costs associated with improvements to Gunter Road \$ 750,000.00
(r) To assist City of Picayune in paying the costs associated with police station repairs \$ 500,000.00
(s) To assist the City of Vicksburg in paying the costs associated with the Levee Street Road Truck Route..... \$ 5,000,000.00
(t) To assist Hinds Community College in paying the costs associated with the Maritime Center \$ 1,000,000.00
(u) To assist the Warren County Port Commission in paying the costs associated with conducting a port study \$ 325,000.00
(v) To assist the Mississippi State University in paying the costs associated with construction/improvements of Kinesiology Building \$ 5,000,000.00
(w) To assist the City of Marks in paying the costs associated with renovations to the City Hall \$ 300,000.00
(x) To assist the City of Scooba in paying the costs associated with renovation of a baseball field \$ 30,000.00
(y) To assist the Perry County in paying the costs associated with extension of natural gas line \$ 1,000,000.00
(z) To assist Leflore County in paying the costs associated with the construction of an Emmett Till Monument..... \$ 150,000.00
(aa) To assist the City of Pearl in paying the costs associated with Intermodal Connector..... \$ 2,000,000.00
(bb) To assist the City of Forest in paying the costs associated with paving and infrastructure \$ 300,000.00
(cc) To assist Newton County in paying the costs associated with the paving of entrance into Mississippi State Veterans Cemetery \$ 150,000.00
(dd) To assist the City of Hernando in paying the costs associated with repairs to its streets \$ 250,000.00
(ee) To assist Sandcreek Wastewater Authority in paying the costs associated with the construction of a new wastewater facility in Northeast Mississippi..... \$ 1,000,000.00
(ff) To assist Lee County in paying the costs associated with land acquisition for the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department..... \$ 50,000.00
(gg) To assist the City of Madison in paying the costs associated with construction of a road to Madison City Centre \$ 500,000.00
(hh) To assist the City of Southaven in paying the costs associated with repairs to its streets \$ 350,000.00
(ii) To assist the City of Farmington in paying the costs associated with police station upgrades \$ 150,000.00
(jj) To assist the City of Purvis in paying

the costs associated with the construction of a
new city hall..... \$ 700,000.00
(kk) To assist the City of Greenville in
paying the costs associated with downtown park
improvements..... \$ 500,000.00
(ll) To assist the University of Southern
Mississippi – Ocean Enterprise..... \$ 2,500,000.00
(mm) To assist Chickasaw County in paying
the costs associated with renovations to the
courthouse \$ 350,000.00
(nn) To assist Lauderdale County in paying
the costs associated with reconstruction of the
Long Creek Reservoir Dam \$ 300,000.00
(oo) To assist City of Rolling Fork in
paying the costs associated with Civic and Event
Center improvements \$ 200,000.00
(pp) To assist the Yazoo County in paying the
costs associated with the Health Department \$ 100,000.00
(qq) To assist the City of Pass Christian in
paying the costs associated with the Pass Christian
Downtown Redevelopment Initiative..... \$ 500,000.00
(rr) To assist the City of Holly Springs in
paying the costs associated with the repair of Cuba
Street and Hill Street \$ 600,000.00
(ss) To assist the City of Magnolia in
paying the costs associated with infrastructure
upgrades \$ 250,000.00
(tt) To assist Department of Finance and
Administration in paying the costs associated with
the LeFleur's Bluff Master Plan..... \$ 100,000.00
(uu) To assist the Town of Lula, Mississippi,
in paying costs associated with park improvements..... \$ 75,000.00
(vv) To assist in paying costs associated
with the purchase of a fire truck for the Cairo
Volunteer Fire Department in Prentiss County,
Mississippi..... \$ 100,000.00
(ww) To assist the Town of Centreville,
Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair,
upgrades and improvements to the town's electrical
system and related infrastructure..... \$ 25,000.00
(xx) To assist the City of Scooba, Mississippi,
in paying costs associated with making improvements
to sports and athletic fields and related facilities
in the City of Scooba. \$ 50,000.00
(yy) To assist the Nanih Waiya Water Association
in paying costs associated with painting the
association's water tank..... \$ 50,000.00
(zz) To assist in paying costs associated with
acquisition of a digital hand printing machine for the
Neshoba County Sheriff's Department..... \$ 30,000.00
(aaa) To assist in paying costs associated with
construction, furnishing and equipping of the Tibbee
Development Club, Inc., community center in West Point, Mississippi. \$ 50,000.00
(bbb) To assist the Town of Mathiston,
Mississippi, in paying costs associated with
construction, repair, renovation, upgrades and
improvements to the town's baseball park and related
facilities. \$ 50,000.00
(ccc) To assist in paying costs associated with

repair and renovation of the VFW building in the Town of Eupora, Mississippi. \$ 25,000.00
 (ddd) To assist the Town of Ashland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to Veterans Park in the Town of Ashland. \$ 50,000.00
 (eee) To assist the City of McComb, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck. \$ 250,000.00
 (fff) To be deposited into the Ross Barnett Reservoir Dredging Fund. \$ 200,000.00
 (ggg) To assist the City of Ellisville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck. \$ 150,000.00
 (hhh) To assist the Town of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department. \$ 75,000.00
 (iii) To assist the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department. \$ 75,000.00
 (jjj) To assist the Town of Dumas, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department. \$ 50,000.00
 (kkk) To assist the Town of Falkner, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department. \$ 75,000.00
 (lll) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Gravestown Volunteer Fire Department in Tippah County, Mississippi. \$ 25,000.00
 (mmm) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department in Tippah County, Mississippi. \$ 25,000.00
 (nnn) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Spout Springs Volunteer Fire Department in Tippah County, Mississippi. \$ 25,000.00
 (ooo) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Three Forks Volunteer Fire Department in Tippah County, Mississippi. \$ 25,000.00
 (ppp) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Dry Creek Volunteer Fire Department in Tippah County, Mississippi. \$ 25,000.00
 (qqq) To assist Ripley Main Street Association in paying costs associated with various projects. \$ 50,000.00
 (rrr) To assist the Ripley Arts Council in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Dixie Theater in the City of Ripley. \$ 25,000.00
 (sss) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department in Prentiss County, Mississippi. \$ 100,000.00
 (ttt) To assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Mississippi Craft Center. \$ 100,000.00
 (uuu) To provide funds for the GRAMMY® Museum Mississippi for use as matching funds for infrastructure and infrastructure related purposes and other

purposes.	\$ 2,500,000.00
(vvv) To assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades to buildings and facilities for the Edwards Volunteer Fire Department.	\$ 100,000.00
(www) To assist in paying costs associated with repair, upkeep and maintenance of streets in the Town of Sardis	\$ 150,000.00
(xxx) To assist in paying costs associated with repair, upkeep and maintenance of streets in the Town of Como	\$ 150,000.00
(yyy) To the Mississippi Department of Education for use in the Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program	\$ 1,000,000.00
(zzz) To assist the City of Jackson with capitol improvements at the JH Fewell Water Treatment Plant for corrosion control, plant generator and filter replacement	\$ 3,000,000.00
(aaaa) To assist Kipling Water Association for a running water line Creating a running water line from Mitch Mosely Camp House down a logging road to nearby local community to provide adequate water to residents \$ 300,000.00	
(bbbb) To assist the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Center in Ruleville, Mississippi	\$ 1,500,000.00
(cccc) For the paving of sidewalks on beaches in Ocean Springs, Mississippi	\$ 1,000,000.00
(dddd) For the maintenance of facilities at Long Beach High School	\$ 500,000.00
(eeee) For maintenance and repair of the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center in Ocean Springs, Mississippi	\$ 500,000.00
(ffff) For improvements and development of Town Commons in Gautier, Mississippi	\$ 1,000,000.00
(gggg) To assist the Department of Finance and Administration with the purchase of the real property and any improvement thereon, located in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, as authorized by Chapter 405, Laws of 2018, demolition of buildings and other structures on such property, and construction of additional facilities on such property for the Mississippi Fairground Complex and for purchasing other personal property as allowed by statute \$10,200,000.00	
(hhhh) For roof repair and replacement of the VFW in Eupora, Mississippi	\$ 25,000.00
(iiii) For the repair and maintenance of the Ballpark in Mathiston, Mississippi	\$ 50,000.00
(jjjj) To assist the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks in paying the costs associated with park enhancements	\$ 3,500,000.00
(kkkk) To assist George County with intersection upgrades at Highway 98 and Old Highway 63	\$ 400,000.00
(llll) For repaving of the Jones County Industrial Park	\$ 913,800.00
(mmmm) To assist Department of Finance and Administration in paying the costs associated with the following:	
(1) Space optimization	\$ 1,500,000.00
(2) Capitol Site	\$ 3,000,000.00

(3) Ladner Building renovation \$ 250,000.00
(4) Statewide Critical \$ 5,000,000.00
(5) War Memorial \$ 5,000,000.00
(6) Capitol Complex \$ 2,000,000.00
(7) National Guard \$ 5,000,000.00
(8) Department of Health \$ 6,000,000.00
(9) Mississippi School for Blind & Deaf \$ 1,000,000.00
(10) Department of Health - Clean Water \$ 3,200,000.00
(11) Mississippi School for the Arts \$ 1,000,000.00
(12) Mississippi School for Math and
Science \$ 1,000,000.00
(nnnn) To assist with the purchase of a fire
truck for Madison County Board of Supervisors for
the Madison County Super Site \$ 750,000.00
(oooo) To assist the City of Canton for flood
control projects \$ 250,000.00
(pppp) To assist Issaquena County Board of
Supervisors with road improvements and maintenance \$ 150,000.00

SECTION 29. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 30. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021, except for Section 27 shall be enacted from and after passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Karl Oliver

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for expenses of the Executive Department, being the Governor's office and staff, and for expenses incidental to the proper operation of the Governor's Mansion and residence of the Governor for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 2,657,214.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Governor's office for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Executive Department, being the Governor's office and staff, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 666,555.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	38
Part Time	1	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	7
Part Time	0	

Any escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Department shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds

as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BEING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND STAFF, AND FOR EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO THE PROPER OPERATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION AND RESIDENCE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Richard Bennett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

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Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice. Total-1.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 21,620,702.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Development Authority or the appropriate special fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 146,088,496.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	212
Part Time	2	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	56
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Global Business	
National recruitment contacts	1,000
International investment contracts	1,800
International trade contacts	1,000
Qualified national prospects	225
Return on investment (ROI)	10.00
Number of new businesses - Global contacts	15
Number of new jobs from Global contacts	3,000
Minority & Small Business Dev	
Minority & Small Business contacts	8,000
Minority Business certification applications processed	150
Technical assistance to disadvantaged contacts	2,300
State contracting with Minority Businesses (\$)	45,000,000.00
Financial Resources	
Requests for financing or incentives	250
Existing Industry & Business	
Interactions with interested businesses	2,500
Number of qualified contacts	750
Number of expansions	30
Jobs created from expansions	3,000
Energy	
Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Direct Contacts	12,000
Community Services	
Awarded Grants and Loans for Community and Economic Development (\$)	50,000,000.00
Number of grants and loans awarded	100
Support Services	
Administration as a percent of Total Budget	9.50
Tourism	
Number of tourist inquiries generated	37,875
Number of visitors per year	25,000,000
Travel Revenue (Billions)	6.80
Welcome Centers	
Tourist Registered (Persons)	2,226,000

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) shall be provided from the Mississippi Department of Transportation to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority in operating the state welcome centers.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, the amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$4,876,298.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for the purpose of supporting Mississippi Tourism Advertising and Promotion for Fiscal Year 2022, and shall not be expended for any type of cultural exchange program. Of the funds appropriated herein and allocated within this section, Two Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Dollars (\$299,000.00) is provided for Tourism Grant Development Awards.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature."

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Areas.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for such purposes as follows:

Skills Foundation of Mississippi	\$ 400,000.00
Mississippi Book Festival	\$ 50,000.00

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds shall be provided to the MDA Site Development Grant Program Fund and are for the purpose of making grants to assist eligible entities with site development and site infrastructure.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority is hereby authorized to escalate, budget, and expend funds from any source not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall submit a notification of any General Fund Transfers out of the major category Subsidies into any other major categories to the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Twenty Thousand Twenty-five Dollars (\$20,025.00) shall be provided for the support of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) shall be transferred to Innovate Mississippi.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) is provided for the Energy High School Academy, established by Senate Bill 2928, 2019 Regular Session.

SECTION 19. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Air Service Development Act, as authorized in SB 2977, 2020

Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022
\$ 321,579.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty-two Million Seven Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Dollars (\$52,793,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as created in Section 57-119-1, Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds are provided for projects as outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, for assistance to local units of government, nongovernmental organizations, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, ports, airports, public-private partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit entities and local economic development entities. These funds will be reappropriated each year until the project is completed.

Of the funds appropriated in this section the following sums are provided for projects:

- (a) To assist the Mississippi State University Mississippi Cyber Center \$ 13,500,000.00
- (b) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi Ocean Enterprise \$ 4,500,000.00.
- (c) To assist Stone County Board of Supervisors with the Piney Wood Pellet Mill road, rail and bypass \$ 2,500,000.00.
- (d) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission for Phase I of a planned 3-phase project of downtown redevelopment to be used on a public use project so as to leverage public and private investment. \$ 2,500,000.00.
- (e) To assist the City of Ocean Springs and the OHOS Development LLC with a Public/Private Development..... \$ 6,000,000.00.
- (f) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment with downtown revitalization project..... \$ 3,000,000.00.
- (g) To assist Long Beach High School with the Long Beach High School Career and Technical Education Center..... \$ 2,500,000.00.
- (h) To assist the City of Diamondhead with the Town Center District – Commercial District Project \$ 2,000,000.00.
- (i) To assist Stone County School District with the Stone County High School Career and Technical Education Center..... \$ 3,200,000.00.
- (j) To assist Hancock County Port and Hanger Assault Landing Strip \$ 2,500,000.00.
- (k) To assist the City of Gulfport with the Forest Heights Project..... \$ 2,100,000.00.
- (l) To assist the City of Moss Point with the Interstate 10 Frontage Roads, North and South \$ 2,000,000.00.
- (m) To assist the City of Picayune with the

Friendship Park Revitalization Project	\$ 1,900,000.00.
(n) To assist Pearl River Community College	
PRCC Aviation Aerospace Academy	\$ 1,900,000.00.
(o) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with the Court Street Parking facility, expansion and improvements	\$ 1,000,000.00.
(p) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum with Phase 3 and Phase 4	\$ 636,000.00.
(q) To assist the City of Lucedale with Ventura Drive Improvements	\$ 577,000.00.
(r) To assist George County with the Scott Road Project, widening and infrastructure	\$ 480,000.00.

SECTION 21. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in SB 2977, 2020 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$59,687,545.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section, the following sums are provided for projects recommended by the department and projects that meet the criteria outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

- (a) To assist the City of Gautier
with the Gautier Town Center Development \$ 3,500,000.00.
- (b) To assist Power Dynamics Innovations,
LLC with Equipment and Facility Upgrades \$ 1,550,000.00.
- (c) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis
with the Old Town Police Department \$ 1,000,000.00.
- (d) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis
with the Old Town Depot Revitalization
District \$ 1,500,000.00.
- (e) To assist the City of Diamondhead
with the Commercial District Transformation
Project \$ 1,500,000.00.
- (f) To assist the Stone County School
District with the Stone County High School
Career and Technical Education Center \$ 3,200,000.00.
- (g) To assist the University of Southern
Mississippi with the Ocean Enterprise Phase I \$ 7,000,000.00.
- (h) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum
Creative Complex Phase I and begin Phase II \$ 750,000.00.
- (i) To assist the City of Ocean Springs
and the OHOS Development LLC with a
Public/Private Development \$ 2,000,000.00.
- (j) To assist the Gulfport School with
a STEM Exploration Lab \$ 100,000.00.
- (k) To assist the City of Biloxi with
downtown revitalization at the Saenger Theater \$ 2,000,000.00.
- (l) To assist Hancock County Port and
Harbor Commission with the multi-user
aero strip at Stennis Airport \$ 2,500,000.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following sums are provided for projects that meet the criteria outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

- (a) To assist Harrison County with
the Harrison County Law Enforcement
Training Academy \$ 3,000,000.00.
- (b) To assist George Regional Health System

with a multi-specialty medical office complex \$ 2,157,035.00.
(c) To assist George Regional Health System
with a cafeteria expansion and renovation \$ 1,080,510.00.
(d) To assist Mississippi State University
with the Mississippi Cyber Center \$ 3,500,000.00.
(e) To assist the Port of Pascagoula
with the North Rail Connector \$ 6,600,000.00.
(f) To assist Jackson County Economic
Development Foundation with site development and
related support of a defense supplier \$ 1,400,000.00.
(g) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment
Authority with the Innovation Center \$ 1,000,000.00.
(h) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment
Authority with the City Center \$ 4,000,000.00.
(i) To assist the Institute for Marine
Mammal Studies with Educational Classrooms
and Dorms \$ 3,000,000.00.
(j) To assist the City of Pass Christian
with redevelopment and revitalization \$ 750,000.00.
(k) To assist the City of Long Beach
with development and revitalization \$ 2,000,000.00.
(l) To assist the city of Long Beach
with the Quarles House \$ 2,000,000.00.
(m) To assist George County with a rail connection project:
(1) George County rail and highway
improvements for Enviva project \$ 1,600,000.00.
(2) Mississippi Export Railroad for
the Enviva project \$ 1,000,000.00.

SECTION 22. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise
appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing
the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in SB 2977, 2020 Regular
Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022
\$5,500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section,
in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30,
2021.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are provided for
the following programs:

(a) For the Mississippi Development Authority
and the Air Service Development Incentive
Program \$2,500,000.00.

(b) For the Mississippi Development Authority
and the Quality of Place Incentives Program \$3,000,000.00.

Of these funds, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the
development of a South Mississippi defense and space industry strategy for small
companies to compete for defense related contracts to include government, industry and
academia.

SECTION 23. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise
appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing
the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in SB 2977, 2020 Regular
Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022
\$500,000.00.

These funds are provided for Mississippi Development Authority's
administrative expenses as outlined in Section 57-119-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. Prior
to expending any funds in this section, the Mississippi Development Authority shall
implement a project management system that provides for full tracking and reporting of
the amounts appropriated, reappropriated and expended for each project funded by the

Gulf Coast Restoration Fund in this act. The Mississippi Development Authority shall provide quarterly reports on the status of these projects to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration. The Mississippi Development Authority shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a detailed report and other such related information on each project's expenditures with the subsequent fiscal year's budget submission.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority may provide operational support to any park operated by the United States National Park Service in Mississippi during the event of a government shutdown that materially affects the operations of such park.

SECTION 25. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 26. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Brice Wiggins
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Huddleston. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 12,137,258.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 15,673,069.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	97
Part Time	0	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	13
Part Time	0	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval

from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 4. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Office of the Secretary of State that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 5. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy, or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of the civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; provided that when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the Secretary of State may use funds appropriated for the purposes of defraying litigation expenses associated with the enforcement of the Mississippi Securities Act, the Regulation of Charitable Solicitations Act, and the administration of the Public Trust.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Business Services	
Answer at Least 95% of Business Services Customer Phone Calls	95.00
Elections	
Poll Workers to Successfully Complete the Online Training Program (Number of)	82
Voter Registrations Updated via Secure Online Website (Number of)	50
Poll Workers who Successfully Complete the Online Poll Manager Training on their First Attempt (%)	60.00
Publications	
Visits to the Secretary of State's Website (Number of)	11,000,000
Public Lands	
Tax-Forfeited Properties Sold (Number of)	500

Support Services

Support Services as a Percentage of

Total Agency Expenditures (%) 27.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided for paying principal and interest on bond issues for county voting systems.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Land Records Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of making distributions to local governments for taxes owed during the fiscal year.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Elections Support Fund, for the purpose of acquiring, upgrading, maintaining, or repairing voting equipment, systems, and supplies, hiring temporary technical support, conducting elections using such voting equipment or systems and training election officials during the fiscal year.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Eleven Million Two Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$11,226,497.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Trust Tidelands Fund, and is authorized to be transferred by the Secretary of State to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Secretary of State for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in SB 2974, 2020 Regular Session, to provide matching funds for a statewide voting administration program under the Help America Vote Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 950,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Secretary of State for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in SB 2974, 2020 Regular Session, to provide funds for 3 year support renewals for site hosting, storage, and digital security infrastructure, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 150,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2021.

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Bart Williams

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, Crawford, Ford, K, Guice, Owen, Summers. Total-6.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying service charges to banks for acting as agents of the State of Mississippi in paying bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the state, this appropriation to be available from the effective date of this act until such bonds shall be paid or until June 30, 2022, whichever shall first occur; and for the purpose of paying

maturing bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2022 \$ 439,069,629.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury which is comprised of special source funds and interest earnings on bond proceeds for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2022

\$ 30,514,951.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to expend any money in the State Treasury which is comprised of special source funds and interest earnings on bond proceeds for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the revenue bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2022 \$ 35,618,100.00.

SECTION 4. The several items covering maturing bonds and interest as evidenced by coupons on the bonds shall be paid out of the State Treasury as and when provided by law and according to the schedule of interest payments in the several issues of full faith and credit bonds or revenue bonds on which principal and interest is due and payable between the dates of July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend any excess funds which become available from interest earnings on bond proceeds or from loan repayments received pursuant to bond documents. Such funds shall be escalated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 hereof, the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is herein appropriated for paying bank service charges. Itemized statements of banks making service charges shall be attached to requisitions of the State Treasurer.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGES TO BANKS FOR ACTING AS AGENTS OF THE STATE IN PAYING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS AND INTEREST OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT UNTIL SUCH BONDS SHALL BE PAID OR UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022, WHICHEVER SHALL FIRST OCCUR; AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF MATURING BONDS AND INTEREST ON THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FALLING DUE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2022.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott,

Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Porter, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees, judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the Attorney General for the period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 1,102,066.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following amounts are provided:

(a) State of Mississippi v. Dale Partners Architects P.A.; Earl Walls Associates aka NTH, Inc.; Eldridge & Associates; Environmental Management Plus; in the Circuit Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, Civil Action Number 14-666

\$ 31,449.00.

(b) Settlement between the United States Environmental Protection Agency and State of Mississippi; Chemfax Inc., Superfund Site, Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi, Site/Spill ID Number: 04JF, CERCLA ID Number: MSD008154486, Settlement Agreement for the Recovery of Response Costs, Docket No. CERCLA-04-2014-3756

\$ 17,492.00.

(c) Express Oil Change, LLC and TE, LLC d/b/a Tire Engineers v. Mississippi State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, et al. 3:16cv414-HTW-LRA

\$ 192,533.00.

(d) Mann Agency, LLC v. Mississippi Department of Public Safety Claimant \$ 43,672.00.

(e) Joseph Thomas. Vernon Avers. and Melvin Lawson v. Tate Reeves Civil Action No. 3:18-cv-00441-CWR-FKB (S.D. Miss)

\$ 401,920.00.

(f) Larry Ruffin Estate v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Forrest County, Mississippi, Claimant No. CI-11-0238

\$ 50,000.00.

(g) Jimmie Bass v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Bolivar County, Mississippi, Claimant No. 2011-0009

\$ 50,000.00.

(h) Rolland Glen Anderson v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, Claimant No. 251-09-640CIV

\$ 50,000.00.

(i) Tyler Edmonds v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, Cause No. 2009-0457-CV

\$ 50,000.00.

(j) Natasha Orlantha Stewart v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, Civil Action No. 25C11:17-cv-00349 \$ 50,000.00.

(k) Curtis Flowers v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Mississippi, Case No. 1:20-cv-00150

\$ 50,000.00.

(l) Curtis Flowers v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Mississippi, Case No. 1:20-cv-00150 (attorney fees) \$ 50,000.00.

(m) Harvill Payne Richardson, Circuit Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, Cause No. A2402-2020-87 \$ 50,000.00.

(n) Harvill Payne Richardson, Circuit Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, Cause No. A2402-2020-87 00150 (attorney fees)

\$ 15,000.00.

SECTION 2. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees, judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the Attorney General for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 751,735.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following amounts are provided:

(a) Olivia Y., et al v. Phil Bryant, as Governor of the State of Mississippi and the Department of Human Services, United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson Division, Cause No.3:03cv251(L)(N) \$ 62,500.00.

(b) Amos et al. v. Taylor et al. 20-cv-00007-DMB-JMV (N.D. Miss); Lang, et al. v. Cain, et al., 4:20-cv-030-DMB RP (N.D. Miss); Brittany Waddell, et al. v. Taylor, et al., Civil Action No. 3:20-cv-340-TSL-RHW (S.D. Miss.) \$ 509,519.00.

(c) Jackson Women's Health Organization et al v. Dobbs et al., 3:18-cv-00171-CWR-FKB (S.D. Miss) \$ 75,000.00.

(d) United States v. State of Mississippi, 3:16-cv-622-CWR-FKB (S.D. Miss) \$ 83,794.00.

(e) Special Master as Required by Order of the Federal Court regarding United States v. State of Mississippi 3:16-cv-00622-CWR-FKS (S.D. Miss) \$ 10,000.00.

(f) IRS Representation vs State Agencies \$ 10,922.00.

SECTION 3. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 8,225,975.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying medical program expenses.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 5,310,823.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying regional facilities expenses.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 5,507,734.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying private prison facility expenses.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 2,626,170.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying local confinement facility expenses.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 1,522,743.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying expenses of an additional Highway Patrol Trooper School class.

SECTION 8. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 375,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying the expenses for special judge appointments.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Veterans' Affairs Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 5,250,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying agency operational expenses.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Wireless Communication Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 331,057.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying expenses of contractual obligations for system maintenance.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 6,818,328.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of providing funding to the Disaster Trust Fund.

SECTION 12. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Department of Mental Health and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 20,000,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying agency operational expenses.

SECTION 13. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021

\$ 700,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of providing services to support state agencies as needed.

SECTION 14. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Secretary of State and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021

\$ 267,479.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying agency operational expenses.

SECTION 15. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021

\$ 76,120.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying agency operational expenses.

SECTION 16. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021

\$ 124,370.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying agency operational expenses.

SECTION 17. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Department of Revenue and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Department of Revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021

\$ 554,193.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying agency operational expenses.

SECTION 18. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021

\$ 199,710,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of providing additional federal matching funds for mandated Medicaid medical services.

SECTION 19. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021

\$ 15,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of providing spending authority for a non-federal grant received for disease control to purchase equipment.

SECTION 20. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the State Board of Medical Licensure and allocated in a manner as determined by the

Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the State Board of Medical Licensure for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 \$ 75,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying agency operational expenses.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL EXPENSE FUNDS, AND SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND FISCAL YEAR 2022; THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; MISSISSIPPI STATE SUPREME COURT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Barnett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Oliver, Owen, Rushing, Williamson. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Bell, D, Crudup, Felsher, Guice, Hood, Horan, Horne, Roberson, Scott, White. Total-11.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Hood called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law and defraying the expenses of the administration of such law, as provided in Section 43-13-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 836,685,748.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Medical Care Fund created by Section 43-13-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 366,702,314.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Division, for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law and defraying the expenses of the administration of such law, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 5,301,794,134.00.

Prior period recovery of funds may be maintained and expended by the division when the recovery is received or finalized. Any recoveries due to audits or third party recoveries may be used to offset the cost of such audits and third party recoveries and as such, the division may escalate Contractual Services as needed for these purposes.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 63,230,003.00.

The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

CHIP Program at up to 209% level of poverty \$ 9,000,000.00.

Medical Program Matching Funds \$ 54,230,003.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that funds may be shifted among the above allocated line items where needed at the discretion of the Executive Director of Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: Full Time 979

Part Time 9

Time-Limited: Full Time 23

Part Time 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the

Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process with the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) being separated from the Medical Services Program and submitted as a separate program. All Medicaid 1915 (C) Home and Community Based Services Waivers shall be presented as a budget program separate from the Medical Services Program. In addition, the performance measures reported for the Medical Services Program shall include an unduplicated case count of individuals served by eligibility status, and the number and the costs of emergency room visits.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the

intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2022 Target
Administrative Services	
Admin as a % of Total Budget	4.23
Third Party Liability Cost Avoided (\$Thou)	1,355,362.00
% of Clean Claims Processed within 30 days of receipt	99.50
% of Clean Claims Processed within 90 days of receipt	100.00
Applications Processed within Std. of Promptness (%) - Medicaid	90.00
Third Party Funds Recovered	5,589,080.00
Providers Submitting Electronic Claims	31,500
Turnover Rate of Employees	15.00
Medical Services	
Medicaid Recipients - Enrolled (Persons)	682,500
% MSCAN Diabetic members aged 17-75 receiving HBA1c test	87.99
% Change in number of recipients enrolled from last year	0.37
% Change in number of providers from last year	-4.71
% MSCAN members with persistent asthma are appropriately prescribed medication	52.00
Costs of Emergency Room Visits (\$)	174,421,422.00
Number of Emergency Room Visits	626,368
Rate of EPSDT well child screening	75.00
Child Physical Exams (ages 0-20)	300,352
Adult Physical Exams (21-older)	2,919
Number of Fraud and Abuse Cases Investigated	250
Number of Medicaid Providers	36,893
Number of Medicaid beneficiaries assigned to a managed care company	450,000
Children's Health Insur Prg (CHIP)	
CHIP Enrollees	48,000
Applications Processed within Std. of Promptness (%) - CHIP	90.00
Home & Comm Based Waiver Prg	
Elderly & Disabled - Persons Served	19,580
Elderly & Disabled - Funded Slots	18,690
Elderly & Disabled - Total Authorized Slots	21,900
(E&D) Change in persons on waiting list (%)	10.00
Assisted Living - Persons Served	690
Assisted Living - Funded Slots	659
Assisted Living - Total Authorized Slots	1,000
(AL) Change in persons on waiting list (%)	10.00
Intellectual Disability - Persons Served	3,150
Intellectual Disability - Funded Slots	2,641
Intellectual Disability - Total Authorized Slots	3,650
(IDD) Change in persons on waiting list (%)	10.00
Independent Living - Persons Served	3,135
Independent Living - Funded Slots	2,993
Independent Living - Total Authorized Slots	5,725
(IL) Change in persons on waiting list (%)	10.00
Traumatic Brain Injury - Persons Served	1,045
Traumatic Brain Injury - Funded Slots	998

Traumatic Brain Injury - Total	
Authorized Slots	3,600
(TBI) Change in persons on waiting list (%)	10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall provide statistical and financial reports on a monthly basis to the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee. These reports shall include, but are not limited to, an accounting of all funds spent in the medical program, the CHIP program, the Dialysis Transportation program, and each of the Home and Community Based Waiver programs, and an accounting of all funds spent in the administrative program, participant statistics and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee.

The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall perform its cash flow projections on a predetermined monthly schedule and make this and any other information requested available, upon request, to the Chair of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, the House Public Health and Human Services Committee, the House and Senate Medicaid Committees, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee. A summary of this cash flow projection shall also be presented in the report referenced in the above paragraph.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act in an amount not to exceed, Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,750,000.00) is provided for the purpose of funding a temporary program to provide nonemergency transportation to locations for necessary dialysis services for end-stage renal disease patients who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older or are disabled as determined under Section 1614(a)(3) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, whose income did not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the nonfarm official poverty level as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and whose eligibility was covered under the former category of eligibility known as Poverty Level Aged and Disabled (PLADS).

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 3, Three Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$398,550.00) General Funds and One Million One Hundred One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,101,450.00) Special Funds are provided for five (5) slots in the Assisted Living Waiver program for persons with Traumatic Brain Injury and in need of Cognitive Rehabilitation. The Division shall develop eligibility criteria for these additional slots.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds appropriated in this act to the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MS-CAN) program be used in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the division. The division and the coordinated care organizations with which the division has contracted to conduct the MS-CAN program shall establish baselines for the health-related outcome measurement for each of the following health focus areas for presentation at the Joint Legislative Budget Committee hearings for Fiscal Year 2022, which will be used as the baseline levels for establishing targets for improvements in quality of care performance measures for the MS-CAN program in Fiscal Year 2022 and later fiscal years:

- a. Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) or successive measure.
- b. Medication Management for People with Asthma (MMA) or successive measure.
- c. Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications (MPM) or successive measure.
- d. Adult BMI Assessment (ABA) and Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC) or successive measure.

In addition, for comparison purposes, these same baselines for the health-related outcome measurements shall be established for similar Medicaid recipients who are not enrolled in the MS-CAN program.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 4, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be allocated to the Delta Health Alliance for the Mississippi Delta Medicaid Population Health Demonstration Project. Funds shall be transferred no later than July 31, 2021. A progress report on the Mississippi Delta Medicaid Population Health Demonstration Project shall be provided by Delta Health Alliance to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Public Health Committees, Senate and House Medicaid Committees and the Senate and House Appropriations Committees on or before December 31, 2021.

As a precondition to receiving such funds, the Delta Health Alliance shall:

- (i) establish a separate account into which funds provided by this section shall be deposited and accounted;
- (ii) establish performance measures that measure the ends to be achieved by each program activity implemented by the Alliance;
- (iii) cooperate with any firm or entity charged with the responsibility of auditing or evaluating the funds or program activities funded by this act;
- (iv) submit to the division on an annual basis reports that provide the following:
 - a) number of persons served by the Alliance;
 - b) amount of funds expended by the Alliance on approved activities;
 - c) names of staff employed by the Alliance by position title and annual salary; and
 - d) names of contractors used by the Alliance to provide services, including the amounts paid and a description of services rendered.

By December 1, 2023, and every three (3) years thereafter, the PEER Committee shall conduct an evaluation of the services provided by the Delta Health Alliance over the same period. In conducting evaluations required by this section, the PEER Committee shall have access to any and all records of the Alliance.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid and the Department of Human Services shall continue to work together to implement HB 1090 of the 2017 Regular Session, known as the "Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

SECTION 15. The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid is authorized to expend funds appropriated herein as necessary to provide currently existing home and community based services through any CMS approved state plan or home and community based services waiver to individuals who qualify for those services to avoid institutionalization or to transition an individual from an institution to any home and community based setting. Provision of such services shall not count against any limit imposed under this act. It is the intention of the Legislature that the cost of providing home and community based services shall not exceed the cost of nursing facility services, as determined by the Division.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an additional Eight Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$805,630.00) over the Division of Medicaid's FY 2021 appropriation is provided to fund additional slots in the Assisted Living Home and Community Based Waiver program and an additional One Million One Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,192,770.00) over the Division of Medicaid's FY 2021 appropriation is provided to fund additional slots in the Elderly and Disabled Home and Community Based Waiver program.

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE-DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID LAW AND DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THAT LAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Joey Hood, Sam C. Mims, V
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Albert Butler
(No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--102.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Faulkner, Karriem, McCray, Scott, Straughter, Taylor, Watson. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne, Mims, Summers. Total--4.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Hood moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1400**: (Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.).

Representative Currie moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1393**: (Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.).

Representative Holloway moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2910**: (Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.).

Representative Scott moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1398**: (Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.).

On request of Rep. Lamar, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2971**:

Unanimous consent of the House and Senate is requested to make the following changes to the Conference Report on Senate Bill No. 2971:

- On Line 4400, insert after "assist" the following: "the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi," and on line 4404, delete "in Madison County, Mississippi" and amend title to conform on lines 69 and 73.
- On line 5608, change "City of Starkville Hospital Road and Stark Road Extension" to "Oktibbeha County Oktoc Road Improvements"
- On lines 5618 through 5620, delete the language starting with "City" up to the period, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Board of Supervisors of Oktibbeha County,

Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Oktoc Road" and amend title to conform on lines 92 through 94.

- On line 5790, insert after the last comma, "as amended by House Bill No. 1230, 2021 Regular Session," and amend title to conform on line 95.

- On lines 5795, 5799, 5804 and 5813, insert after "state" the following: ", including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state,"

- On line 5811, insert after the comma the following: "including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state,"

- Delete lines 6075 through 6078, delete "1." on line 6060, and revert technical changes on lines 6068, 6071 and 6074. Amend the title to conform by deleting the language beginning with "TO EXPAND" on line 120 through the semicolon on line 123.

- On lines 7815, 7824 and 7826, change "Bruce" to "Vardaman" and amend title to conform on line 172.

- On lines 8009, 8018 and 8020, change "Bruce" to "Calhoun City" and amend title to conform on line 176.

- On line 8801, insert "in paying costs associated with" after "to assist" and amend title on line 188 by deleting "JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,"

- On line 11541, insert before the period the following: ", with no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) being used for Northgate Park, and no more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) being used for Lake Hico Park"

- On line 12500, insert "Fund" after "Bozeman Road"

- On line 12509, insert after "assist" the following: "the Board of Supervisors of" and on lines 12510 and 12511, delete "in Madison County" and insert in lieu thereof the following: ", beginning at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 463 and proceeding north" and amend the title to conform on lines 258 and 259.

- On line 14435 insert after "Mississippi," the following: "and Choctaw County, Mississippi," and amend the title on line 298 to conform.

- On line 14437 insert after "Webster" the word "County" and amend the title on line 300 to conform.

- On line 18712 insert a space between "Hooper" and "Mill"

- On lines 22851 and 22852, delete "Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)"

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 525: Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

Rep. Horan moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 64: Holmes County Central High School Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 65: Holmes County Central High School Lady Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon finishing runner-up for Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 66: Honorable Judith "Judy" Hall McLeod; commend distinguished career as Ward 2 Alderwoman for the City of Louisville upon her retirement.

H. R. No. 67: Don Kessinger; congratulate upon occasion of the retirement of his jersey number by the University of Mississippi.

H. R. No. 68: MS Tails N' Scales program; recognize as best scientific information available for monitoring red snapper catch and effort in MS.

H. R. No. 69: Billy "Jackie" F. Miller; mourn loss and commemorate the life of.

H. R. No. 70: Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi; commend for its outstanding and compassionate works in granting wishes of terminally ill MS children.

H. R. No. 71: Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency; support and oppose new federal regulations on.

H. R. No. 72: Mayor Leo "Chipper" McDermott; congratulate upon retirement and commend for exceptional service.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 73: Tishomingo County High School Cheerleading Squad; commend for winning the 2020 MHSAA State Cheerleading Championship.

H. R. No. 74: Coahoma Community High School Boys Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 75: Coahoma Community College Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning North District Championship.

H. R. No. 76: Lumberton High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship.

H. R. No. 77: Popp's Ferry Elementary School; commend for receiving the 2020 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

H. R. No. 78: Long Beach High School Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 79: Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend upon winning first-ever Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 80: Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 2-9, 2021, as week of observance of in Mississippi.

H. R. No. 81: Alan Dedeaux; congratulate upon the occasion of retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 82: Superintendent Roy Gill; congratulate on the occasion of retirement from the Harrison County School District.

H. R. No. 83: Reverend Gerald F. Sawyer; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 84: Joe Robinson; commend esteemed career of service with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon his retirement.

H. R. No. 85: Lieutenant Jerry "Ten Speed" Boyd; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement from the Corinth Police Department.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1335: Lincoln County; include food sold at county's civic center as retail merchandise when processing electronic payments for such merchandise.

H. B. No. 1350: City of Ripley; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tax.

H. B. No. 1434: Tallahatchie County; authorize contributions to Mid-State Opportunity, Inc.

H. B. No. 1438: City of Petal; authorize a tax on hotels, motels, bars and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

H. B. No. 1453: City of Booneville; extend date of repeal on city's hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

H. B. No. 1465: Town of Mize; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

H. B. No. 1466: Oxford Municipal Reserve and Trust Fund; make technical correction concerning certain internal reference within.

H. B. No. 1479: City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1482: City of Indianola; extend repeal date on tourism commission and hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1483: City of Senatobia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1487: City of Vicksburg; authorize to execute certain agreement to make contributions to Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Foundation.

H. B. No. 1490: Coahoma County; authorize contributions to Tri-County Workforce Alliance.

H. B. No. 1491: Coahoma County; authorize contributions to the Family and Youth Opportunities, Inc.

H. B. No. 1493: Jackson County; revise duties of civil service commission for sheriff's department relating to certain personnel matters.

H. B. No. 1497: Jackson County; direct contributions to Management and Operations for the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts and Education.

H. B. No. 1498: Holmes County; authorize contributions to P.E.A.R.L.S. Mentoring for Girls, Inc.

H. B. No. 1499: Holmes County; authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

H. B. No. 1500: Holmes County; authorize transfer of funds/property from defunct county economic development authority to county economic development district.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2539: Hinds County; authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities.

S. B. No. 3072: Lafayette County; change governing law for county trust fund investments from PERS to MS Uniform Prudent Investor Act.

S. B. No. 3080: City of Vicksburg; authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance.

S. B. No. 3087: Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1495: Tallahatchie County; authorize leasing of certain water well to City of Charleston.

H. B. No. 1529: Town of Como; extend repealer on authority to impose tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 86: New Site High School Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship.

H. R. No. 88: Oak Grove High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 4: Representative Gary Chism; commend dedicated legislative career and public service upon his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 44: Sara Barrett Harvey Roberts; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. C. R. No. 46: Bishop Joseph Roscoe Campbell, Jr.; commend for service to his church and community.

H. C. R. No. 47: Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; recognize April 2021 as.

H. C. R. No. 48: Alcorn State University; commend and congratulate upon its 150th year anniversary.

H. C. R. No. 49: Eris Knott; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates.

H. C. R. No. 50: Wayne Ulrich; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates.

H. C. R. No. 51: Jamie Cooper; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates.

H. C. R. No. 52: Bobby Rush; congratulate upon winning his second Grammy Award for Best Traditional Blues Album.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 53: 2021 "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the Capitol"; observe virtually on May 6, 2021.

H. C. R. No. 54: Noah Harris; commend for being elected as Harvard University's First African-American student body president.

H. C. R. No. 55: Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020.

H. C. R. No. 56: Native Plant Appreciation Week; recognize observance of on April 19-25, 2021.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jean Manning, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert and Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harold Edwin Null, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Maxwell Gainey, and Mary Helen Morgan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Thompson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elois Thompson Rogers, which motion prevailed.

At 8:55 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 30, 2021, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-THIRD DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021

(EIGHTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Mayor George Flaggs, City of Vicksburg.

Mayor George Flaggs led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K,

Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

Representative Bell (65th) introduced Coach Tameka Reed and the Jackson State University Women's Basketball team, Coach Brent and the Jackson State University Men's Basketball team, and SWAC Player of the Year, Ms. Dayzsha Rogan.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 929: Reentry for offenders; bring forward certain sections relating to.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2825: Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.

Adopted: 03/30/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 104: Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county.

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations.

H. B. No. 594: Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark".

H. B. No. 631: Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours.

H. B. No. 1245: MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population.

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

Adopted: 03/29/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning.

Adopted: 03/29/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2435: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries.

S. B. No. 2598: Department of Public Safety; revise licensing.

S. B. No. 2623: Motor vehicle insurance; extend repealer on Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act.

S. B. No. 2624: MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish pilot program using administrative hearing officers.

S. B. No. 2638: Electronic documents; provide recording procedure for counties without electronic-recording capability.

S. B. No. 2839: SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate.

S. B. No. 2872: Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area.

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem tax; provide assessment rate for transformative renewable energy project property designated by the county board.

Adopted: 03/29/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1515: Suffrage; restore to Debra Denise Thomas of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 1520: Suffrage; restore to J.W. Jackson of Panola County.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1174: Department of Corrections; authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 109: State budget; enact and revise various provisions relating to.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 109: Budget process; update various sections relating to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-103-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-103-125. The proposed budget of each state agency shall show the amounts required for operating expenses separately from the amounts required for permanent improvements. The overall budget shall show, separately by each source, the estimated amount of general fund revenue and of special fund revenues of general fund agencies. The total proposed expenditures in Part 1 of the overall budget shall not exceed the amount of estimated revenues that will be available in the general and special funds for appropriation or use during the succeeding fiscal year, including any balances other than unencumbered balances in general funds that will be on hand in the general and special funds at the close of the then current fiscal year. The total proposed expenditures from the State General Fund in Part 1 of the overall budget shall not exceed ninety-eight percent (98%) of the amount of general fund revenue estimate for the succeeding fiscal year. * * * The general fund revenue estimate shall be the estimate jointly adopted by the Governor and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The Legislative Budget Office may

recommend additional taxes or sources of revenue if in its judgment those additional funds are necessary to adequately support the functions of the state government.

SECTION 2. Section 27-103-139, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-103-139. On or before November 15 preceding each regular session of the Legislature, except the first regular session of a new term of office, the Governor shall submit to the members of the Legislature, the Legislative Budget Office or the members-elect, as the case may be, and to the executive head of each state agency a balanced budget for the succeeding fiscal year. The budget submitted shall be prepared in a format that will include performance measurement data associated with the various programs operated by each agency. The total proposed expenditures in the balanced budget shall not exceed the amount of estimated revenues that will be available for appropriation or use during the succeeding fiscal year, including any balances other than unencumbered balances in general funds that will be on hand at the close of the then current fiscal year, as determined by the revenue estimate jointly adopted by the Governor and the Legislative Budget Committee. The total proposed expenditures from the State General Fund in the balanced budget shall not exceed ninety-eight percent (98%) of the amount of general fund revenue estimate for the succeeding fiscal year. * * * The general fund revenue estimate shall be the estimate jointly adopted by the Governor and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

The revenues used in preparing the balanced budget shall be only those revenues that will be available under the general laws of the state as they exist when the balanced budget is prepared, and shall not include any proposed revenues that would become available only after the enactment of new legislation. If the Governor has any recommendations for additional proposed expenditures or proposed revenues that are not included in his balanced budget, he shall submit those recommendations in a supplement that is separate from his balanced budget, and whenever the Governor recommends any such additional proposed expenditures, he also shall recommend proposed revenues that are sufficient to fund the additional proposed expenditures, providing specific details regarding the sources and the total amount of those proposed revenues.

The Governor may employ a budget officer for the purpose of receiving information from the State Fiscal Officer and preparing his recommendations on the budget. If the Governor determines that information received from the State Fiscal Officer is not sufficient to enable him to prepare his budget recommendations, he may request an appropriation from the Legislature to provide additional staff within the Governor's office for that purpose. At the first regular session after his election for Governor, the Governor shall submit any budget recommendations plus the required revenue source recommendations no later than January 31 of that year.

SECTION 3. Section 27-103-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-103-203. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund, separate and apart from any other fund, to be designated the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund.

(2) The Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund shall not be considered as a surplus or available funds when adopting a balanced budget as required by law. The State Treasurer shall invest all sums in the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund not needed for the purposes provided for in this section in certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements and other securities as authorized in Section 27-105-33(d) or Section 7-9-103, as the State Treasurer may determine to yield the highest market rate available. If the Ayers Settlement Fund is created under Section 37-101-27(5), the first Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) of interest earned on those sums each fiscal year shall be deposited into that fund until a total of Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000.00) has been deposited into the fund. The interest, or the remaining interest if the Ayers Settlement Fund is created, that is earned on those sums shall be deposited in the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund until the balance of principal and interest in the fund reaches ten percent (10%) of the total General Fund appropriations for the current fiscal year, and all interest earned in excess of amounts necessary to maintain the ten percent (10%) fund

balance requirement shall be deposited by the State Treasurer into the State General Fund.

(3) The Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund, except for Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) and the amount of the interest and income earned on the principal of the Ayers Endowment Trust created by Section 37-101-27, shall be used by the State Treasurer for cash flow needs throughout the year when the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration certifies that in his opinion there will be cash flow deficiencies in the State General Fund. No borrowing of monies from other special funds for such purposes as authorized by Section 31-17-101 et seq., shall be made as long as an unencumbered balance in excess of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) and the interest and income earned on the principal of the Ayers Endowment Trust created by Section 37-101-27 remains in the fund. The State Treasurer shall reimburse the fund for all sums borrowed for those purposes from General Fund revenues collected during the fiscal year in which those funds are used. The State Treasurer shall immediately notify the Legislative Budget Office and the State Department of Finance and Administration of each transfer into and out of the fund. Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) in the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund shall remain available for exclusive use of the Ayers Endowment Trust created by Section 37-101-27. If the Ayers Settlement Fund is created under Section 37-101-27(5), beginning when a total of Fifty-five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000.00) has been deposited into the fund, for each annual deposit of interest to that fund under subsection (2) of this section, the Ayers Endowment Trust created under Section 37-101-27(1) shall be reduced by an equal amount annually until the Ayers Endowment Trust reaches Zero Dollars (\$0.00), at which time any requirements concerning the Ayers Endowment Trust in this section shall be null and void.

(4) The Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund, except for Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00), shall also be used for the purpose of covering any projected deficits that may occur in the General Fund at the end of a fiscal year as a result of revenue shortfalls. If the Governor determines that a deficit in revenues from all sources may occur, it shall be the duty of the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration to transfer such funds as necessary to the General Fund to alleviate the deficit in accordance with Sections 27-104-13 and 31-17-123; however, not more than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) may be transferred from the fund for that purpose in any one (1) fiscal year * * *.

(5) The Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund also shall be used to provide funds for the Disaster Assistance Trust Fund when those funds are immediately needed to provide for disaster assistance under Sections 33-15-301 through 33-15-317. Any transfer of funds from the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund to the Disaster Assistance Trust Fund shall be made in accordance with the provisions of subsection (5) of Section 33-15-307.

(6) The Department of Finance and Administration shall immediately send notice of any transfers made, or other action taken under authority of this section, to the Legislative Budget Office.

(7) Funds deposited in the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund shall be used only for the purposes specified in this section, and as long as the provisions of this section remain in effect, no other expenditure, appropriation or transfer of funds in the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund shall be made except by act of the Legislature making specific reference to the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund as the source of those funds.

(8) Any funds appropriated from the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall lapse into the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund.

SECTION 4. Section 27-103-211, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-103-211. The total sum appropriated by the Legislature from the State General Fund for any fiscal year shall not exceed ninety-eight percent (98%) of the general fund revenue estimate for that fiscal year developed by the Department of Revenue and the University Research Center and adopted by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The unencumbered balances in general funds that will be available and on

hand at the close of the fiscal year shall not include projected amounts required to be deposited into the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund under Section 27-103-203. * * *

SECTION 5. Section 27-103-213, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-103-213. (1) The unencumbered cash balance in the General Fund in the State Treasury at the close of each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Municipal Revolving Fund, the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund and the Capital Expense Fund in the manner provided in this section * * *.

(2) (a) At the end of each fiscal year, the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Treasurer shall determine the extent of the unencumbered cash balance existing in the General Fund in the State Treasury.

(b) As used in this section, the term "unencumbered cash balance" or "unencumbered General Fund cash balance" means the amount in the State General Fund after deducting all appropriations and other expenditures. However, if the Legislature has authorized additional or deficit appropriations or transfers from the State General Fund for that fiscal year, those amounts shall be subtracted from the unencumbered cash balance in the General Fund before determining the amount available for distribution. The unencumbered General Fund cash balance shall not be determined until after August 31 of each year, and it shall not be made until the State Treasurer has received a certificate in writing from the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, with notification to the Legislative Budget Office, showing the amount of the unencumbered General Fund cash balance.

(3) If any unencumbered General Fund cash balance is available for distribution under this section, the distribution of those funds shall be made by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration in the following order:

(a) To the Municipal Revolving Fund, an amount equal to Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00); however, if the amount of the unencumbered General Fund cash balance is less than Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00), then the total amount of the unencumbered General Fund cash balance shall be distributed to the Municipal Revolving Fund.

(b) To the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund, fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the unencumbered General Fund cash balance after the distributions are made under paragraph (a), not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the General Fund appropriations for the fiscal year that the unencumbered General Fund cash balance represents. For the purposes of this paragraph (b), the appropriations for the fiscal year shall be the total amount contained in the actual appropriation bills passed by the Legislature.

(c) To the Capital Expense Fund, any remaining amount of the unencumbered General Fund cash balance after the distributions are made under paragraphs (a) and (b).

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SECTION 6. Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-103-303. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund, separate and apart from any other fund, to be designated the Capital Expense Fund.

(2) The Capital Expense Fund shall not be considered as a surplus or available funds when adopting a balanced budget as required by law. The State Treasurer shall invest all sums in the Capital Expense Fund not needed for the purposes provided for in this section in certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements and other securities as authorized in Section 27-105-33(d) or Section 7-9-103, as the State Treasurer may determine to yield the highest market rate available. Interest earned on this fund shall be deposited by the State Treasurer into the State General Fund.

(3) The Capital Expense Fund shall be used for capital expense needs, repair and renovation of state-owned properties and specific expenditures authorized by the Legislature. The Legislature shall designate those capital expense projects, repair and renovation projects and other authorized projects in an appropriation act passed by the Legislature, which shall direct the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration to administer the projects.

(4) In addition to the purposes specified in subsection (3) of this section, the Capital Expense Fund shall be used to provide funds for emergency repairs on state-owned buildings *** upon requisition of the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration. Whenever the executive director determines that funds are immediately needed for emergency repairs on state-owned buildings ***, he or she shall requisition the funds needed from the Capital Expense Fund, which shall be subject to the limitations set forth in this subsection. At the same time he or she makes the requisition, the executive director shall notify the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the respective Chairmen of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee and the Legislative Budget Office of his or her determination of the need for the funds, the amount that he or she has requisitioned and where the funds will be used. If the amount requisitioned is available in the Capital Expense Fund, is not allocated for any specific projects as authorized in subsection (3) of this section and is within the limitations set forth below in this subsection, then the executive director may escalate the budget of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management *** to use the full amount of the requisitioned funds for the emergency repairs *** and transfer that amount to the bureau *** for that purpose. If the amount requisitioned is more than the amount available in the Capital Expense Fund or above the limitations set forth below in this subsection, then the executive director may escalate the budget of the bureau *** to use the amount that is available within the limitations for the emergency repairs *** and transfer that amount to the bureau *** for that purpose. The maximum amount that may be transferred from the Capital Expense Fund to the bureau *** for any single emergency shall be One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and the maximum amount that may be transferred to the bureau *** for all emergencies during any fiscal year shall be Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

(5) Funds deposited in the Capital Expense Fund shall be used only for the purposes specified in this section, and as long as the provisions of this section remain in effect, no other expenditure, appropriation or transfer of funds in the Capital Expense Fund shall be made except by act of the Legislature making specific reference to the Capital Expense Fund as the source of those funds.

(6) Unexpended funds in the Capital Expense Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund but shall remain in the fund for use under this section. Any funds appropriated from the Capital Expense Fund that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall lapse into the Capital Expense Fund.

SECTION 7. Section 1 of Chapter 43, Laws of 2020, is amended as follows:

Section 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid and support of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021
*** \$142,948,318.00.

SECTION 8. Section 8 of Chapter 43, Laws of 2020, is amended as follows:

Section 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the public community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance, for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending
June 30, 2021 *** \$24,254,533.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan. Any funds appropriated in this section which are not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward for the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

SECTION 9. Section 16 of Chapter 78, Laws of 2020, which appropriates a certain amount from the Capital Expense Fund to the Division of Medicaid, is repealed.

SECTION 10. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "MDA Site Development Grant Program Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Mississippi Development Authority, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to make grants to assist

eligible entities under the Mississippi Site Development Grant Program as provided in Section 57-1-701. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 11. Not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the full balance in the Mississippi Development Authority Job Training Grant Fund into the Capital Expense Fund.

SECTION 12. Not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the full balance in the State Public School Education Technology Fund into the Capital Expense Fund.

SECTION 13. Section 57-1-451, Mississippi Code of 1972, which creates the Mississippi Development Authority Job Training Grant Fund, is repealed thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 14. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "DEQ Water, Land and Air Contamination Projects Fund," which shall consist of funds transferred from the Attorney General Contingent Fund under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, any other funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of assessment, remediation, operation and maintenance, cost-sharing, oversight and administration of water, land and air contamination projects within the State of Mississippi pursuant to the 2020 settlement in the case of *The State of Mississippi ex rel. Lynn Fitch, Attorney General vs. EnPro, Inc., et al.*; Cause No. CV-2017-19-JMY2. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(2) During fiscal year 2022, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the Attorney General Contingent Fund to the DEQ Water, Land and Air Contamination Projects Fund created in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 15. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the agencies listed in subsection (2) of this section shall have the authority to expend funds from any source that may become available to the agency in fiscal year 2022 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a three percent (3%) annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

(2) Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this section. The agencies listed are authorized to escalate other special funds for the limited purpose provided in this section in an amount not to exceed the following:

AGENCY

AMOUNT			
Architecture,	Board		of
\$ 650.00			
Barber	Examiners,	Board	of
\$ 1,232.00			
Cosmetology,	Board		of
\$ 4,942.00			

\$ 13,470.00

(2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund." The special fund shall consist of funds required to be deposited into the special fund by subsection (1) of this section, funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit into the special fund. Monies in the fund shall only be spent upon appropriation by the Legislature and shall only be used as

provided in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) or as authorized by federal rule or regulation or guidelines.

(3) Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund but shall remain in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. Any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund.

SECTION 17. (1) All funds received by or on behalf of the State of Mississippi through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) for distribution to nonentitlement units of local government shall be deposited into the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund created in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund" to be administered by the Department of Finance and Administration. The special fund shall consist of funds required to be deposited into the special fund by subsection (1) of this section, funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit into the special fund. The Department of Finance and Administration shall distribute the funds to the nonentitlement units of local government in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) and any applicable federal guidelines. Such funds shall only be used as provided in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) or as authorized by federal rule or regulation or guidelines.

(3) Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund but shall remain in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund.

SECTION 18. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Ross Barnett Reservoir Dredging Fund. The fund shall consist of the monies deposited into the fund as provided in subsection (2) of this section and any other monies appropriated or otherwise made available for the fund by the Legislature. The fund shall be administered and expended by the Board of Directors of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for dredging and other related activities to remove sediments and debris from the bottom of the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

(2) During fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Board of Directors of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District may deposit not more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of the lease payments, fees and other funds received by the district during the fiscal year into the Ross Barnett Dredging Fund.

(3) Unexpended amounts remaining in the Ross Barnett Dredging Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-103-125 AND 27-103-139, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE SOME TEMPORARY EXCEPTIONS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PREPARING THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET; TO AMEND SECTION 27-103-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE SOME TEMPORARY LANGUAGE REGARDING TRANSFERS FROM THE WORKING CASH-STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 27-103-211, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE SOME TEMPORARY EXCEPTIONS TO THE LIMIT ON GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE STATE BUDGET; TO AMEND SECTION 27-103-213, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE SOME TEMPORARY LANGUAGE REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCE IN THE STATE GENERAL FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 27-103-303, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE SOME

TEMPORARY LANGUAGE AUTHORIZING FUNDS IN THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO BE USED FOR THE EMERGENCY PLUGGING OF ORPHANED WELLS IDENTIFIED BY THE OIL AND GAS BOARD; TO AMEND SECTIONS 1 AND 9 OF CHAPTER 43, LAWS OF 2020, TO TRANSFER A PORTION OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO FUND LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES; TO REPEAL SECTION 16 OF CHAPTER 78, LAWS OF 2020, WHICH APPROPRIATES A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID; TO CREATE IN THE STATE TREASURY A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "MDA SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUND," WHICH SHALL BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS TO ASSIST ELIGIBLE ENTITIES UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER THE FULL BALANCE IN THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY JOB TRAINING GRANT FUND INTO THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER THE FULL BALANCE IN THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY FUND INTO THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND; TO REPEAL SECTION 57-1-451, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY JOB TRAINING GRANT FUND; TO CREATE IN THE STATE TREASURY A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "DEQ WATER, LAND AND AIR CONTAMINATION PROJECTS FUND," WHICH SHALL BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT, REMEDIATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, COST-SHARING, OVERSIGHT AND ADMINISTRATION OF WATER, LAND AND AIR CONTAMINATION PROJECTS WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN SUM FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTINGENT FUND TO THE DEQ WATER, LAND AND AIR CONTAMINATION PROJECTS FUND; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN SPECIAL FUND AGENCIES TO ESCALATE THEIR BUDGETS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO IMPLEMENT AND FUND INCREASES IN THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THEIR EMPLOYEES; TO CREATE IN THE STATE TREASURY A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND," WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF ALL FUNDS RECEIVED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL ONLY BE SPENT UPON APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE AND SHALL ONLY BE USED AS PROVIDED IN THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021; TO CREATE IN THE STATE TREASURY A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND," WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF ALL FUNDS RECEIVED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FOR DISTRIBUTION TO NONENTITLEMENT UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUND SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS TO NONENTITLEMENT UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS SHALL ONLY BE USED AS PROVIDED IN THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021; TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ROSS BARNETT RESERVOIR DREDGING FUND, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF MONIES DEPOSITED INTO FUND BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT FROM THE LEASE PAYMENTS, FEES AND OTHER FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Karl Oliver
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Hale. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2062: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2062: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 17-23-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

17-23-1. (1) There is established the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program to be administered by the Department of Insurance for the purpose of assisting counties and municipalities in the acquisition of fire trucks.

(2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Rural Fire Truck Fund." The Legislature may appropriate that amount necessary to fulfill the obligations created under this section by the Department of Insurance, from the State General Fund to such special fund, which sum shall be added to the remainder of the money transferred on July 1, 1995, and during the 1996 Regular Session to the Rural Fire Truck Fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Unobligated amounts remaining in the

Rural Fire Truck Fund, Fund No. 3507, or in any fund created for funds appropriated or otherwise made available for this program, may be used as matching funds by any county with remaining eligibility as provided herein. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Insurance continue to accept applications from the counties for fire trucks as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) (a) A county that meets the requirements provided herein may receive an amount not to exceed *** Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$920,000.00) as provided in subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii) **, (xiii) and (xiv) of this paragraph, and such amount shall be divided as follows: an amount of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per fire truck for the first six (6) trucks and not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per fire truck for the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh trucks, and not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per fire truck for the twelfth **, thirteenth and fourteenth truck. Monies distributed under this chapter shall be expended only for the purchase of new fire trucks and such trucks must meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards in the 1900 series.

(i) Any county that has not applied for a fire truck under this section is eligible to submit applications for *** fourteen (14) fire trucks as follows: six (6) fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of *** Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$920,000.00).

(ii) Any county that has received one (1) fire truck under this section is eligible to submit applications for *** thirteen (13) fire trucks as follows: five (5) fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of *** Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$870,000.00).

(iii) Any county that has received two (2) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for *** twelve (12) fire trucks as follows: four (4) fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than *** Eight Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$820,000.00).

(iv) Any county that has received three (3) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for *** eleven (11) fire trucks as follows: three (3) fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than *** Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$770,000.00).

(v) Any county that has received four (4) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for *** ten (10) fire trucks as follows: two (2) fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than *** Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$720,000.00).

(vi) Any county that has received five (5) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for *** nine (9) fire trucks as follows: one (1) fire truck at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than *** Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$670,000.00).

(vii) Any county that has received six (6) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for *** eight (8) fire trucks as follows: five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than *** Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$620,000.00).

(viii) Any county that has received seven (7) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for *** seven (7) fire trucks as follows: four (4) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than *** Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00).

(ix) Any county that has received eight (8) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for *** six (6) fire trucks as follows: three (3) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than *** Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000.00).

(x) Any county that has received nine (9) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for *** five (5) fire trucks as follows: two (2) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than *** Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$410,000.00).

(xi) Any county that has received ten (10) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for *** four (4) fire trucks as follows: one (1) fire truck at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than *** Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000.00).

(xii) Any county that has received eleven (11) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck.

(xiii) Any county may apply for *** three (3) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck as provided in subparagraph (xii), provided that the county agrees to forego any previous fire truck under subparagraphs (i) through (xi) for which the county has not previously applied, and that the county has received approval from the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program Committee to apply for and receive a truck under subparagraph (xii).

(b) The board of supervisors of the county shall submit its request for the receipt of monies to the Department of Insurance. A committee composed of the Commissioner of Insurance, the State Fire Coordinator, the Director of the Rating Bureau and the Director of the State Fire Academy shall review the requests by the boards of supervisors and shall determine whether the county or municipality for which the board of supervisors has requested a truck meets the requirements of eligibility under this chapter.

(c) To be eligible to receive monies under this chapter:

(i) A county or municipality must pledge to set aside or dedicate each year as matching funds, for a period not to extend over ten (10) years, local funds in an amount equal to or not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the amount of monies for which it is requesting distribution from the Rural Fire Truck Fund, which pledged monies may be derived from local ad valorem tax authorized by law or from any other funds available to the county or municipality, except for those funds received by municipalities or counties from the Municipal Fire Protection Fund or the County Volunteer Fire Department Fund, as defined in Sections 83-1-37 and 83-1-39.

(ii) A municipality must provide adequate documentation of its contract with the county that requires the municipality to provide fire protection in rural areas. The term "rural areas" means any area within the county located outside the boundaries of an incorporated municipality or any incorporated municipality with a population of two thousand five hundred (2,500) or less.

(d) The Department of Insurance shall maintain an accurate record of all monies distributed to counties and municipalities and the number of fire trucks purchased and the cost for each fire truck, such records to be kept separate from other records of the Department of Insurance; notify counties and municipalities of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program and the requirements for them to become eligible to participate; adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary and desirable to implement the provisions of this chapter; and file with the Legislature a report detailing how monies made available under this chapter were distributed and spent during the preceding portion of the fiscal year in each county and

municipality, the number of fire trucks purchased, the counties and municipalities making such purchases, and the cost of each fire truck purchased.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-23-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL ROUND OF FIRE TRUCKS FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES UNDER THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Jeff Tate

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2474: Health department; authorize certain charges for services with other agencies for operation of medical marijuana program.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2474: Department of Health; allow charges between agencies for services provided under the medical marijuana program.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-104-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-104-203. (1) From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent, audit fee, personnel fee or other charge for services or resources received. The provisions of this section shall not apply (a) to grants, contracts, pass-through funds, project fees or other charges for services between state agencies and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education, nor (b) to charges for services between the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education, nor (c) to federal grants, pass-through funds, cost allocation charges, surplus property charges or project fees between state agencies as approved or determined by the State Fiscal Officer, nor (d) telecommunications, data center services, and/or other information technology services that are used on an as-needed basis and those costs shall be passed through to the using agency, nor (e) to federal grants, special funds, or pass-through funds, available for payment by state agencies to the Department of Finance and Administration related to Mississippi Management and Reporting Systems (MMRS) Statewide Application charges and utilities as approved or determined by the State Fiscal Officer, nor (f) to grants, contracts, pass-through funds, project fees or charges for services between the State Department of Health and other state agencies or entities, including, but not limited to, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education, for the operation of the state's medical marijuana program as established by Sections ____ through ____, Mississippi Constitution of 1890. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education shall retain the authority to charge and be charged for expenditures that they deemed nonrecurring in nature by the State Fiscal Officer.

(2) If at any time after the effective date of this act the Mississippi Supreme Court issues a final opinion that strikes down or otherwise holds invalid in its entirety Initiative 65, which establishes a medical marijuana program in the State of Mississippi, then paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of this section shall stand repealed on the date that the opinion is issued by the Supreme Court.

SECTION 2. (1) The following provisions shall be applicable to the implementation, operation and/or enforcement of the state's medical marijuana program ("the program") as established under Sections ____ through ____, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, by the State Department of Health:

(a) The State Fiscal Officer, upon receipt of requisitions from the State Department of Health for the expenditure of funds from the special fund in the State Treasury established under Section ____, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, for the purpose of implementing, administering and/or enforcing the provisions of the program, shall issue warrants for those expenditures by the department without an appropriation of those funds or other authorization for expenditure of those funds by the Legislature.

(b) The State Fiscal Officer, upon request from the State Department of Health to escalate personnel positions in the department for the purpose of implementing, administering and/or enforcing the provisions of the program, shall authorize the escalation of those personnel positions as nonstate service positions in the department to be funded with monies from the special fund in the State Treasury established under Section ____, Mississippi Constitution of 1890.

(c) The State Department of Health, when making acquisitions of information technology equipment and services for the purpose of implementing, administering and/or enforcing the provisions of the program, shall be exempt from all Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services laws, rules and regulations and shall be exempt from any statutory or regulatory requirements that such acquisitions be based upon competitive bidding procedures with advertising for and receiving bids to make the acquisitions. This paragraph (c) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

(2) If at any time after the effective date of this act the Mississippi Supreme Court issues a final opinion that strikes down or otherwise holds invalid in its entirety Initiative 65, which establishes a medical marijuana program in the State of Mississippi, then this section shall stand repealed on the date that the opinion is issued by the Supreme Court.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE GRANTS, CONTRACTS, PASS-THROUGH FUNDS, PROJECT FEES OR CHARGES FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES OR ENTITIES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE STATE'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM; TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATION AND/OR ENFORCEMENT OF THE STATE'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM RELATING TO EXPENDITURES BY THE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT AN APPROPRIATION, ESCALATING PERSONNEL POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND EXEMPTION FROM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAWS AND REGULATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Angela Burks Hill

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Ford, J, Newman, Wright. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2834: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund; create and provide for administration by Department of Archives and History.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2834: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund Grant Program; establish within Department of Archives and History.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Michael McLendon

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Richard Bennett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Gibbs, D. Total-2.

Present--Jackson, Stamps. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 374: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 374: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount

provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Executive Director of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc., may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 2. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any

motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of 82 Strong. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of 82 Strong, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to 82 Strong.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 3. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Indianola Academy. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the principal of Indianola Academy, may

prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to North Yalobusha Charities, Inc.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 4. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Humphreys County High School. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the principal of Humphreys

County High School, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to North Yalobusha Charities, Inc.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 5. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority,

may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty Dollars and Forty Cents (\$20.40) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Scholarship Fund.

(b) Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3.60) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Association of Educators.

(c) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(d) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(e) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 6. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any

motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 7. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the

Children's Tumor Foundation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Children's Tumor Foundation, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Children's Tumor Foundation.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 8. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a serving or retired judge of the federal or state court system in this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag bearing the word "judiciary" for any motor vehicle registered in his name. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and

design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Judicial System Operation Fund created in Section 9-21-45.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 9. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Wildlife Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as

the Department of Revenue, with the advice of Wildlife Mississippi, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Wildlife Mississippi.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 10. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Cedarhill Animal Sanctuary in Caledonia, Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall

be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of Cedarhill Animal Sanctuary, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Cedarhill Animal Sanctuary.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 11. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the South Pike School District. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the South Pike School District,

may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the South Pike School District.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 12. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Picayune Maroon Tide Touchdown Club. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Picayune

Maroon Tide Touchdown Club, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Picayune Maroon Tide Touchdown Club.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 13. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Mississippi Wildlife Federation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Wildlife

Federation, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Wildlife Federation.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 14. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Foundation for Moral Law. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Foundation for Moral

Law, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Foundation for Moral Law.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 15. Section 27-19-56.524, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.524. (1) (a) In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motor vehicle license plates or tags for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying his status as a veteran. The distinctive plates or tags shall be of a color and design designated by the Department of Revenue with concurrence by the Mississippi Veterans Affairs.

(b) (i) The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Department of Revenue and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license plates or tags. An additional annual tag fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected by the tax collector for such license plates or tags and shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive tag under this subsection (1) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. The Department of Revenue shall deposit such fee to the credit of a fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.12 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate under this subsection (1) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (1). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written evidence required in paragraph (c) of this subsection (1). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in this subsection (1).

(c) An applicant for such distinctive plates shall present to the issuing official written evidence of the veteran's service. Such evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form, a Report of Separation from Military Service, a military discharge document, or a written certification of military service from the Mississippi Veterans Affairs. The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall be used only upon a personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the person making application therefor, and when issued to such person shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for such vehicle.

(d) The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable between motor vehicle owners; and in the event the owner of a vehicle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose of the vehicle, such plate shall be retained by such owner and returned to the tax collector.

(2) (a) (i) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are recipients of the Bronze Star, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (2), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying him as a recipient of the Bronze Star.

(ii) A person who is privileged to obtain a distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag identifying such person as a recipient of the Bronze Star and who is eligible to obtain a special license plate under Section 27-19-56 is privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag bearing the International Symbol of Access adopted by Rehabilitation International in 1969 at its Eleventh World Congress on Rehabilitation of the disabled and identifying such person as a recipient of the Bronze Star.

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (a), the tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, shall prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is a recipient of the Bronze Star; however, if the person is applying for a distinctive tag pursuant to paragraph (a)(ii) of this subsection (2), the applicant shall also

meet the requirements of Section 27-19-56. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (2) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (2), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (2) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.62 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate or tag under this subsection (2) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (2). The person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2); however, if the person is applying for renewal of a distinctive tag described in paragraph (a)(ii) of this subsection (2), the applicant shall also meet the requirements of Section 27-19-56. The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate or tag shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (d) this subsection (1).

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (2) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (2) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (2) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (2) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (2) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (2). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (2). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (2), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (2), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (2).

(3) (a) In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during

the Vietnam Conflict and were awarded a Vietnam Service Ribbon, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motor vehicle license plates or tags for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying his status as a Vietnam veteran. The distinctive plates or tags shall be of a color and design designated by the Department of Revenue with concurrence by the Mississippi Veterans Affairs.

(b) (i) The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Department of Revenue and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license plates or tags. An additional annual tag fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected by the tax collector for such license plates or tags and shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive tag under this subsection (3) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. The Department of Revenue shall deposit such fee to the credit of a fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.85 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate or tag under this subsection (3) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (3). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written evidence required in paragraph (c) of this subsection (3). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b).

(c) An applicant for such distinctive plates shall present to the issuing official written evidence of the veteran's service. Such evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form, a Report of Separation from Military Service, a military discharge document, or a written certification of military service from the Mississippi Veterans Affairs. The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall be used only upon a personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the person making application therefor, and when issued to such person shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for such vehicle.

(d) The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable between motor vehicle owners; and in the event the owner of a vehicle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose of the vehicle, such plate shall be retained by such owner and returned to the tax collector.

(4) (a) In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces, beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motorcycle license plates or tags for each motorcycle registered in his name identifying his status as a veteran. The distinctive plates or tags shall be of a color and design designated by the Department of Revenue with concurrence by the Mississippi Veterans Affairs.

(b) (i) The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Department of Revenue and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license plates or tags. An additional annual tag fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected by the tax collector for such license plates or tags and shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive tag under this subsection (4) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. The Department of Revenue shall deposit such fee to the credit of a fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veteran homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.125 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate or tag under this subsection (4) in

the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (4). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (c) of this subsection (4). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b).

(c) An applicant for the distinctive plates shall present to the issuing official written evidence of the veteran's service. The evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form, a Report of Separation from Military Service, a military discharge document, a written certification of military service from the Mississippi Veterans Affairs or a valid military identification card; however, a distinctive license plate or tag shall not be issued under this subsection (4) to any person who was dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall be used only upon a personally or jointly owned private motorcycle registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the person making the application, and when issued to the person shall be used upon the motorcycle for which issued in lieu of the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for the motorcycle.

(d) The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable between motorcycle owners; and in the event the owner of a motorcycle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose of the motorcycle, the plate shall be retained by the owner and returned to the tax collector.

(5) (a) There shall be issued beginning July 1, 2020, special motor vehicle license tags honoring the family members of service members who have died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war. The license tag shall be officially designated as the Gold Star license plate.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (5), any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and a family member of a service member who has died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection (5), shall be issued a Gold Star license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name. The distinctive license tag shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of supporters of this license tag, may prescribe; however, the license tag shall bear in a conspicuous place a gold star with blue fringe on a white background with a red border that is the symbol for a fallen service member and shall have the words "Gold Star Family" and the branch of the United States Armed Forces in which the family member served displayed on it.

(c) One (1) Gold Star license tag issued to the mother of the service member who died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war after September 11, 2001, and one (1) Gold Star license tag issued to the unmarried spouse of the service member who died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war after September 11, 2001, shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes, privilege taxes and all other taxes and fees.

(d) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this subsection (5) shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (5) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(e) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (5), beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (5) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (5), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be

for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (5) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive tag under Section 27-19-56.162 before July 8, 2020, may renew the tag under this subsection (5) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (5). However, the person shall not be required to provide the documentation and proof required in paragraph (i) of this subsection (5). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (1).

(f) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this subsection (5) from the issuance or renewal of the distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (5). The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (5) shall be deposited to the credit of a fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (5) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (5) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (5) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(g) A Gold Star license tag issued pursuant to this subsection (5) may be personalized in the manner provided for in Section 27-19-48 upon payment of the additional fee prescribed in that section.

(h) In order to qualify as a family member, the person must be directly related to the fallen service member as their unremarried spouse, child, stepchild, legal mother or father, sibling related by blood or legal adoption, step-sibling, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle or stepparent who is currently married to the mother or father of the fallen service member.

(i) Whether a service member is deemed to have died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war shall be determined by the classification of death as listed by the United States Department of Defense and may be verified from documentation directly from the Department of Defense or from its subordinate agencies such as the Coast Guard, Reserve or National Guard. A classification of having died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war by the Department of Defense shall be prima facie evidence that the service member died in such manner. Documentation of the fact that the service member died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war and proof of relationship to the service member shall be required by the county tax collector before issuing a Gold Star license plate. The county tax collector may waive the documentation if he or she has actual knowledge of the family relationship and that the service member died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was involved in hostile activities or a time of war.

(j) The Gold Star license plate shall be issued only to family members of service members that resided in Mississippi at the time of the death of the service member.

(k) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (5). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (5). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (5), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(l) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (5), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (5).

(6) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are recipients of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal for service in, or in support of operations in, Iraq, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (6), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying him or her as an Iraq veteran. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is a recipient of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal for service in, or in support of operations in, Iraq. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (6) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (6), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (6) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.186 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate or tag under this subsection (6) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (6). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (6). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (6).

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (6) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (6) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (6) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (6) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (6) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (6). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (6). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (6), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (6), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (6).

(7) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are recipients of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in, or in support of operations in, Afghanistan, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (7), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying him or her as an Afghanistan veteran. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is a recipient of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in, or in support of operations in, Afghanistan. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (7) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (7), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (7) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive tag under Section 27-19-56.187 before July 8, 2020, may renew the tag under this subsection (7) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive tag under this subsection (2). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (7). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (7).

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (7) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (7) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (7) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (7) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (7) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (7). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (7). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (7), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (7), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (7).

(8) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are recipients of the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (8), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his

name identifying him as a recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, shall prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is a recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (8), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (8) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive tag under Section 27-19-56.199 before July 8, 2020, may renew the tag under this subsection (8) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive tag under this subsection (8). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (8). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (8).

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (8) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (8) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (8) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (8) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (8) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (8). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (8). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (8), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (8), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector

receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (8).

(9) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who served in combat in the United States Armed Forces, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (9), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying him or her as a combat veteran. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, shall develop decals to be affixed to the license tag indicating the type of military service.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant served in combat in the United States Armed Forces. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (9) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (9), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (9) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.450 before July 8, 2020, renew the plate or tag under this subsection (9) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (9). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (9). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (9).

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (9) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (9) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (9) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (9) shall be

deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (9) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (9). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (9). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (9), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (9), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (9).

(10) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces in Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (10), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying him or her as a veteran of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces in Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (10) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (10), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (10) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (10) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (10) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are

residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (10) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (10) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (10) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (10). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (10). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (10), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (10), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (10).

SECTION 16. Section 27-19-56.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.5. (1) (a) In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor and by Mississippians who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal, any such person is privileged to obtain two (2) distinctive motor vehicle license plates or tags identifying such person as a Pearl Harbor survivor or not more than * * * five (5) distinctive motor vehicle license plates or tags and one (1) distinctive motorcycle license plate or tag identifying such person as a Purple Heart Medal recipient.

(b) A person who is privileged to obtain a distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag identifying such person as a Purple Heart Medal recipient and who is eligible to obtain a special license plate under Section 27-19-56, is privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag bearing the International Symbol of Access adopted by Rehabilitation International in 1969 at its Eleventh World Congress on Rehabilitation of the disabled and identifying such person as a Purple Heart Medal recipient.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the distinctive plates or tags shall be of a color and design designated by the Department of Revenue.

(2) (a) The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Department of Revenue and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license plates or tags.

(b) A tag fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), in addition to all other taxes and fees, shall be collected by the tax collector for the Pearl Harbor distinctive tag.

(c) The first distinctive tag issued to Purple Heart Medal recipients under the provisions of this section shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes, privilege taxes and all other taxes and fees. There shall be no exemption from ad valorem taxes, privilege taxes or other taxes and fees for the issuance of an additional distinctive tag to Purple Heart Medal recipients. However, the surviving spouse of a deceased person who was issued a Purple Heart Medal distinctive license plate or tag under this section shall be entitled to apply for or retain one (1) such license tag and may continue annually to renew registration for such distinctive license plate or tag for as long as the spouse remains unmarried. At the time of application or renewal registration, a surviving spouse who

desires to retain such distinctive plate or tag shall file with the county tax collector a sworn statement that the spouse is unmarried, and any such vehicle when so registered shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes, privilege taxes and all other taxes and fees.

(d) The tax collector shall monthly forward the additional fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) charged for issuance of a Pearl Harbor distinctive tag to the Department of Revenue which shall deposit such fee to the credit of the State General Fund.

(e) An applicant for a distinctive tag under this section shall present to the issuing official either:

(i) Written proof that the applicant is an honorably discharged former member of one (1) of the Armed Forces of the United States and, while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, was present during the attack on the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, between the hours of 7:55 a.m. and 9:45 a.m., Hawaii time; or

(ii) Written proof that the applicant is a Purple Heart Medal recipient; however, if the person is applying for a distinctive tag pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section, the applicant shall also meet the requirements of Section 27-19-56.

(f) The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall be used only upon a personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) or motorcycle registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the person making application therefor, and when issued to such person shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for such vehicle.

(3) The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable between motor vehicle owners; and in the event the owner of a vehicle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose of the vehicle, such plate shall be retained by such owner and returned to the tax collector.

(4) A vehicle that displays a distinctive license plate issued under this section may park free of charge in any state parking space or state parking facility when the person to whom the license plate was issued is operating or occupying the vehicle.

(5) Any person evading or violating any of the provisions of this section, or attempting to secure benefits under this section to which he or she is not entitled, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than six (6) months, or both.

SECTION 17. Section 27-19-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-53. (1) (a) (i) Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a veteran of service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and who is rated as having one hundred percent (100%) permanent service-connected disability by the Veterans' Administration is privileged to purchase annually under this subsection two (2) motor vehicle license plates or tags in his or her county of legal residence, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in total cost for each plate or tag, regardless of make or model of motor vehicle. The registration year of such motor vehicle shall commence the first day of the month in which application for registration is made, as provided in Section 27-19-31.

(ii) Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a veteran of service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and who is rated as having one hundred percent (100%) permanent service-connected disability by the Veterans' Administration is privileged to purchase annually under this subsection one (1) motorcycle license plate or tag in his or her county of legal residence, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in total cost for each plate or tag. The registration year of such motorcycle shall commence the first day of the month in which application for registration is made, as provided in Section 27-19-31.

(**b) Not more than two (2) such motor vehicle license plates or tags shall be issued under this subsection to each such qualified veteran. Not more than one (1) such motorcycle license plate or tag shall be issued under this subsection to each such qualified veteran.

(**c) This section pertains only to taxes or plates for private passenger motor vehicles or pickup trucks or motorcycles.

(** *d) Proof of ownership of a particular motor vehicle or motorcycle for which a license plate or tag is requested must be shown at time of application for such plate or tag.

(** *e) Vehicles and motorcycles owned by such veterans are exempt under this subsection from all ad valorem and privilege taxes; however, the surviving spouse of a deceased person who was issued a license plate or tag under this subsection shall be entitled to apply for or retain a license tag issued under this subsection and may continue annually to renew registration for two (2) motor vehicle license plates or tags and one (1) motorcycle license plate or tag under this subsection for as long as the spouse remains unmarried. In addition, if a deceased person who was eligible to be issued a license plate or tag under this subsection did not apply for or was not issued a license plate or tag, the surviving spouse of such deceased person shall be entitled to apply for and be issued a license plate or tag under this subsection and may continue annually to renew registration for two (2) motor vehicle license plates or tags and one (1) motorcycle license tag or plate under this subsection for as long as the spouse remains unmarried. At the time of application or renewal registration, a surviving spouse who desires to retain a distinctive plate or tag issued under this subsection shall file with the county tax collector a sworn statement that the spouse is unmarried. Any such vehicle or motorcycle when so registered shall be exempt from all ad valorem and privilege taxes.

(2) Any person who is entitled to obtain license tags under subsection (1) of this section may be issued one (1) additional such license tag for any other vehicle registered in his or her name upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as otherwise prescribed by law for the particular vehicle.

(3) The Department of Revenue is directed to furnish each veteran obtaining a license tag under this section an emblem, which the veteran shall attach securely to the tag, showing that the tag was issued to a disabled American veteran.

(4) A license issued under this section shall not be transferable to any other person.

(5) Any person evading or violating any of the provisions of this section, or attempting to secure benefits under this section to which he is not entitled, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than ninety (90) days, or both.

SECTION 18. Section 27-51-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-51-41. (1) The exemptions from the provisions of this chapter shall be confined to those persons or property exempted by this chapter or by the provisions of the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi. No exemption as now provided by any other statute shall be valid as against the tax levied by this chapter. Any subsequent exemption from the tax levied hereunder shall be provided by amendment to this section which shall be inserted in the bill at length.

(2) The following shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation:

(a) All motor vehicles, as defined in this chapter, and including motor-propelled farm implements and vehicles, while in the hands of bona fide dealers as merchandise and which are not being operated upon the highways of this state.

(b) All motor vehicles belonging to the federal government or the State of Mississippi or any agencies or instrumentalities thereof.

(c) All motor vehicles owned by any school district in the state.

(d) All motor vehicles owned by any fire protection district incorporated in accordance with Sections 19-5-151 through 19-5-207 or by any fire protection grading district incorporated in accordance with Sections 19-5-215 through 19-5-241.

(e) All motor vehicles owned by units of the Mississippi National Guard.

(f) All motor vehicles which are exempted from highway privilege taxes under Section 27-19-1 et seq.

(g) All motor vehicles operated in this state as common and contract carriers of property, private commercial carriers of property, private carriers of property and buses, all of which have a gross weight in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds.

(h) Antique automobiles as defined in Section 27-19-47, and antique pickup trucks as provided for under Section 27-19-47.2, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(i) Street rods as defined in Section 27-19-56.6.

(j) (i) Two (2) motor vehicles owned by a disabled American veteran, or by the spouse of a deceased disabled American veteran, who is entitled to purchase a distinctive license plate or tag in accordance with Section 27-19-53, regardless of the license plate or tag issued to the disabled American veteran or the veteran's spouse if the disabled American veteran is deceased.

(ii) One (1) motorcycle owned by a disabled American veteran, or by the spouse of a deceased disabled American veteran, who is entitled to purchase a distinctive license plate or tag in accordance with Section 27-19-53, regardless of the license plate or tag issued to the disabled American veteran or the veteran's spouse if the disabled American veteran is deceased.

(k) One (1) motor vehicle owned by the unremarried surviving spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while on active duty, is killed or dies and one (1) motor vehicle owned by the unremarried surviving spouse of a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or of the National Guard who, while on active duty for training, is killed or dies.

(l) Motor vehicles owned by recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor or by former prisoners of war, or by spouses of such deceased persons, in accordance with Section 27-19-54.

(m) (i) One (1) private carrier of passengers, as defined in Section 27-19-3, owned by any religious society, ecclesiastical body or any congregation thereof which is used exclusively for such society and not for profit.

(ii) All motor vehicles owned by any such religious society or any educational institution having a seating capacity greater than seven (7) passengers and used exclusively for transporting passengers for religious or educational purposes and not for profit.

(n) All motor vehicles primarily used as rentals under rental agreements with a term of not more than thirty (30) continuous days each and under the control of persons who are engaged in the business of renting such motor vehicles and who are subject to the tax under Section 27-65-231.

(o) Antique motorcycles as defined in Section 27-19-47.1.

(p) One (1) motor vehicle owned by a recipient of the Purple Heart, and one (1) motor vehicle owned by the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart, as provided in Section 27-19-56.5.

(q) Motor vehicles that are eligible to display an authentic historical license plate as provided for in Section 27-19-56.11.

(r) Motor vehicles that are (i) designed or adapted to be used exclusively in the preparation and loading of chemicals or other material for aerial agricultural application to crops; and (ii) only incidentally used on public roadways in this state.

(s) One (1) motor vehicle owned by the mother of a service member who died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war after September 11, 2001, as provided for in Section 27-19-56.162 or Section 27-19-56.524(5).

(t) One (1) motor vehicle owned by the unremarried spouse of a service member who died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war after September 11, 2001, as provided for in Section 27-19-56.162 or Section 27-19-56.524(5).

(u) Buses and other motor vehicles that are (a) owned and operated by an entity that has entered into a contract with a school board under Section 37-41-31 for the purpose of transporting students to and from schools and (b) used by the entity for such transportation purposes. This paragraph (u) shall apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2010.

(v) One (1) motor vehicle owned by a recipient of the Silver Star, and one (1) motor vehicle owned by the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Silver Star, as provided in Section 27-19-56.284.

(w) One (1) motor vehicle owned by a person who is a law enforcement officer and who (i) was wounded or otherwise received intentional or accidental bodily injury, regardless of whether occurring before or after July 1, 2014, while engaged in the performance of his official duties, provided the wound or injury was not self-inflicted, (ii) was required to receive medical treatment for the wound or injury due to the nature and extent of the wound or injury, and (iii) is eligible to receive a special license plate or tag under Section 27-19-56 as a result of such wound or injury, regardless of whether the person obtains such a plate or tag. Application for the exemption provided in this paragraph (w) may be made at the time of initial registration of a vehicle and renewal of registration. In addition, an applicant for the exemption must provide official written documentation that (i) the applicant is a law enforcement officer who was wounded or otherwise received intentional or accidental bodily injury while engaged in the performance of his official duties and that the wound or injury was not self-inflicted along with official written documentation verifying receipt of medical treatment for the wound or injury and the nature and extent of the wound or injury, and (ii) the applicant is eligible to receive a special license plate or tag under Section 27-19-56 as a result of such wound or injury, regardless of whether the person obtains such a plate or tag.

(x) One (1) motor vehicle owned by an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who served during World War II, and one (1) motor vehicle owned by the unremarried surviving spouse of such veteran, as provided in Section 27-19-56.438.

(3) Any claim for tax exemption by authority of the above-mentioned code sections or by any other legal authority shall be set out in the application for the road and bridge privilege license, and the specific legal authority for such tax exemption claim shall be cited in said application, and such authority cited shall be shown by the tax collector on the tax receipt as his authority for not collecting such ad valorem taxes, and the tax collector shall carry forward such information in his tax collection reports.

(4) Any motor vehicle driven over the highways of this state to the extent that the owner of such motor vehicle is required to purchase a road and bridge privilege license in this state, yet the legal situs of such motor vehicle is located in another state, shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes authorized by this chapter.

(5) If a taxpayer shall sell, trade or otherwise dispose of a vehicle on which the ad valorem and road and bridge privilege taxes have been paid in any county in the state, he shall remove the license plate from the vehicle. Such license plate must be surrendered to the issuing authority with the corresponding tax receipt, if required, and credit shall be allowed for the taxes paid for the remaining tax year on like privilege or ad valorem taxes due on another vehicle owned by the seller or transferor or by the seller's or transferor's spouse or dependent child. If the seller or transferor does not elect to receive such credit at the time the license plate is surrendered, the issuing authority shall issue a certificate of credit to the seller or transferor, or to the seller's or transferor's spouse or dependent child, or to any other person, business or corporation, at the direction of the seller or transferor, for the remaining unexpired taxes prorated from the first day of the month following the month in which the license plate is surrendered. The total of such credit may be used by the person or entity to whom the certificate of credit is issued, regardless of the relative amounts attributed to privilege taxes or to county, school or municipal ad valorem taxes. Any credit allowed for taxes due or any certificate of credit issued may be applied to like taxes owed in any county by the person to whom the credit is allowed or by the person possessing the certificate of credit. No credit, however, shall be allowed on the charge made for the license plate. Such license plates surrendered to the tax collector shall be retained by him, and in no event shall such license plate be attached to any vehicle after being surrendered to the tax collector, nor shall any license plate be transferred from one (1) vehicle to any other vehicle.

(6) If the person owning a vehicle subject to taxation under the provisions of this chapter does not operate such vehicle on the highways of this state from the date of acquisition or, if previously registered, from the end of the anniversary month of the tag and decals to the date on which he makes application for a current license tag or decals,

he shall pay such ad valorem tax for a period of twelve (12) months beginning with the first day of the month in which he applies for a current license tag or decals under Chapter 19, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972. The owner shall submit an affidavit with an application attesting to the fact that the vehicle was not operated on the highways of this state from the date of acquisition or, if previously registered, from the end of the anniversary month of the tag and decals to the date on which he makes application for the current license tag or decals.

(7) Any person found violating any of the provisions of this section shall be arrested and tried, and if found guilty shall be fined in an amount double the total amount of taxes involved.

SECTION 19. Section 27-19-56.490, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.490. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, may prescribe. The * * * Mississippi state flag shall be featured prominently on the license tag. The Department of Revenue shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2019, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the special fund created in subsection (7) of this section.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive

license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) There is established in the State Treasury a special fund which shall consist of monies deposited therein under subsection (4) of this section. Monies in the fund may be expended by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the operation and maintenance of the Mississippi Museum of History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 20. Section 27-19-56.415, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.415. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a special license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the GRAMMY® Museum Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the GRAMMY® Museum Mississippi, may prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be disbursed to the GRAMMY® Museum Mississippi.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2024.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MISSISSIPPI THEATRE ASSOCIATION, INC.; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF 82 STRONG; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF INDIANOLA ACADEMY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF DESERT OF MISSISSIPPI SHRINERS AND DAUGHTERS AEAONMS, PHA; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE CHILDREN'S TUMOR FOUNDATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SERVING AND RETIRED JUDGES IN THE FEDERAL AND STATE COURT SYSTEMS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF WILDLIFE MISSISSIPPI, CEDARHILL ANIMAL SANCTUARY, THE SOUTH PIKE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE PICAYUNE MAROON TIDE TOUCHDOWN CLUB, THE MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE FEDERATION AND THE FOUNDATION FOR MORAL LAW; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.524, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO PERSONS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN OPERATION DESERT STORM OR OPERATION DESERT SHIELD; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON IDENTIFYING SUCH PERSON AS A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-53,

MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO PERSONS WHO ARE VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND RATED AS HAVING ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PERMANENT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTORCYCLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUCH PERSONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A MOTORCYCLE FOR WHICH A DISTINCTIVE MOTORCYCLE TAG IS ISSUED SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM AND PRIVILEGE TAXES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-51-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.490, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DESIGNATE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG AS THE FLAG TO BE FEATURED ON THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG ISSUED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND THE MISSISSIPPI CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.415, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF GRAMMY® MUSEUM MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Henry Zuber III, Shane Aguirre

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, John Horhn (No Signature), Neil S. Whaley

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 520: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 520: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Daniel H. Sparks, Derrick T. Simmons

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--McLeod. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Powell called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, and House Bill No. 1091, 2021, Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-5. For the purposes of this chapter and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Alcoholic beverage" means any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, but shall not include light wine, light spirit product and beer, as defined in Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, but shall include native wines and native spirits. The words "alcoholic beverage" shall not include ethyl alcohol manufactured or distilled solely for fuel purposes or beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight if the beer is legally manufactured in this state for sale in another state.

(b) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, whatever the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol, but does not include denatured alcohol or wood alcohol.

(c) "Distilled spirits" means any beverage containing more than * * * six percent (6%) of alcohol by weight produced by distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages.

(d) "Wine" or "vinous liquor" means any product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe grapes, fruits, honey or berries and made in accordance with the revenue laws of the United States.

(e) "Person" means and includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity whatsoever.

(f) "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in manufacturing, distilling, rectifying, blending or bottling any alcoholic beverage.

(g) "Wholesaler" means any person, other than a manufacturer, engaged in distributing or selling any alcoholic beverage at wholesale for delivery within or without this state when such sale is for the purpose of resale by the purchaser.

(h) "Retailer" means any person who sells, distributes, or offers for sale or distribution, any alcoholic beverage for use or consumption by the purchaser and not for resale.

(i) "State Tax Commission," "commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, which shall create a division in its organization to be known as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. Any reference to the commission or the department hereafter means the powers and duties of the Department of Revenue with reference to supervision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(j) "Division" means the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue.

(k) "Municipality" means any incorporated city or town of this state.

(l) "Hotel" means an establishment within a municipality, or within a qualified resort area approved as such by the department, where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located at least twenty (20) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations. Hotels in towns or cities of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) population are similarly defined except that they must have fifty (50) or more sleeping rooms. Any such establishment described in this paragraph with less than fifty (50) beds shall operate one or more regular dining rooms designed to be constantly frequented by customers each day. When used in this chapter, the word "hotel" shall also be construed to include any establishment that meets the definition of "bed and breakfast inn" as provided in this section.

(m) "Restaurant" means:

(i) A place which is regularly and in a bona fide manner used and kept open for the serving of meals to guests for compensation, which has suitable seating facilities for guests, and which has suitable kitchen facilities connected therewith for cooking an assortment of foods and meals commonly ordered at various hours of the day; the service of such food as sandwiches and salads only shall not be deemed in compliance with this requirement. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, no place shall qualify as a restaurant under this chapter unless twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the revenue derived from such place shall be from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, or unless

the value of food given to and consumed by customers is equal to twenty-five percent (25%) or more of total revenue; or

(ii) Any privately owned business located in a building in a historic district where the district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, where the building has a total occupancy rating of not less than one thousand (1,000) and where the business regularly utilizes ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more in the building for live entertainment, including not only the stage, lobby or area where the audience sits and/or stands, but also any other portion of the building necessary for the operation of the business, including any kitchen area, bar area, storage area and office space, but excluding any area for parking. In addition to the other requirements of this subparagraph, the business must also serve food to guests for compensation within the building and derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales to live entertainment in the building, and from the rental of all or part of the facilities of the business in the building to another party for a specific event or function.

(n) "Club" means an association or a corporation:

(i) Organized or created under the laws of this state for a period of five (5) years prior to July 1, 1966;

(ii) Organized not primarily for pecuniary profit but for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages;

(iii) Maintained by its members through the payment of annual dues;

(iv) Owning, hiring or leasing a building or space in a building of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and their guests;

(v) The affairs and management of which are conducted by a board of directors, board of governors, executive committee, or similar governing body chosen by the members at a regular meeting held at some periodic interval; and

(vi) No member, officer, agent or employee of which is paid, or directly or indirectly receives, in the form of a salary or other compensation any profit from the distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages to the club or to members or guests of the club beyond such salary or compensation as may be fixed and voted at a proper meeting by the board of directors or other governing body out of the general revenues of the club.

The department may, in its discretion, waive the five-year provision of this paragraph. In order to qualify under this paragraph, a club must file with the department, at the time of its application for a license under this chapter, two (2) copies of a list of the names and residences of its members and similarly file, within ten (10) days after the election of any additional member, his name and address. Each club applying for a license shall also file with the department at the time of the application a copy of its articles of association, charter of incorporation, bylaws or other instruments governing the business and affairs thereof.

(o) "Qualified resort area" means any area or locality outside of the limits of incorporated municipalities in this state commonly known and accepted as a place which regularly and customarily attracts tourists, vacationists and other transients because of its historical, scenic or recreational facilities or attractions, or because of other attributes which regularly and customarily appeal to and attract tourists, vacationists and other transients in substantial numbers; however, no area or locality shall so qualify as a resort area until it has been duly and properly approved as such by the department. The department may not approve an area as a qualified resort area after July 1, 2018, if any portion of such proposed area is located within two (2) miles of a convent or monastery that is located in a county traversed by Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 98. A convent or monastery may waive such distance restrictions in favor of allowing approval by the department of an area as a qualified resort area. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the convent or monastery having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(i) The department may approve an area or locality outside of the limits of an incorporated municipality that is in the process of being developed as a qualified resort area if such area or locality, when developed, can reasonably be expected to meet the requisites of the definition of the term "qualified resort area." In such a case, the status of qualified resort area shall not take effect until completion of the development.

(ii) The term includes any state park which is declared a resort area by the department; however, such declaration may only be initiated in a written request for resort area status made to the department by the Executive Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and no permit for the sale of any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this chapter, except an on-premises retailer's permit, shall be issued for a hotel, restaurant or bed and breakfast inn in such park.

(iii) The term includes:

1. The clubhouses associated with the state park golf courses at the Lefleur's Bluff State Park, the John Kyle State Park, the Percy Quin State Park and the Hugh White State Park;

2. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities where the golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities are adjacent to one or more planned residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least seven hundred fifty (750) acres and at least four hundred (400) residential units;

3. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) contiguous acres with no public roads and that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility;

4. Any facility located on federal property surrounding a lake and designated as a recreational area by the United States Army Corps of Engineers that consists of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) acres;

5. Any facility that is located in a municipality that is bordered by the Pearl River, traversed by Mississippi Highway 25, adjacent to the boundaries of the Jackson International Airport and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law; however, any such facility may only be located in areas designated by the governing authorities of such municipality;

6. Any municipality with a population in excess of ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census that is located in a county that is bordered by the Pearl River and is not traversed by Interstate Highway 20, with a population in excess of forty-five thousand (45,000) according to the latest federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages;

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

7. The West Pearl Restaurant Tax District as defined in Chapter 912, Local and Private Laws of 2007;

8. a. Land that is located in any county in which Mississippi Highway 43 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect and:

A. Owned by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, and/or

B. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, east of Old Fannin Road, north of Regatta Drive, south of Spillway Road, west of Hugh Ward Boulevard and accessible by Old Fannin Road, Spillway Road, Spann Drive and/or Lake Vista Place, and/or

C. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, west of Old Fannin Road, south of

Spillway Road and extending to the boundary of the corporate limits of the City of Flowood, Mississippi;

b. The board of supervisors of such county, with respect to B and C of item 8.a., may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

9. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least eight hundred (800) contiguous acres with no public roads, that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility, and has accommodations for at least fifty (50) overnight guests;

10. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least six thousand (6,000) square feet being heated and cooled along with an additional adjacent area that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet regardless of whether heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events such as weddings, reunions and conventions,

c. Provides lodging accommodations regardless of whether part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility, and

d. Is located on property that consists of at least thirty (30) contiguous acres;

11. Any facility and related property:

a. Located on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty-five (125) contiguous acres and consisting of an eighteen (18) hole golf course, and/or located in a facility that consists of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. Used for the purpose of providing meals and hosting events, and

c. Used for the purpose of teaching culinary arts courses and/or turf management and grounds keeping courses, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

12. Any facility and related property that:

a. Consist of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events,

c. Is used for the purpose of culinary arts courses, and/or live entertainment courses and art performances, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

13. The clubhouse and associated golf course where the golf course is adjacent to one or more residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least two hundred (200) acres and at least one hundred fifty (150) residential units and are located a. in a county that has voted against coming out from under the dry law; and b. outside of but in close proximity to a municipality in such county which has voted under Section 67-1-14, after January 1, 2013, to come out from under the dry law;

14. The clubhouse and associated eighteen (18) hole golf course located in a municipality traversed by Interstate Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 51 that has voted to come out from under the dry law;

15. a. Land that is planned for mixed use development and consists of at least two hundred (200) contiguous acres with one or more planned residential developments collectively planned to include at least two hundred (200) residential units when completed, and also including a facility that consists

of at least four thousand (4,000) square feet that is not part of such land but is located adjacent to or in close proximity thereto, and which land is located:

*** A. In a county that has voted to come out from under the dry law,

*** B. Outside the corporate limits of any municipality in such county and adjacent to or in close proximity to a golf course located in a municipality in such county, and

*** C. Within one (1) mile of a state institution of higher learning;

b. The board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

16. Any facility with a capacity of five hundred (500) people or more, to be used as a venue for private events, on a tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 7 East, of a county where U.S. Highway 45 and U.S. Highway 72 intersect and that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

17. One hundred five (105) contiguous acres, more or less, located in Hinds County, Mississippi, and in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, whereon are constructed a variety of buildings, improvements, grounds or objects for the purpose of holding events thereon to promote agricultural and industrial development in Mississippi;

18. Land that is owned by a state institution of higher learning and:

a. Located entirely within a county that has elected by majority vote not to permit the transportation, storage, sale, distribution, receipt and/or manufacture of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-7, and

b. Adjacent to but outside the incorporated limits of a municipality that has elected by majority vote to permit the sale, receipt, storage and transportation of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-9.

If any portion of the land described in this item 18 has been declared a qualified resort area by the department before July 1, 2020, then that qualified resort area shall be incorporated into the qualified resort area created by this item 18;

19. Any facility and related property:

a. Used as a flea market or similar venue during a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) immediately preceding the first Monday of a month and having an annual average of at least one thousand (1,000) visitors for each such weekend and five hundred (500) vendors for Saturday of each such weekend, and

b. Located in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law and outside of but in close proximity to a municipality located in such county and which municipality has voted to come out from under the dry law;

20. Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and

b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

21. Any municipality with a population in excess of two thousand (2,000) according to the latest federal decennial census and in which is

located a part of White's Creek Lake and in which U.S. Highway 82 intersects with Mississippi Highway 9 and located in a county that is partially bordered on one (1) side by the Big Black River; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located * * *;

22. A restaurant located on a two-acre tract adjacent to a five-hundred-fifty-acre lake in the northeast corner of a county traversed by U.S. Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84 * * *;

23. Any tracts of land in Oktibbeha County, situated * * * west of Mississippi * * * Highway 12, north of Coliseum Boulevard * * *, east of * * * George Perry Street and south of Mississippi Highway 182, and not located on the property of a state institution of higher learning * * *; however, the board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

24. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 27 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

25. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 35 and Interstate 20; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

26. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 16 and Mississippi Highway 35 intersect;

27. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Old Highway 61 intersect;

28. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 8 meets Mississippi Highway 1;

29. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 1 intersect;

30. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 50 meets Mississippi Highway 9;

31. An area bounded on the north by Pearl Street, on the east by West Street, on the south by Court Street and on the west by Farish

Street, within a municipality bordered on the east by the Pearl River and through which run Interstate 20 and Interstate 55;

32. Any facility and related property that:

a. Is contracted for mixed-use development improvements consisting of office and residential space and a restaurant and lounge, partially occupying the renovated space of a four-story commercial building which previously served as a financial institution; and adjacent property to the west consisting of a single-story office building that was originally occupied by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of American Local Number 569; and

b. Is situated on a tract of land consisting of approximately one and one-tenth (1.10) acres, and the adjacent property to the west consisting of approximately 0.5 acres, located in a municipality which is the seat of county government, situated south of Interstate 10, traversed by U.S. Highway 90, partially bordered on one (1) side by the Pascagoula River and having its most southern boundary bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, with a population greater than twenty-two thousand (22,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

C. Designate the areas within the facilities in which alcoholic beverages may be offered for sale;

33. Any facility with a maximum capacity of one hundred twenty (120) people that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) square feet being heated and cooled, has a commercial kitchen, has a pavilion that consists of at least nine thousand (9,000) square feet and is located on land more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi, that lies South of Mississippi State Highway 348 right-of-way and containing 19.48 acres, more or less.

ALSO,

The Northeast 38 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi.

ALSO,

The South 81 1/2 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi; and

34. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 16 intersect.

The status of these municipalities, districts, clubhouses, facilities, golf courses and areas described in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) as qualified resort areas does not require any declaration of same by the department.

(p) "Native wine" means any product, produced in Mississippi for sale, having an alcohol content not to exceed twenty-one percent (21%) by weight and made in accordance with revenue laws of the United States, which shall be obtained primarily from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of ripe grapes, fruits, berries, honey or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi; provided that bulk, concentrated or fortified wines used for blending may be produced without this state and used in producing native wines. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to permit a producer to import such bulk and/or fortified wines into this state for use in blending with native wines without payment of any excise tax that would otherwise accrue thereon.

(q) "Native winery" means any place or establishment within the State of Mississippi where native wine is produced, in whole or in part, for sale.

(r) "Bed and breakfast inn" means an establishment within a municipality where in consideration of payment, breakfast and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located not less than eight (8) and not more than nineteen (19) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with

adequate facilities, that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations; however, such restriction on the minimum number of sleeping rooms shall not apply to establishments on the National Register of Historic Places. No place shall qualify as a bed and breakfast inn under this chapter unless on the date of the initial application for a license under this chapter more than fifty percent (50%) of the sleeping rooms are located in a structure formerly used as a residence.

(s) "Board" shall refer to the Board of Tax Appeals of the State of Mississippi.

(t) "Spa facility" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a hotel where, in consideration of payment, patrons receive from licensed professionals a variety of private personal care treatments such as massages, facials, waxes, exfoliation and hairstyling.

(u) "Art studio or gallery" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area that is in the sole business of allowing patrons to view and/or purchase paintings and other creative artwork.

(v) "Cooking school" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a nationally recognized company that offers an established culinary education curriculum and program where, in consideration of payment, patrons are given scheduled professional group instruction on culinary techniques. For purposes of this paragraph, the definition of cooking school shall not include schools or classes offered by grocery stores, convenience stores or drugstores.

(w) "Campus" means property owned by a public school district, community or junior college, college or university in this state where educational courses are taught, school functions are held, tests and examinations are administered or academic course credits are awarded; however, the term shall not include any "restaurant" or "hotel" that is located on property owned by a community or junior college, college or university in this state, and is operated by a third party who receives all revenue generated from food and alcoholic beverage sales.

(x) "Native spirit" shall mean any beverage, produced in Mississippi for sale, manufactured primarily by the distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar produced in Mississippi, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages. In order to be classified as "native spirit" under the provisions of this chapter, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the finished product by volume shall have been obtained from distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar grown and produced in Mississippi.

(y) "Native distillery" shall mean any place or establishment within this state where native spirit is produced in whole or in part for sale.

SECTION 2. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1135, 2021 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1288, 2021 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2435, 2021 Regular Session and House Bill No. 1091, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department shall be as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to manufacturers holding permits under this chapter in this state and to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase the same, and to sell as provided by this chapter.

Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the production of distilled spirits by distillation or redistillation and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining, mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.

Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and store wine or vinous liquor.

Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native wines.

Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native spirits.

(b) Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his employees at the permitted place of business so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this chapter and applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers and other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold.

(c) On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees ordered. Such a permit shall be issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, small craft breweries, microbreweries, and to common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to such establishments as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.

(d) Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1) principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler or manufacturer in the state.

(e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of

foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native wine retailer is located.

(f) Temporary retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70) days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the application or statement, the applicant shall never again be eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject to prosecution for perjury.

Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail establishment at an open house or promotional event, for consumption only on the premises described in the temporary permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that it meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued under paragraph (l) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine or beer.

(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit. When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made only for consumption at the catered location. The location being catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.

(i) Alcohol processing permit. An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

(j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

(k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.

(l) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the holder of a package retailer's permit.

(m) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit. A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a qualifying charitable

nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages sold, stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the premises immediately following the auction, and may not be consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may only be issued for venues that can accommodate two hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along with all other documents required to be provided for an on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and productions on the premises of the facility described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p), "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.

(q) Distillery retailer's permit. The holder of a Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages to consumers for on-premises consumption, or to consumers by the sealed and unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in the permit. However, when selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a distillery retailer's permit may add other beverages, alcoholic or not, so long as the total volume of other beverage components containing alcohol does not exceed twenty percent (20%). Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the distillery retailer is located.

The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this chapter. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats, glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(r) Festival Wine Permit. Any wine manufacturer or native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed, unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this permit may provide samples at no charge to participants. "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and returns as prescribed by the department. This permit is issued per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2) consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises permittees' sales in that county or city. The holder of the permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2023.

(s) Charter vessel operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit. For the purposes of this paragraph (s), "charter vessel operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate-10 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties

in the State of Mississippi, extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties, and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters as provided in this paragraph (s).

(** *t) Native spirit retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

(u) Delivery service permit. Any individual, limited liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 1 of House Bill No. 1135, 2021 Regular Session, this permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to the premises of a location with a permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product. The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege separate from its existing retail permit.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail permit, at the discretion of the department.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this chapter within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school, kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet.

(b) A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(c) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

(d) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)32.

(e) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building formerly owned by a municipality and formerly leased by the municipality to a municipal school district and used by the municipal school district as a district bus shop facility.

(f) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building consisting of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet and located approximately six

hundred (600) feet from the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4.

(g) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located at the southeast corner of Ward and Tate Streets in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

(4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit.

(5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the leisure and recreation district while in possession of the alcoholic beverage or wine.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this chapter.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "QUALIFIED RESORT AREA" UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MANUFACTURING, SALE OR STORAGE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS WITHIN CERTAIN DISTANCES OF CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND FUNERAL HOMES SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OR STORAGE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III, Brent Powell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Joel R. Carter, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Shanks, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, Crudup, Darnell, Evans, B, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, McLeod, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Turner, Weathersby, Wright. Total--25.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Lamar. Total-2.

Present--Bounds. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1091: Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1091: Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-71-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-301. When used in this article the words and terms hereafter mentioned shall have the following definitions:

(a) "State Auditor" means the State Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Mississippi or any legally appointed deputy, clerk or agent.

(b) "Person" includes all natural persons or corporations, a partnership, an association, a joint venture, an estate, a trust, or any other group or combination acting as a unit and shall include the plural as well as the singular unless an intention to give another meaning thereto is disclosed in the context.

(c) "Consumer" means a person who comes into the possession of beer, light spirit product or light wine, the sale of which is authorized by Chapter 3 of Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of consuming it, giving it away or otherwise disposing of it in any manner except by sale, barter or exchange.

(d) "Retailer" means any person who comes into the possession of such light wines, light spirit products or beer for the purpose of selling it to the consumer, or giving it away, or exposing it where it may be taken or purchased or acquired in any other manner by the consumer. The term "retailer" shall include small craft breweries and microbreweries; however, the term "retailer" shall not include a person who offers and provides beer on the premises of a brewery for the purpose of tasting or sampling as authorized in Section 67-3-47.

(e) "Wholesaler" means any person who comes into possession of such light wine, light spirit product or beer for the purpose of selling, distributing, or giving it away to retailers or other wholesalers or dealers inside or outside of this state.

(f) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue of the Department of Revenue or his duly appointed agents or employees.

(g) "Sale" includes the exchange of such light wines, light spirit products or beer for money, or giving away or distributing any such light wines, light spirit products or beer for anything of value; however, the term "sale" shall not include beer offered and provided on the premises of a brewery for the purpose of tasting or sampling as authorized in Section 67-3-47.

(h) "Light wines, light spirit products or beer" means beer, light spirit products and light wines legalized for sale by the provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(i) "Distributor" includes every person who receives either from within or from without this state, from a brewery, a winery or any other source, light wines, light spirit products or beer as defined in Chapter 3 of Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of distributing or otherwise disposing of such light wines, light spirit products or beer to a wholesaler or retailer of such light wines, light spirit products or beer.

(j) "Brewpub" means the premises of any location in which light wine, light spirit product or beer is manufactured or brewed, for retail sale if the total amount of light wine, light spirit product or beer produced on the premises does not exceed the production limitation imposed in Section 67-3-22, and the light wine, light spirit product or beer is produced for consumption on the premises, although without prohibition on sales for off-premises consumption.

(k) "Hospitality cart" means a mobile cart from which alcoholic beverages and light wine, light spirit product and beer are sold on a golf course and for which a hospitality cart permit has been issued under Section 67-1-51.

(l) "Small craft brewery" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 67-3-3.

(m) "Manufacturer" means a person who brews beer at a brewery; however, the term does not include "brewpubs."

(n) "Microbrewery" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 67-3-3.

SECTION 2. Section 27-71-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-303. Upon each person approved for a permit to engage in the business of selling light wines, light spirit products or beer there is hereby imposed, levied and assessed, to be collected and paid as herein provided, annual privilege taxes in the following amounts:

(a) Retailers--for each place of business.....	\$ 30.00
(b) Wholesalers or distributors--for each county	\$ 100.00
(c) Manufacturers--for each place of business.....	\$1,000.00
(d) Brewpubs--for each place of business.....	\$1,000.00
(e) Microbrewery--for each place of business.....	\$1,000.00
(f) Small craft brewery--for each place of business	\$1,000.00

Upon each person operating an airline, bus, boat or railroad car upon which light wines, light spirit products or beer may be sold there is hereby imposed, levied and assessed, to be collected and paid, annual privilege taxes of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each airplane, bus, boat or railroad car so operated in this state.

Provided, however, the amount of the privilege tax to be paid for a permit issued for a period of less than twelve (12) months shall be that proportionate amount of the annual privilege tax that the number of months, or part of a month, remaining until its expiration date bears to twelve (12) months, but in no case shall the privilege tax be less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

SECTION 3. Section 27-71-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-307. (1) (a) In addition to the specific tax imposed in Section 27-71-303, there is hereby imposed, levied, assessed and shall be collected, as hereinafter provided, an excise or privilege tax upon each person engaged or continuing in the business of wholesaler or distributor of light wines, light spirit products or beer equivalent to Forty-two and Sixty-eight One-hundredths Cents (42.68¢) per gallon upon all light wines, light spirit products and beer acquired for sale or distribution in this state. The excise or privilege tax is also imposed at the same rate upon each gallon of light wine,

light spirit product or beer manufactured by brewpubs, each of which shall accurately and reliably measure the quantity of light wine, light spirit product and beer produced by using a measuring device such as a meter or gauge glass or any other suitable method approved by the commissioner. The excise or privilege tax is also imposed at the same rate upon each gallon of light wine, light spirit product or beer provided by a small craft brewery or microbrewery for sale as authorized under Section 67-3-48 and upon each gallon of light wine, light spirit product or beer provided for tasting or sampling under Section 67-3-47. The tax is hereby imposed as an additional tax for the privilege of engaging or continuing in business.

(b) The excise tax imposed in this section shall be paid to the Department of Revenue monthly on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month in which the beer, light spirit product or light wine was manufactured or received in this state. Monthly report forms shall be furnished by the commissioner to the wholesalers, distributors, brewpubs, microbreweries and small craft breweries.

(c) Provided that persons operating a railroad dining car, club car or other car in interstate commerce upon which light wines, light spirit products or beer may be sold and who are licensed under the provisions of Section 67-3-27 and any other law relating to the sale of such beverages shall keep such records of the sales of such light wines, light spirit products and beer in this state as the commissioner shall prescribe and shall submit monthly reports of such sales to the commissioner within fifteen (15) days after the end of each month on a form prescribed therefor by the commissioner, and shall pay the tax due under the provisions of this section at the time such reports are filed.

No official crowns, lids, labels or stamps with the word "MISSISSIPPI" or "MS" imprinted thereon or any other evidence of tax payment is required by this section, or may be required under rule or regulation promulgated by the commissioner, to be affixed on or to any part of a beer, light wine, light spirit product or malt cooler bottle, can or other light wine, light spirit product or malt cooler container. For purposes of this section, malt cooler products shall be defined as a flavored malt beverage made from a base of malt beverage and flavored with fruit juices, aromatics and essences of other flavoring in quantities and proportions such that the resulting product possesses a character and flavor distinctive from the base malt beverage and distinguishable from other malt beverages.

(2) A licensed wholesaler or distributor of beer, light spirit product or light wine may not import beer, light spirit product or light wine from any source other than a brewer or importer authorized by the commissioner to sell such beer, light spirit product or light wine in Mississippi. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court and shall be subject to license forfeiture following an appropriate hearing before the Department of Revenue.

(3) The wholesaler, distributor, microbrewery or small craft brewery shall be allowed credit for tax paid on beer, light spirit product or light wine which is no longer marketable and which is destroyed by same when such destruction is witnessed by an agent of the commissioner and when the amount of the excise tax exceeds One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). No other loss will be allowed.

A brewpub shall be allowed credit for light wine, light spirit product or beer which has passed through the meter, gauge glass or other approved measuring device and which has been soured or damaged. The brewpub shall record the removal of sour or damaged light wine, light spirit product or beer and may take credit after the destruction is witnessed by an agent of the commissioner and when the amount of excise tax exceeds Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). No other loss shall be allowed.

(4) All manufacturers, brewers and importers of beer, light spirit product or light wine shall file monthly reports as prescribed by the commissioner listing sales to each wholesaler or distributor by date, invoice number, quantity and container size, and any other information deemed necessary.

(5) All small craft breweries and microbreweries shall file monthly reports as prescribed by the commissioner regarding the sale of light wine, light spirit product or beer authorized under Section 67-3-48.

(6) Manufacturers who offer and provide limited amounts of beer for tasting or sampling under Section 67-3-47 shall file monthly reports as prescribed by the commissioner regarding the beer provided for such tasting or sampling.

(7) All administrative provisions of the Mississippi Sales Tax Law, including those which fix damages, penalties and interest for nonpayment of taxes and for noncompliance with the provisions of such chapter, and all other requirements and duties imposed upon taxpayers, shall apply to all persons liable for taxes under the provisions of this chapter, and the commissioner shall exercise all the power and authority and perform all the duties with respect to taxpayers under this chapter as are provided in the sales tax law except where there is conflict, then the provisions of this chapter shall control.

SECTION 4. Section 27-71-509, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-509. It shall be unlawful for any brewer, manufacturer, distributor or retailer of light wines, light spirit products or beer to whom a permit has been issued under the provisions of Sections 67-3-15 and 67-3-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, to write or print on any label or container of either of the above-named commodities any matter relating to the alcoholic content of such beverage or beverages, except a statement, to the effect that the contents of the vessel or container in which light wine shall be sold does not contain alcohol in excess of five percent (5%) of the contents thereof, by weight, that the contents of the vessel or container in which light spirit product shall be sold does not contain alcohol in excess of * * * six percent (6%) of the contents thereof, by weight, and that the contents of the vessel or container in which beer shall be sold does not contain alcohol in excess of eight percent (8%) of the contents thereof, by weight. It shall be unlawful for any such brewer, wholesaler, distributor or retailer to sell any such commodity with any statement in conflict with the provisions of this section, with reference to the alcoholic content of such beverage or beverages, except that a statement of alcoholic content may be expressed on any light wine, light spirit product or beer label in terms of volume or weight, at the manufacturer's option; and such statement, if by volume, shall be subject to the same permitted tolerance allowed for wine containing fourteen percent (14%) alcohol by volume or less by Section 4.36(b)(1) of the Federal Labeling Requirements for Wine, 27 CFR Part 4, subpart D, and Section 7.71(c) 27 CFR Part 7, subpart G, and, if by weight, shall be subject to an equivalent permitted tolerance, determined in terms of alcohol by weight.

SECTION 5. Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
67-3-3. When used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise:

(a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue of the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, and his authorized agents and employees.

(b) "Person" means one or more persons, a company, a corporation, a partnership, a syndicate or an association.

(c) "Brewpub" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 27-71-301.

(d) "Beer" means a malt beverage as defined in the Federal Alcohol Administration Act and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to such act of an alcoholic content of not more than eight percent (8%) by weight.

(e) "Light wine" means wine of an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight.

(f) "Small craft brewery" means a person having a permit under this chapter to manufacture or brew light wine, light spirit product or beer in this state and who manufactures or brews not more than sixty thousand (60,000) barrels of light wine, light spirit product or beer at all breweries that such person or its affiliates, subsidiary or parent company owns or controls or with whom such person contracts with for the manufacture of light wine, light spirit product or beer. For purposes of this paragraph, contract-brewed beer manufactured by a person having a permit under this chapter to manufacture or brew light wine, light spirit product or beer shall be included in the sixty-thousand-barrel limitation.

(g) "Growler" means a sealed container that holds not more than one hundred twenty-eight (128) ounces of light wine, light spirit product or beer. A growler must have a label on it stating what it contains.

(h) "Manufacturer" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 27-71-301.

(i) "Contract-brewed beer" means beer brewed by a manufacturer who:

(i) Makes the beer pursuant to a written contract with another beer manufacturer, and neither entity has a controlling interest in the other entity;

(ii) Makes the beer in accordance with a recipe that is a trade secret of the beer manufacturer having its beer made under contract; and

(iii) Has no right to sell the beer to any other beer manufacturer, importer or wholesaler other than the beer manufacturer who contracted for the beer.

(j) "Light spirit product" means a beverage of an alcoholic content of not more than * * * six percent (6%) by weight and containing one or more distilled spirits, as defined in Section 67-1-5.

(k) "Microbrewery" means a person having a permit under this chapter to manufacture or brew light wine, light spirit product or beer in this state and who manufactures or brews not more than three thousand (3,000) barrels of light wine, light spirit product or beer at its permitted location.

SECTION 6. Section 67-3-48, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-3-48. (1) A small craft brewery may sell at retail light wine, light spirit product or beer produced at its brewery for consumption on the premises of the brewery and consumption off the premises of the brewery if the sales are made on the premises of the brewery and the light wine, light spirit product or beer products offered for sale are also made available for sale to wholesalers.

(2) (a) A small craft brewery shall not sell at retail more than * * * twenty-five percent (25%) of the light wine, light spirit product or beer produced annually at its brewery or more than * * * two thousand five hundred (2,500) barrels of light wine, light spirit product or beer produced at the brewery annually, whichever is the lesser amount. For purposes of this subsection, contract-brewed beer shall not be included in the amount of beer produced annually at the brewery. The light wine, light spirit product or beer must be sold at a price approximating retail prices generally charged for identical beverages in the county where the brewery is located.

(b) A small craft brewery shall not make retail sales of more than * * * six hundred seventy (670) ounces, in the aggregate, of light wine, light spirit product or beer to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the brewery within a twenty-four-hour period.

(c) The limits on sales provided for in this subsection shall not apply to beer provided pursuant to Section 67-3-47.

(d) A microbrewery shall not sell at retail more than eighty percent (80%) of light wine, light spirit product or beer produced annually at its brewery. The light wine, light spirit product or beer must be sold at a price approximating prices generally charged for identical beverages in the county where the microbrewery is located.

(3) A small craft brewery or microbrewery shall take commercially reasonable steps to ensure that light wine, light spirit product or beer products sold for consumption off the premises of the brewery are being sold for personal use and not for resale and are not being sold to anyone holding a retail permit for the purpose of resale in their establishment.

(4) A small craft brewery or microbrewery shall not make retail sales of contract-brewed beer.

(5) A small craft brewery or microbrewery shall not mail or ship light wine, light spirit product or beer to a consumer.

SECTION 7. Section 67-3-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-3-49. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for any brewer or manufacturer or distributor or wholesale dealer of or in light wines, light spirit products and/or beer to manufacture or knowingly bring upon his premises or keep thereon * * * any light spirit product of an alcoholic content of more than * * * six percent (6%) by weight, any beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by

weight * * *. Any person that shall add to or mix with any beer, light spirit product or light wine any alcoholic or other liquid, or any alcohol cube or cubes, or any other ingredient or ingredients that will increase or tend to increase the alcoholic content of such liquor, or any person that shall knowingly offer for sale any liquor so treated, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as hereinafter provided in this chapter. The commissioner shall take any action he considers necessary to ensure that light wine, light spirit product and/or beer manufactured at a brewpub complies with the provisions of this section.

(2) A brewer or manufacturer of light wine, light spirit product or beer may manufacture and keep upon his premises beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight if the beer is manufactured for legal sale in another state.

SECTION 8. Section 67-3-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-3-45. No manufacturer, distributor or wholesale dealer to whom or to which this chapter applies shall:

(a) Make any loan, directly or indirectly, or furnish any fixtures of any kind, directly or indirectly, to any retail dealer in light wines, light spirit products and/or beer;

(b) Have any interest, direct or indirect, in the business of or in the furnishings or fixtures or in the premises used by any such retail dealer in connection with his or its business;

(c) Have any lien on any such property of any such retail dealer; or

(d) Sell light wines, light spirit products and/or beer to any such retail dealer on credit.

This section shall not apply to a brewpub licensed pursuant to Article 3, Chapter 71, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall not prohibit a microbrewery or small craft brewery licensed under Article 3, Chapter 71, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, from being eligible to obtain a retail permit for the sale of beer, light wine or light spirit products on its premises.

SECTION 9. Section 67-3-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-3-55. (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 67-1-41, it shall be unlawful for any retailer to possess for purpose of sale, to sell, or to offer to sell any light wine, light spirit product or beer which was not purchased from a wholesaler in this state who has a permit to sell such light wine, light spirit product or beer, except for beer, light spirit product or light wine that was brewed on the premises of the retailer who holds a permit as a brewpub pursuant to Article 3, Chapter 71, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any wholesaler to possess for purpose of sale, to sell, or to offer to sell any light wine, light spirit product or beer which was not purchased from a manufacturer or importer of a foreign manufacturer authorized to sell such light wine, light spirit product or beer in this state.

(3) This section shall not apply to:

(a) Beer offered and provided on the premises of a brewery for the purpose of tasting or sampling as authorized in Section 67-3-47; or

(b) Light wine, light spirit product or beer sold on the premises of a small craft brewery or microbrewery as authorized in Section 67-3-48.

SECTION 10. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1135, 2021 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1288, 2021 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2435, 2021 Regular Session and House Bill No. 572, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department shall be as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to manufacturers holding permits under this chapter in this state and to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase the same, and to sell as provided by this chapter.

Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the production of distilled spirits by distillation or

redistillation and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining, mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.

Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and store wine or vinous liquor.

Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native wines.

Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native spirits.

(b) Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his employees at the permitted place of business so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this chapter and applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers and other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold.

(c) On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees ordered. Such a permit shall be issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, small craft breweries, microbreweries, and to common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to such establishments as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.

(d) Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1) principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler or manufacturer in the state.

(e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native wine retailer is located.

(f) Temporary retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70) days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the application or statement, the applicant shall never again be eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject to prosecution for perjury.

Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail establishment at an open house or promotional event, for consumption only on the premises described in the temporary permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that it meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder exclusively for

personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued under paragraph (l) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine or beer.

(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit. When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made only for consumption at the catered location. The location being catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.

(i) Alcohol processing permit. An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

(j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

(k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.

(l) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the holder of a package retailer's permit.

(m) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit. A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a qualifying charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages sold, stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the premises immediately following the auction, and may not be consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may only be issued for venues that can accommodate two hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along with all other documents required to be provided for an on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and productions on the premises of the facility described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize

the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p), "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.

(q) Distillery retailer's permit. The holder of a Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages to consumers for on-premises consumption, or to consumers by the sealed and unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in the permit. However, when selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a distillery retailer's permit may add other beverages, alcoholic or not, so long as the total volume of other beverage components containing alcohol does not exceed twenty percent (20%). Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the distillery retailer is located.

The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this chapter. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats, glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(r) Festival Wine Permit. Any wine manufacturer or native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed, unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this permit may provide samples at no charge to participants. "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and returns as prescribed by the department. This permit is issued per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2) consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises permittees' sales in that county or city. The holder of the permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2023.

(s) Charter vessel operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including

native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit. For the purposes of this paragraph (s), "charter vessel operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate-10 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties, and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters as provided in this paragraph (s).

(* * *t) Native spirit retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

(u) Delivery service permit. Any individual, limited liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 1 of House Bill No. 1135, 2021 Regular Session, this permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to the premises of a location with a permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product. The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege separate from its existing retail permit.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail permit, at the discretion of the department.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this chapter within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school, kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet.

(b) A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(c) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

(d) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a qualified resort area as defined in Section

67-1-5(o)(iii)32.

(e) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building formerly owned by a municipality and formerly leased by the municipality to a municipal school district and used by the municipal school district as a district bus shop facility.

(f) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building consisting of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet and located approximately six hundred (600) feet from the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4.

(g) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located at the southeast corner of Ward and Tate Streets in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

(4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit.

(5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the leisure and recreation district while in possession of the alcoholic beverage or wine.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this chapter.

SECTION 11. Section 67-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 945, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-3-9. Any city in this state, having a population of not less than two thousand five hundred (2,500) according to the latest federal decennial census; or any city in this state having a population of not less than one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and located within three (3) miles of a city or county that permits the sale, receipt, storage and transportation for the purpose of sale of beer, light spirit product or light wine; or any city or town in this state having a population of not less than one thousand (1,000) according to the latest federal decennial census and located in a county that has no city or town with a population of more than two thousand five hundred (2,500); or any city, town or village that is a county seat and has voted to come out from under the dry law under Section 67-1-14; at an election held for the purpose, under the election laws applicable to such city, may either prohibit or permit, except as otherwise provided under Section 67-9-1, the sale and the receipt, storage and transportation for the purpose of sale of beer, light spirit product and light wine. An election to determine whether such sale shall be permitted in cities wherein its sale is prohibited by law shall be ordered by the city or town council or mayor and board of aldermen or other governing body of such city or town for such city or town only, upon the presentation of a petition for such city or town to such governing board containing the names of twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1,500), whichever number is the lesser, of the duly qualified voters of such city or town asking for such election. In like manner, an election to determine whether such sale shall be prohibited in cities wherein its sale is permitted by law shall be ordered by the city council or mayor and board of aldermen or other governing board of such city for such city only, upon the presentation of a petition to such governing board containing the names of twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified voters of such city asking for such election. No election on either question shall be held by any one (1) city more often than once in five (5) years.

Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the qualified electors of such city or town in the manner prescribed by law upon the question of either permitting or prohibiting such sale, and the notice shall contain a statement of the question to be voted on at the election. The tickets to be used in the election shall have the following words printed thereon: "For the legal sale of light wine of an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight, light spirit product of an alcoholic content of not more than * * * six percent (6%) by weight, and beer of an alcoholic content of not more than eight percent (8%) by weight"; and the words "Against the legal sale of light wine of an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight, light spirit product of an alcoholic content of not more than * * * six percent (6%) by weight, and beer of an alcoholic content of not more than eight percent (8%) by weight," next below. In making up his or her ticket the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his choice.

If in the election a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election shall vote "For the legal sale of light wine of an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight, light spirit product of an alcoholic content of not more than * * * six percent (6%) by weight, and beer of an alcoholic content of not more than eight percent (8%) by weight," then the city or town council or mayor and board of aldermen or other governing body shall pass the necessary order permitting the legal sale of such light wine, light spirit product and beer in such city or town. If in the election a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election shall vote "Against the legal sale of light wine of an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight, light spirit product of an alcoholic content of not more than * * * six percent (6%) by weight, and beer of an alcoholic content of not more than eight percent (8%) by weight," then the city council or mayor and board of aldermen or other governing body shall pass the necessary order prohibiting the sale of such light wine, light spirit product and beer in such city.

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this section are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only, this section being cumulative and supplementary.

SECTION 12. Section 67-3-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-3-17. (1) Any person desiring to engage in any business taxable under Sections 27-71-303 through 27-71-317, Mississippi Code of 1972, either as a retailer, or as a wholesaler or distributor, or as a manufacturer, of light wines, light spirit products or beer, shall file with the commissioner an application for a permit allowing him to engage in such business. The application for a permit shall contain a statement showing the name of the business, and if a partnership, firm, association or limited liability company, the name of each partner or member, and if a corporation the names of two (2) principal officers, the post office address, and the nature of business in which engaged. In case any business is conducted at two (2) or more separate places, a separate permit for each place of business shall be required. The commissioner shall prescribe the form of the application and designate who is required to sign the application. The application shall be signed under penalty of perjury.

(2) The application shall include a statement that the applicant will not, except as otherwise authorized in this chapter, allow any alcoholic beverages as defined in Section 67-1-5, any beer having an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight, any spirit product having an alcoholic content of more than * * * six percent (6%) by weight, or any wine having an alcoholic content of more than five percent (5%) by weight, to be kept, stored or secreted in or on the premises described in such permit or license, and that the applicant will not otherwise violate any law of this state, or knowingly allow any other person to violate any such law, while in or on such premises.

(3) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 13. Section 67-3-28, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-3-28. (1) Any person desiring to engage in business as a brewpub shall file with the commissioner, along with the application required by Section 67-3-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, a certificate issued by a licensed testing laboratory indicating that such laboratory has tested a sample of the applicant's beer, light spirit product or light wine, or a combination thereof, and that the alcohol content of such sample of beer does not

exceed eight percent (8%) by weight, and the alcohol content of such sample of light spirit product does not exceed * * * six percent (6%) by weight, and the alcoholic content of such sample of light wine does not exceed five percent (5%) by weight.

(2) Every brewpub shall be required to submit to random testing by the commissioner to determine whether any beer being manufactured, sold, kept, stored or secreted by the license holder contains an alcohol content greater than eight percent (8%) by weight, and light spirit product being manufactured, sold, kept, stored or secreted by the license holder contains an alcoholic content greater than * * * six percent (6%) by weight, and any light wine being manufactured, sold, kept, stored or secreted by the license holder contains an alcoholic content greater than five percent (5%) by weight. The commissioner shall establish and administer testing standards and procedures to be used in such random testing. The brewpub licensee shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the commissioner in conducting random testing under this section.

SECTION 14. Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, and House Bill No. 572, 2021, Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-5. For the purposes of this chapter and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Alcoholic beverage" means any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, but shall not include light wine, light spirit product and beer, as defined in Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, but shall include native wines and native spirits. The words "alcoholic beverage" shall not include ethyl alcohol manufactured or distilled solely for fuel purposes or beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight if the beer is legally manufactured in this state for sale in another state.

(b) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, whatever the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol, but does not include denatured alcohol or wood alcohol.

(c) "Distilled spirits" means any beverage containing more than * * * six percent (6%) of alcohol by weight produced by distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages.

(d) "Wine" or "vinous liquor" means any product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe grapes, fruits, honey or berries and made in accordance with the revenue laws of the United States.

(e) "Person" means and includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity whatsoever.

(f) "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in manufacturing, distilling, rectifying, blending or bottling any alcoholic beverage.

(g) "Wholesaler" means any person, other than a manufacturer, engaged in distributing or selling any alcoholic beverage at wholesale for delivery within or without this state when such sale is for the purpose of resale by the purchaser.

(h) "Retailer" means any person who sells, distributes, or offers for sale or distribution, any alcoholic beverage for use or consumption by the purchaser and not for resale.

(i) "State Tax Commission," "commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, which shall create a division in its organization to be known as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. Any reference to the commission or the department hereafter means the powers and duties of the Department of Revenue with reference to supervision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(j) "Division" means the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue.

(k) "Municipality" means any incorporated city or town of this state.

(l) "Hotel" means an establishment within a municipality, or within a qualified resort area approved as such by the department, where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located at least twenty (20) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight

accommodations. Hotels in towns or cities of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) population are similarly defined except that they must have fifty (50) or more sleeping rooms. Any such establishment described in this paragraph with less than fifty (50) beds shall operate one or more regular dining rooms designed to be constantly frequented by customers each day. When used in this chapter, the word "hotel" shall also be construed to include any establishment that meets the definition of "bed and breakfast inn" as provided in this section.

(m) "Restaurant" means:

(i) A place which is regularly and in a bona fide manner used and kept open for the serving of meals to guests for compensation, which has suitable seating facilities for guests, and which has suitable kitchen facilities connected therewith for cooking an assortment of foods and meals commonly ordered at various hours of the day; the service of such food as sandwiches and salads only shall not be deemed in compliance with this requirement. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, no place shall qualify as a restaurant under this chapter unless twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the revenue derived from such place shall be from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, or unless the value of food given to and consumed by customers is equal to twenty-five percent (25%) or more of total revenue; or

(ii) Any privately owned business located in a building in a historic district where the district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, where the building has a total occupancy rating of not less than one thousand (1,000) and where the business regularly utilizes ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more in the building for live entertainment, including not only the stage, lobby or area where the audience sits and/or stands, but also any other portion of the building necessary for the operation of the business, including any kitchen area, bar area, storage area and office space, but excluding any area for parking. In addition to the other requirements of this subparagraph, the business must also serve food to guests for compensation within the building and derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales to live entertainment in the building, and from the rental of all or part of the facilities of the business in the building to another party for a specific event or function.

(n) "Club" means an association or a corporation:

(i) Organized or created under the laws of this state for a period of five (5) years prior to July 1, 1966;

(ii) Organized not primarily for pecuniary profit but for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages;

(iii) Maintained by its members through the payment of annual dues;

(iv) Owning, hiring or leasing a building or space in a building of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and their guests;

(v) The affairs and management of which are conducted by a board of directors, board of governors, executive committee, or similar governing body chosen by the members at a regular meeting held at some periodic interval; and

(vi) No member, officer, agent or employee of which is paid, or directly or indirectly receives, in the form of a salary or other compensation any profit from the distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages to the club or to members or guests of the club beyond such salary or compensation as may be fixed and voted at a proper meeting by the board of directors or other governing body out of the general revenues of the club.

The department may, in its discretion, waive the five-year provision of this paragraph. In order to qualify under this paragraph, a club must file with the department, at the time of its application for a license under this chapter, two (2) copies of a list of the names and residences of its members and similarly file, within ten (10) days after the election of any additional member, his name and address. Each club applying for a license shall also file with the department at the time of the application a copy of its articles

of association, charter of incorporation, bylaws or other instruments governing the business and affairs thereof.

(o) "Qualified resort area" means any area or locality outside of the limits of incorporated municipalities in this state commonly known and accepted as a place which regularly and customarily attracts tourists, vacationists and other transients because of its historical, scenic or recreational facilities or attractions, or because of other attributes which regularly and customarily appeal to and attract tourists, vacationists and other transients in substantial numbers; however, no area or locality shall so qualify as a resort area until it has been duly and properly approved as such by the department. The department may not approve an area as a qualified resort area after July 1, 2018, if any portion of such proposed area is located within two (2) miles of a convent or monastery that is located in a county traversed by Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 98. A convent or monastery may waive such distance restrictions in favor of allowing approval by the department of an area as a qualified resort area. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the convent or monastery having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(i) The department may approve an area or locality outside of the limits of an incorporated municipality that is in the process of being developed as a qualified resort area if such area or locality, when developed, can reasonably be expected to meet the requisites of the definition of the term "qualified resort area." In such a case, the status of qualified resort area shall not take effect until completion of the development.

(ii) The term includes any state park which is declared a resort area by the department; however, such declaration may only be initiated in a written request for resort area status made to the department by the Executive Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and no permit for the sale of any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this chapter, except an on-premises retailer's permit, shall be issued for a hotel, restaurant or bed and breakfast inn in such park.

(iii) The term includes:

1. The clubhouses associated with the state park golf courses at the Lefleur's Bluff State Park, the John Kyle State Park, the Percy Quin State Park and the Hugh White State Park;

2. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities where the golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities are adjacent to one or more planned residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least seven hundred fifty (750) acres and at least four hundred (400) residential units;

3. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) contiguous acres with no public roads and that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility;

4. Any facility located on federal property surrounding a lake and designated as a recreational area by the United States Army Corps of Engineers that consists of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) acres;

5. Any facility that is located in a municipality that is bordered by the Pearl River, traversed by Mississippi Highway 25, adjacent to the boundaries of the Jackson International Airport and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law; however, any such facility may only be located in areas designated by the governing authorities of such municipality;

6. Any municipality with a population in excess of ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census that is located in a county that is bordered by the Pearl River and is not traversed by Interstate Highway 20, with a population in excess of forty-five thousand (45,000) according to the latest federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages;

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

7. The West Pearl Restaurant Tax District as defined in Chapter 912, Local and Private Laws of 2007;

8. a. Land that is located in any county in which Mississippi Highway 43 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect and:

A. Owned by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, and/or

B. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, east of Old Fannin Road, north of Regatta Drive, south of Spillway Road, west of Hugh Ward Boulevard and accessible by Old Fannin Road, Spillway Road, Spann Drive and/or Lake Vista Place, and/or

C. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, west of Old Fannin Road, south of Spillway Road and extending to the boundary of the corporate limits of the City of Flowood, Mississippi;

b. The board of supervisors of such county, with respect to B and C of item 8.a., may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

9. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least eight hundred (800) contiguous acres with no public roads, that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility, and has accommodations for at least fifty (50) overnight guests;

10. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least six thousand (6,000) square feet being heated and cooled along with an additional adjacent area that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet regardless of whether heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events such as weddings, reunions and conventions,

c. Provides lodging accommodations regardless of whether part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility, and

d. Is located on property that consists of at least thirty (30) contiguous acres;

11. Any facility and related property:

a. Located on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty-five (125) contiguous acres and consisting of an eighteen (18) hole golf course, and/or located in a facility that consists of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. Used for the purpose of providing meals and hosting events, and

c. Used for the purpose of teaching culinary arts courses and/or turf management and grounds keeping courses, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

12. Any facility and related property that:

a. Consist of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events,

c. Is used for the purpose of culinary arts courses, and/or live entertainment courses and art performances, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

13. The clubhouse and associated golf course where the golf course is adjacent to one or more residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least two hundred (200) acres and at least one hundred fifty (150) residential units and are located a. in a county that has voted against coming out from under the dry law; and b. outside of but in close proximity to a municipality in such county which has voted under Section 67-1-14, after January 1, 2013, to come out from under the dry law;

14. The clubhouse and associated eighteen (18) hole golf course located in a municipality traversed by Interstate Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 51 that has voted to come out from under the dry law;

15. a. Land that is planned for mixed use development and consists of at least two hundred (200) contiguous acres with one or more planned residential developments collectively planned to include at least two hundred (200) residential units when completed, and also including a facility that consists of at least four thousand (4,000) square feet that is not part of such land but is located adjacent to or in close proximity thereto, and which land is located:

*** A. In a county that has voted to come out from under the dry law,

*** B. Outside the corporate limits of any municipality in such county and adjacent to or in close proximity to a golf course located in a municipality in such county, and

*** C. Within one (1) mile of a state institution of higher learning;

b. The board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

16. Any facility with a capacity of five hundred (500) people or more, to be used as a venue for private events, on a tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 7 East, of a county where U.S. Highway 45 and U.S. Highway 72 intersect and that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

17. One hundred five (105) contiguous acres, more or less, located in Hinds County, Mississippi, and in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, whereon are constructed a variety of buildings, improvements, grounds or objects for the purpose of holding events thereon to promote agricultural and industrial development in Mississippi;

18. Land that is owned by a state institution of higher learning and:

a. Located entirely within a county that has elected by majority vote not to permit the transportation, storage, sale, distribution, receipt and/or manufacture of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-7, and

b. Adjacent to but outside the incorporated limits of a municipality that has elected by majority vote to permit the sale, receipt, storage and transportation of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-9.

If any portion of the land described in this item 18 has been declared a qualified resort area by the department before July 1, 2020, then that qualified resort area shall be incorporated into the qualified resort area created by this item 18;

19. Any facility and related property:

a. Used as a flea market or similar venue during a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) immediately preceding the first Monday of a month and having an annual average of at least one thousand (1,000) visitors for each such weekend and five hundred (500) vendors for Saturday of each such weekend, and

b. Located in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law and outside of but in close proximity to a municipality located in such county and which municipality has voted to come out from under the dry law;

20. Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and

b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

21. Any municipality with a population in excess of two thousand (2,000) according to the latest federal decennial census and in which is located a part of White's Creek Lake and in which U.S. Highway 82 intersects with Mississippi Highway 9 and located in a county that is partially bordered on one (1) side by the Big Black River; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located * * *;

22. A restaurant located on a two-acre tract adjacent to a five-hundred-fifty-acre lake in the northeast corner of a county traversed by U.S. Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84 * * *;

23. Any tracts of land in Oktibbeha County, situated * * * west of Mississippi * * * Highway 12, north of Coliseum Boulevard * * *, east of * * * George Perry Street and south of Mississippi Highway 182, and not located on the property of a state institution of higher learning * * *; however, the board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

24. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 27 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

25. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 35 and Interstate 20; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

26. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 16 and Mississippi Highway 35 intersect;

27. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Old Highway 61 intersect;

28. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 8 meets Mississippi Highway 1;

29. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 1 intersect;

30. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 50 meets Mississippi Highway 9;

31. An area bounded on the north by Pearl Street, on the east by West Street, on the south by Court Street and on the west by Farish Street, within a municipality bordered on the east by the Pearl River and through which run Interstate 20 and Interstate 55;

32. Any facility and related property that:

a. Is contracted for mixed-use development improvements consisting of office and residential space and a restaurant and lounge, partially occupying the renovated space of a four-story commercial building which previously served as a financial institution; and adjacent property to the west consisting of a single-story office building that was originally occupied by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of American Local Number 569; and

b. Is situated on a tract of land consisting of approximately one and one-tenth (1.10) acres, and the adjacent property to the west consisting of approximately 0.5 acres, located in a municipality which is the seat of county government, situated south of Interstate 10, traversed by U.S. Highway 90, partially bordered on one (1) side by the Pascagoula River and having its most southern boundary bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, with a population greater than twenty-two thousand (22,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

C. Designate the areas within the facilities in which alcoholic beverages may be offered for sale;

33. Any facility with a maximum capacity of one hundred twenty (120) people that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) square feet being heated and cooled, has a commercial kitchen, has a pavilion that consists of at least nine thousand (9,000) square feet and is located on land more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi, that lies South of Mississippi State Highway 348 right-of-way and containing 19.48 acres, more or less.

ALSO,

The Northeast 38 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi.

ALSO,

The South 81 1/2 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi; and

34. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 16 intersect.

The status of these municipalities, districts, clubhouses, facilities, golf courses and areas described in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) as qualified resort areas does not require any declaration of same by the department.

(p) "Native wine" means any product, produced in Mississippi for sale, having an alcohol content not to exceed twenty-one percent (21%) by weight and made in accordance with revenue laws of the United States, which shall be obtained primarily from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of ripe grapes, fruits, berries, honey or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi; provided that bulk, concentrated or fortified wines used for blending may be produced without this state and used in producing native wines. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to permit a producer to import such bulk and/or fortified wines into this state for use in blending with native wines without payment of any excise tax that would otherwise accrue thereon.

(q) "Native winery" means any place or establishment within the State of Mississippi where native wine is produced, in whole or in part, for sale.

(r) "Bed and breakfast inn" means an establishment within a municipality where in consideration of payment, breakfast and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located not less than eight (8) and not more than nineteen (19) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities, that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations; however, such restriction on the minimum number of sleeping rooms shall not apply to establishments on the National Register of Historic Places. No place shall qualify as a bed and breakfast inn under this chapter unless on the date of the initial application for a license under this chapter more than fifty percent (50%) of the sleeping rooms are located in a structure formerly used as a residence.

(s) "Board" shall refer to the Board of Tax Appeals of the State of Mississippi.

(t) "Spa facility" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a hotel where, in consideration of payment, patrons receive from licensed professionals a variety of private personal care treatments such as massages, facials, waxes, exfoliation and hairstyling.

(u) "Art studio or gallery" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area that is in the sole business of allowing patrons to view and/or purchase paintings and other creative artwork.

(v) "Cooking school" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a nationally recognized company that offers an established culinary education curriculum and program where, in consideration of payment, patrons are given scheduled professional group instruction on culinary techniques. For purposes of this paragraph, the definition of cooking school shall not include schools or classes offered by grocery stores, convenience stores or drugstores.

(w) "Campus" means property owned by a public school district, community or junior college, college or university in this state where educational courses are taught, school functions are held, tests and examinations are administered or academic course credits are awarded; however, the term shall not include any "restaurant" or "hotel" that is located on property owned by a community or junior college, college or university in this state, and is operated by a third party who receives all revenue generated from food and alcoholic beverage sales.

(x) "Native spirit" shall mean any beverage, produced in Mississippi for sale, manufactured primarily by the distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar produced in Mississippi, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages. In order to be classified as "native spirit" under the provisions of this chapter, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the finished product by volume shall have been obtained from distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar grown and produced in Mississippi.

(y) "Native distillery" shall mean any place or establishment within this state where native spirit is produced in whole or in part for sale.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-301, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "RETAILER" AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MICROBREWERY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE LAWS THAT RELATE TO LICENSE AND EXCISE TAXES ON LIGHT WINE, LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT AND BEER; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-303, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO IMPOSE A PRIVILEGE TAX ON HOLDERS OF MICROBREWERY AND SMALL CRAFT BREWERY PERMITS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON LIGHT WINE, LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT AND BEER PROVIDED BY MICROBREWERIES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-509, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE ALCOHOL CONTENT FOR LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCTS THAT MAY BE MANUFACTURED, DISTRIBUTED AND SOLD; TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE ALCOHOL CONTENT PERTAINING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT," AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MICROBREWERY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE LAWS REGULATING THE SALE OF LIGHT WINE, LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT AND BEER; TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-48, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT WINE, LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT AND BEER PRODUCED AT A SMALL CRAFT BREWERY THAT THE BREWERY MAY SELL AT RETAIL; TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT WINE, LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT AND BEER PRODUCED AT A MICROBREWERY THAT THE MICROBREWERY MAY SELL AT RETAIL; TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE ALCOHOL CONTENT FOR LIGHT WINE, LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT AND BEER THAT MAY BE LAWFULLY MANUFACTURED AND DISTRIBUTED; TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS IN SUCH SECTION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A MICROBREWERY OR SMALL CRAFT BREWERY FROM BEING ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A RETAIL PERMIT FOR THE SALE OF BEER, LIGHT WINE OR LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCTS ON ITS PREMISES; TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO THE SALE OF LIGHT WINE, LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT AND BEER SHALL NOT APPLY TO LIGHT WINE, LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT AND BEER SOLD ON THE PREMISES OF A MICROBREWERY; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE SMALL CRAFT BREWERIES AND MICROBREWERIES TO OBTAIN ON-PREMISES RETAILER'S PERMITS UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW; TO AMEND SECTIONS 67-3-9, 67-3-17 AND 67-3-28, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE INCREASED ALCOHOL CONTENT FOR LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCTS; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "DISTILLED SPIRITS"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III, Brent Powell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Nicole Boyd, John Horhn (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Arnold, Beckett, Bounds, Boyd, Darnell, Evans, B, Ford, J, Horne, Ladner, Mangold, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Turner, Wright. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Lamar, McLeod. Total-2.

Present--Crudup, Stamps. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1095: Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1095: Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The Commissioner of Revenue shall develop procedures for the receipt and consideration of offers to compromise and settle doubtful claims as defined in Section 31-19-27. If the commissioner makes a determination that a finally determined tax liability is a doubtful claim as defined in Section 31-19-27 and should be settled and compromised, that recommendation shall be made to the Governor as provided in Section 31-19-29.

(2) Upon the advice of the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Revenue is authorized to enter into an agreement with a taxpayer under which a finally determined tax liability that is a doubtful claim is settled and compromised. The settlement agreement shall be binding and a taxpayer's liabilities for taxes, interest and penalties will be fully and finally compromised. If the Commissioner of Revenue later determines that the taxpayer misrepresented, whether intentionally or not, the financial condition of the taxpayer or any property belonging to the taxpayer or other person liable for the tax, all compromised liabilities may be reestablished without regard to any statute of limitations that otherwise may be applicable.

(3) The Commissioner of Revenue and the Department of Revenue may discuss with and provide the Attorney General or his designated representative with information related to an offer to compromise and settle any doubtful claim under this section. Such discussions shall be subject to the confidentiality requirements of Sections 27-3-73, 27-7-83, 27-13-57 and/or 27-65-81, as the case may be.

(4) The Commissioner of Revenue shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer this section, and shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 31-19-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-19-27. (1) A doubtful claim of the state, or of the county, city, town, village, or levee board is one for which judgment has been rendered and for the collection of which the ordinary process of law has been ineffectual; debts due by drainage districts or other taxing districts or sinking funds to counties under the Rehabilitation Act of 1928, being Chapter 88 * * *, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16 of the Acts of the Special Session of 1931; those debts due counties by drainage districts, which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to refinance; debts due for sixteenth section township school fund loans made to churches, where the board of supervisors finds that the value of the security given therefor is insufficient or inadequate to pay or satisfy the principal and interest of said loan, and when the church repays the principal of said loan; and debts due by counties and townships to drainage districts for drainage district assessments or taxes levied and assessed upon sixteenth section lands.

(2) For the purposes of Section 1 of this act, a doubtful claim is one for which a notice of tax lien has been enrolled in the Uniform State Tax Lien registry for a finally determined tax liability and for the collection of which the ordinary process of law has been ineffectual.

SECTION 3. Section 31-19-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-19-29. The Governor, on the advice of the Attorney General or * * * Commissioner of Revenue of the * * * Department of Revenue, may, upon application of the defendant or debtor proposing a compromise, settle and compromise any doubtful claim, as described in Section 31-19-27(1), of the state, or of any county, city, town, or village, or of any levee board against such defendant or debtor, upon such terms as he may deem proper, the board of supervisors in the case of a county, and the municipal authorities in the case of a city, town or village, and the levee board in the case of a claim of a levee board, concurring therein. The Governor, upon application of a drainage district having obligations outstanding to a county under the provisions of Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16, Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1931, or obligations which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to refinance, may settle and compromise any claim, debt or obligation that said drainage district may owe any county in the State of Mississippi for money loaned said district under the provisions of said Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, or any other claim, debt or obligation that said drainage district may owe the county which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has heretofore refused to finance, if the board of supervisors of said county concurs in the application of the drainage district. The Governor, upon application by the board of supervisors for any taxing districts of said county or sinking funds of said county under the control and supervision of said board of supervisors having obligations outstanding and due to said county under the provisions of Chapter 88, Laws of 1928, and Chapter 16, Laws of the Extraordinary Session of 1931, may settle and compromise any claim, debt, or obligation that said taxing districts or sinking funds may owe said county for money loaned said taxing districts or sinking funds under the provisions of said Chapter 88, Laws of 1928; and provided that the Governor, on the advice of the Attorney General, and upon application of a church owing a sixteenth section township school fund loan, may settle and compromise such debt or obligation if the board of supervisors of the said county concurs in the application of the said church. The Governor may, on the advice of the Attorney General, in like manner compromise and settle a claim of a drainage district for unpaid assessments or taxes upon sixteenth section lands upon application of the board of supervisors wherein such sixteenth section is situated, if the commissioners of the drainage district concur therein.

SECTION 4. Section 27-3-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-3-73. (1) Except in accordance with proper judicial order or as otherwise provided in this section or as authorized in Section 27-4-3, it shall be unlawful for the Commissioner of Revenue, or any deputy, agent, clerk or other officer or employee of the Department of Revenue, to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any report or return required on any taxes collected by reports received by the Department of Revenue. This provision relates to all taxes collected by the Department of Revenue and not referred to in Sections 27-7-83, 27-13-57 and 27-65-81, requiring confidentiality of income tax, franchise tax and sales tax

returns. All system edits, thresholds, and any other automated system calculations used by the Department of Revenue in the processing of returns or statistics or used to determine the correct tax due for all taxes administered by the department shall be considered confidential information and may not be divulged or made known. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the publication of statistics, so classified as to prevent the identification of particular reports or returns and the items thereof, or the inspection by the Attorney General, or any other attorney representing the state, of the report or return of any taxpayer who shall bring action to set aside the tax thereon, or against whom an action or proceeding has been instituted to recover any tax or penalty imposed. Additionally, nothing in this section shall prohibit the Commissioner of Revenue from making available information necessary to recover taxes owing the state pursuant to the authority granted in Section 27-75-16.

The term "proper judicial order" as used in this section shall not include subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum but shall include only those orders entered by a court of record in this state after furnishing notice and a hearing to the taxpayer and the Department of Revenue. The court shall not authorize the furnishing of such information unless it is satisfied that the information is needed to pursue pending litigation wherein the return itself is in issue, or the judge is satisfied that the need for furnishing the information outweighs the rights of the taxpayer to have such information secreted.

However, information relating to possible tax liability to other states or the federal government may be furnished to the revenue departments of those states or the federal government when the states or federal government grant a like comity to Mississippi.

(2) The State Auditor and the employees of his office shall have the right to examine only such tax returns as are necessary for auditing the Department of Revenue, and the same prohibitions against disclosure which apply to the Department of Revenue shall apply to the State Auditor and his office.

(3) Officers and employees of the Mississippi Development Authority who execute a confidentiality agreement with the Department of Revenue shall be authorized to discuss and examine information to which this section applies at the offices of the Mississippi Department of Revenue. This disclosure is limited to information necessary to properly administer the programs under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Development Authority. The Department of Revenue is authorized to disclose to officers and employees of the Mississippi Development Authority who execute a confidentiality agreement the information necessary under the circumstances. The same prohibitions against disclosure which apply to the Department of Revenue shall apply to the officers or employees of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(4) Information required by the University Research Center to prepare the analyses required by Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109 shall be furnished to the University Research Center upon request. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the University Research Center to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the center from the Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109 in an analysis prepared pursuant to Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109.

(5) Information required by the Mississippi Development Authority to prepare the reports required by Section 57-1-12.2 shall be furnished to the Mississippi Development Authority upon request. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the Mississippi Development Authority to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the Mississippi Development Authority from the Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Section 57-1-12.2 in a report prepared pursuant to Section 57-1-12.2.

(6) Information necessary to comply with Chapter 13, Title 85, may be furnished to financial institutions. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the financial institution to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the financial institution from the Department of Revenue other than as may be authorized by Chapter 13, Title 85.

(7) The Commissioner of Revenue and the Department of

Revenue are authorized to discuss with and provide the Attorney General or his designated representative with information related to an offer to compromise and settle any doubtful claim regarding a finally determined tax liability as authorized by Section 1 of this act. It shall be unlawful for the Attorney General or any officer or employee of the Attorney General to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the Attorney General's office from the Commissioner of Revenue or Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Section 1 of this act.

(** *8) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned not more than six (6) months in the county jail, or both.

(** *9) The Commissioner of Revenue and the Department of Revenue are authorized to disclose to the Child Support Unit and to the Fraud Investigation Unit of the Department of Human Services without the need for a subpoena or proper judicial order the name, address, social security number, amount of income, amount of sales tax, source of income, assets and other relevant information, records and tax forms for individuals who are delinquent in the payment of any child support as defined in Section 93-11-101 or who are under investigation for fraud or abuse of any state or federal program or statute as provided in Section 43-1-23.

SECTION 5. Section 27-7-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-83. (1) Returns and return information filed or furnished under the provisions of this chapter shall be confidential, and except in accordance with proper judicial order, as otherwise authorized by this section, as authorized in Section 27-4-3 or as authorized under Section 27-7-821, it shall be unlawful for the Commissioner of Revenue or any deputy, agent, clerk or other officer or employee of the Department of Revenue or the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, or any former employee thereof, to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any report or return required. The provisions of this section shall apply fully to any federal return, a copy of any portion of a federal return, or any information reflected on a federal return which is attached to or made a part of the state tax return. Likewise, the provisions of this section shall apply to any federal return or portion thereof, or to any federal return information data which is acquired from the Internal Revenue Service for state tax administration purposes pursuant to the Federal-State Exchange Program cited at Section 6103, Federal Internal Revenue Code. The term "proper judicial order" as used in this section shall not include subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum, but shall include only those orders entered by a court of record in this state after furnishing notice and a hearing to the taxpayer and the Department of Revenue. The court shall not authorize the furnishing of such information unless it is satisfied that the information is needed to pursue pending litigation wherein the return itself is in issue, or the judge is satisfied that the need for furnishing the information outweighs the rights of the taxpayer to have such information secreted.

(2) Returns and return information with respect to taxes imposed by this chapter shall be open to inspection by or disclosure to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service of the United States, or the proper officer of any state imposing an income tax similar to that imposed by this chapter, or the authorized representatives of such agencies. Such inspection shall be permitted, or such disclosure made, only upon written request by the head of such agencies, or the district director in the case of the Internal Revenue Service, and only to the representatives of such agencies designated in a written statement to the Commissioner of Revenue as the individuals who are to inspect or to receive the return or return information on behalf of such agency. The Commissioner of Revenue is authorized to enter into agreements with the Internal Revenue Service and with other states for the exchange of returns and return information data, or the disclosure of returns or return information data to such agencies, only to the extent that the statutes of the United States or of such other state, as the case may be, grant substantially similar privileges to the proper officer of this state charged with the administration of the tax laws of this state.

(3) (a) The return of a person shall, upon written request, be open to inspection by or disclosure to:

(i) In the case of the return of an individual, that individual;
(ii) In the case of an income tax return filed jointly, either of the individuals with respect to whom the return is filed;

(iii) In the case of the return of a partnership, any person who was a member of such partnership during any part of the period covered by the return;

(iv) In the case of the return of a corporation or a subsidiary thereof, any person designated by resolution of its board of directors or other similar governing body, or any officer or employee of such corporation upon written request signed by any principal officer and attested to by the secretary or other officer;

(v) In the case of the return of an estate, the administrator, executor or trustee of such estate, and any heir at law, next of kin or beneficiary under the will, of the decedent, but only to the extent that such latter persons have a material interest which will be affected by information contained therein;

(vi) In the case of the return of a trust, the trustee or trustees, jointly or separately, and any beneficiary of such trust, but only to the extent that such beneficiary has a material interest which will be affected by information contained therein;

(vii) In the case of the return of an individual or a return filed jointly, any claimant agency or claimant local government seeking to collect a debt through the setoff procedure established in Sections 27-7-701 through 27-7-713, Sections 27-7-501 through 27-7-519 and/or Sections 27-7-801 through 27-7-823, as the case may be, from an individual with respect to whom the return is filed.

(b) If an individual described in paragraph (a) is legally incompetent, the applicable return shall, upon written request, be open to inspection by or disclosure to the committee, trustee or guardian of his estate.

(c) If substantially all of the property of the person with respect to whom the return is filed is in the hands of a trustee in bankruptcy or receiver, such return or returns for prior years of such person shall, upon written request, be open to inspection by or disclosure to such trustee or receiver, but only if the Commissioner of Revenue finds that such receiver or trustee, in his fiduciary capacity, has a material interest which will be affected by information contained therein.

(d) Any return to which this section applies shall, upon written request, also be open to inspection by or disclosure to the attorney-in-fact duly authorized in writing by any of the persons described in paragraph (a) of this subsection to inspect the return or receive the information on his behalf, subject to the conditions provided in paragraph (a).

(e) Return information with respect to any taxpayer may be open to inspection by or disclosure to any person authorized by this subsection to inspect any return of such taxpayer if the Commissioner of Revenue determines that such disclosure would not seriously impair state tax administration.

(4) The State Auditor and the employees of his office shall have the right to examine only such tax returns as are necessary for auditing the Department of Revenue and auditing benefits administered under the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the United States Department of Agriculture. The State Auditor and the employees of his office may make information related to auditing such benefits available to and may exchange the information with state agencies responsible for the administration of the benefits. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (4), the same prohibitions against disclosure which apply to the Department of Revenue shall apply to the State Auditor and his employees or former employees.

(5) Officers and employees of the Mississippi Development Authority who execute a confidentiality agreement with the Department of Revenue shall be authorized to discuss and examine information to which this section applies at the offices of the Mississippi Department of Revenue. This disclosure is limited to information necessary to properly administer the programs under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Development Authority. The Department of Revenue is authorized to disclose to officers and employees of the Mississippi Development Authority who execute a confidentiality agreement the information necessary under the circumstances. The same prohibitions against disclosure which apply to the Department of Revenue shall apply to the officers or employees of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(6) Information required by the University Research Center to prepare the analyses required by Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109 shall be furnished to the University Research Center upon request. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the University Research Center to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the center from the Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109 in an analysis prepared pursuant to Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109.

(7) Information required by the Mississippi Development Authority to prepare the reports required by Section 57-1-12.2 shall be furnished to the Mississippi Development Authority upon request. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the Mississippi Development Authority to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the Mississippi Development Authority from the Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Section 57-1-12.2 in a report prepared pursuant to Section 57-1-12.2.

(8) Information necessary to comply with Chapter 13, Title 85, may be furnished to financial institutions. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the financial institution to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the financial institution from the Department of Revenue other than as may be authorized by Chapter 13, Title 85.

(9) The Commissioner of Revenue and the Department of Revenue are authorized to discuss with and provide the Attorney General or his designated representative with information related to an offer to compromise and settle any doubtful claim regarding a finally determined tax liability as authorized by Section 1 of this act. It shall be unlawful for the Attorney General or any officer or employee of the Attorney General to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the Attorney General's office from the Commissioner of Revenue or Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Section 1 of this act.

(** *10) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the publication of statistics, so classified as to prevent the identification of particular reports or returns and the items thereof, or the inspection by the Attorney General, or any other attorney representing the state, of the report or return of any taxpayer who shall bring action to set aside the tax thereon, or against whom any action or proceeding has been instituted to recover any tax or penalty imposed.

(** *11) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the commissioner from making available information necessary to recover taxes owing the state pursuant to the authority granted in Section 27-75-16.

(** *12) Reports and returns required under the provisions of this chapter shall be preserved in accordance with approved records control schedules. No records, however, may be destroyed without the approval of the Director of the Department of Archives and History.

(** *13) The Department of Revenue is authorized to disclose to the Child Support Unit and to the Fraud Investigation Unit of the Department of Human Services without the need for a subpoena or proper judicial order the name, address, social security number, amount of income, source of income, assets and other relevant information, records and tax forms for individuals who are delinquent in the payment of any child support as defined in Section 93-11-101 or who are under investigation for fraud or abuse of any state or federal program or statute as provided in Section 43-1-23.

(** *14) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Department of Revenue from exchanging information with the federal government that is necessary to offset income tax refund payment on debts owed to this state or the United States.

(** *15) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the department from making available information that is necessary to be disclosed for the administration and enforcement of Section 27-7-87.

SECTION 6. Section 27-13-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-13-57. (1) Except in accordance with the proper judicial order, or as otherwise provided in this section or as authorized in Section 27-4-3, it shall be unlawful for the Commissioner of Revenue or any deputy, agent, clerk or other officer or employee of the Department of Revenue to divulge or make known in any manner any particulars set forth or disclosed in any report or return required under this chapter. When a combined report or return is filed as authorized by Section 27-13-17(5), each report or return which composes the combined return shall be considered separate for the purpose of any examinations authorized in this section and only particulars relating to the specific return or report set forth in the judicial order or as otherwise provided shall be considered lawfully divulged. The term "proper judicial order" as used in this section shall not include subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum, but shall include only those orders entered by a court of record in this state after furnishing notice and a hearing to the taxpayer and the Department of Revenue. The court shall not authorize the furnishing of such information unless it is satisfied that the information is needed to pursue pending litigation wherein the return itself is in issue, or the judge is satisfied that the need for furnishing the information outweighs the rights of the taxpayer to have such information secreted. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the publication of statistics, so classified as to prevent the identification of particular reports or returns and the items thereof, or the inspection by the Attorney General or any other attorney representing the state of the report or return of any taxpayer who shall bring action to set aside or review the tax based thereon, or against whom an action or proceeding has been instituted to recover any tax or penalty imposed by this chapter. Reports and returns shall be preserved in accordance with approved records control schedules. No records, however, may be destroyed without the approval of the Director of the Department of Archives and History.

However, information relating to possible tax liability of other states or the federal government may be furnished to the revenue department of those states or the federal government when those states or the federal government grant a like comity to Mississippi.

(2) The State Auditor and the employees of his office shall have the right to examine only such tax returns as are necessary for auditing the Department of Revenue, and the same prohibitions against disclosure which apply to the Department of Revenue shall apply to the State Auditor and his office.

(3) Officers and employees of the Mississippi Development Authority who execute a confidentiality agreement with the Department of Revenue shall be authorized to discuss and examine information to which this section applies at the offices of the Mississippi Department of Revenue. This disclosure is limited to information necessary to properly administer the programs under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Development Authority. The Department of Revenue is authorized to disclose to officers and employees of the Mississippi Development Authority who execute a confidentiality agreement the information necessary under the circumstances. The same prohibitions against disclosure which apply to the Department of Revenue shall apply to the officers or employees of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(4) Information required by the University Research Center to prepare the analyses required by Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109 shall be furnished to the University Research Center upon request. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the University Research Center to divulge or make known in any manner any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the center from the Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109 in an analysis prepared pursuant to Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109.

(5) Information required by the Mississippi Development Authority to prepare the reports required by Section 57-1-12.2 shall be furnished to the Mississippi Development Authority upon request. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the Mississippi Development Authority to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the Mississippi Development Authority from the Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Section 57-1-12.2 in a report prepared pursuant to Section 57-1-12.2.

(6) Information necessary to comply with Chapter 13, Title 85 may be furnished to financial institutions. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the financial

institution to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the financial institution from the Department of Revenue other than as may be authorized by Chapter 13, Title 85.

(7) The Commissioner of Revenue and the Department of Revenue are authorized to discuss with and provide the Attorney General or his designated representative with information related to an offer to compromise and settle any doubtful claim regarding a finally determined tax liability as authorized by Section 1 of this act. It shall be unlawful for the Attorney General or any officer or employee of the Attorney General to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the Attorney General's office from the Commissioner of Revenue or Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Section 1 of this act.

(** *8) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Commissioner of Revenue from making available information necessary to recover taxes owing the state pursuant to the authority granted in Section 27-75-16, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(** *9) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or both, at the discretion of the court, and if the offender be an officer or employee of the state he shall be dismissed from office and be incapable of holding any public office in this state for a period of five (5) years thereafter.

SECTION 7. Section 27-65-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-81. (1) Applications, returns and information contained therein filed or furnished under this chapter shall be confidential, and except in accordance with proper judicial order, or as otherwise authorized by this section or as authorized by Section 27-4-3, it shall be unlawful for the Commissioner of Revenue or any deputy, agent, clerk or other officer or employee of the Department of Revenue or Department of Information Technology Services, or any former employee thereof, to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed on any application, report or return required.

The term "proper judicial order" as used in this section shall not include subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum but shall include only those orders entered by a court of record in this state after furnishing notice and a hearing to the taxpayer and the Department of Revenue. The court shall not authorize the furnishing of such information unless it is satisfied that the information is needed to pursue pending litigation wherein the return itself is in issue, or the judge is satisfied that the need for furnishing the information outweighs the rights of the taxpayer to have such information secreted.

(2) Such information contained on the application, returns or reports may be furnished to:

(a) Members and employees of the Department of Revenue and the income tax department thereof, for the purpose of checking, comparing and correcting returns;

(b) The Attorney General, or any other attorney representing the state in any action in respect to the amount of tax under the provisions of this chapter;

(c) The revenue department of other states or the federal government when said states or federal government grants a like comity to Mississippi.

(3) The State Auditor and the employees of his office shall have the right to examine only such tax returns as are necessary for auditing the Department of Revenue, and the same prohibitions against disclosure which apply to the Department of Revenue shall apply to the State Auditor and his office.

(4) Officers and employees of the Mississippi Development Authority who execute a confidentiality agreement with the Department of Revenue shall be authorized to discuss and examine information to which this section applies at the offices of the Mississippi Department of Revenue. This disclosure is limited to information necessary to properly administer the programs under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Development Authority. The Department of Revenue is authorized to disclose to officers and employees of the Mississippi Development Authority who execute a confidentiality agreement the

information necessary under the circumstances. The same prohibitions against disclosure which apply to the Department of Revenue shall apply to the officers or employees of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(5) Information required by the University Research Center to prepare the analyses required by Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109 shall be furnished to the University Research Center upon request. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the University Research Center to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the center from the Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109 in an analysis prepared pursuant to Sections 57-13-101 through 57-13-109.

(6) Information required by the Mississippi Development Authority to prepare the reports required by Section 57-1-12.2 shall be furnished to the Mississippi Development Authority upon request. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the Mississippi Development Authority to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the Mississippi Development Authority from the Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Section 57-1-12.2 in a report prepared pursuant to Section 57-1-12.2.

(7) Information necessary to comply with Chapter 13, Title 85, may be furnished to financial institutions. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the financial institution to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the financial institution from the Department of Revenue other than as may be authorized by Chapter 13, Title 85.

(8) The Commissioner of Revenue and the Department of Revenue are authorized to discuss with and provide the Attorney General or his designated representative with information related to an offer to compromise and settle any doubtful claim regarding a finally determined tax liability as authorized by Section 1 of this act. It shall be unlawful for the Attorney General or any officer or employee of the Attorney General to divulge or make known in any manner the amount of income or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any information received by the Attorney General's office from the Commissioner of Revenue or Department of Revenue other than as may be required by Section 1 of this act.

(** *9) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Commissioner of Revenue from making available information necessary to recover taxes owing the state pursuant to the authority granted in Section 27-75-16.

(** *10) The Department of Revenue is authorized to disclose to the Child Support Unit and to the Fraud Investigation Unit of the Department of Human Services without the need for a subpoena or proper judicial order the name, address, social security number, amount of income, amount of sales tax, source of income, assets and other relevant information, records and tax forms for individuals who are delinquent in the payment of any child support as defined in Section 93-11-101 or who are under investigation for fraud or abuse of any state or federal program or statute as provided in Section 43-1-23.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR THE RECEIPT AND CONSIDERATION OF OFFERS TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE FINALLY DETERMINED TAX LIABILITIES THAT ARE DOUBTFUL CLAIMS; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE, UPON THE ADVICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A TAXPAYER UNDER WHICH A FINALLY DETERMINED TAX LIABILITY THAT IS A DOUBTFUL CLAIM IS SETTLED AND COMPROMISED; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE BINDING AND A TAXPAYER'S LIABILITIES FOR TAXES, INTEREST AND PENALTIES WILL BE FULLY AND FINALLY COMPROMISED; TO

PROVIDE THAT IF THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE LATER DETERMINES THAT THE TAXPAYER MISREPRESENTED THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TAXPAYER OR ANY PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TAXPAYER OR OTHER PERSON LIABLE FOR THE TAX, ALL COMPROMISED LIABILITIES MAY BE REESTABLISHED; TO AMEND SECTION 31-19-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A DOUBTFUL CLAIM IS A CLAIM FOR A FINALLY DETERMINED TAX LIABILITY FOR WHICH A NOTICE OF TAX LIEN HAS BEEN ENROLLED IN THE UNIFORM STATE TAX LIEN REGISTRY AND FOR THE COLLECTION OF WHICH THE ORDINARY PROCESS OF LAW HAS BEEN INEFFECTUAL; TO AMEND SECTION 31-19-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING DOUBTFUL CLAIMS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-3-73, 27-7-83, 27-13-57 AND 27-65-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Stevers, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, David Blount

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevers, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1139: Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1139: Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-7-309, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-309. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every employer required to deduct and withhold from wages under this article shall, for each calendar quarter, on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the close of such calendar quarter, file a withholding return as prescribed by the commissioner and pay over to the commissioner the full amount required to be deducted and withheld from wages by such employer for the calendar quarter. Provided that the commissioner may, by regulation, provide that every such employer shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, pay over to the commissioner or a depository designated by the commissioner, the amount required to be deducted and withheld by such employer for the preceding month, if such amount is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more. Returns and payments placed in the mail must be postmarked by the due date in order to be timely filed, except when the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, returns and payments placed in the mail must be postmarked by the first working day following the due date in order to be considered timely filed.

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(* * *b) The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations to require or permit filing periods of any duration, in lieu of monthly or quarterly filing periods, for any taxpayer or group thereof.

(2) Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this section, all transient employers and all employers engaged in any business which is seasonal shall make return and pay over to the commissioner on a monthly basis, the full amounts required to be deducted and withheld from the wages by such employer for the calendar month. Such returns and payments to the commissioner by such employers shall be made on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month for which such amounts were deducted and withheld from the wages of his employees. The commissioner shall have the authority to issue reasonable rules and regulations designating or classifying those transient and seasonal employers.

(3) If the commissioner, in any case, has justifiable reason to believe that the collection of funds required to be withheld by any employer as provided herein is in jeopardy, he may require the employer to file a return and pay such amount required to be withheld at any time.

(4) Every employer who fails to withhold or pay to the commissioner any sums required by this article to be withheld and paid, shall be personally and individually liable therefor, except as provided in Section 27-7-307; and any sum or sums withheld in accordance with the provisions of this article shall be deemed to be held in trust for the State of Mississippi and shall be recorded by the employer in a ledger account so as to clearly indicate the amount of tax withheld and that the amount is the property of the State of Mississippi.

(5) Once an employer has become liable to a quarterly return of withholding, he must continue to file a quarterly report, even though no tax has been withheld, until such time as he notifies the commissioner, in writing, that he no longer has employees or that he is no longer liable for such quarterly returns.

(6) Once an employer has become liable to a monthly return of withholding, he must continue to file a monthly report, even though no tax has been withheld until such time as he notifies the commissioner, in writing, that he no longer has employees or that he is no longer liable for such monthly returns.

(7) Magnetic media reporting may be required in a manner to be determined by the commissioner.

SECTION 2. Section 27-65-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-33. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the taxes levied by this chapter shall be due and payable on or before the twentieth day of the month next

succeeding the month in which the tax accrues, except as otherwise provided. Returns and payments placed in the mail must be postmarked by the due date in order to be considered timely filed, except when the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, returns and payments placed in the mail must be postmarked by the first working day following the due date in order to be considered timely filed. The taxpayer shall make a return showing the gross proceeds of sales or the gross income of the business, and any and all allowable deductions, or exempt sales, and compute the tax due for the period covered.

(b) As compensation for collecting sales and use taxes, complying fully with the applicable statutes, filing returns and supplements thereto and paying all taxes by the twentieth of the month following the period covered, the taxpayer may discount and retain two percent (2%) of the liability on each return subject to the following limitations:

(i) The compensation or discount shall not apply to taxes levied under the provisions of Sections 27-65-19 and 27-65-21, or on charges for ginning cotton under Section 27-65-23.

(ii) The compensation or discount shall not apply to taxes collected by a county official or state agency.

(iii) The compensation or discount shall not exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month, or Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per calendar year, per business location on each state sales tax return, or on each use tax return.

(iv) The compensation or discount shall not apply to any wholesale tax, the rate of which is equal to or greater than the tax rate applicable to retail sales of the same property or service. The retailer of such items shall be entitled to the compensation based on the tax computed on retail sales before application of the credit for any tax paid to the wholesaler, jobber or other person.

(v) The compensation or discount allowed and taken for any filing period may be reassessed and collected when an audit of a taxpayer's records reveals a tax deficiency for that period.

(c) As compensation for collecting any tax imposed under the authority of a local and private law of the State of Mississippi which is collected and paid to the Department of Revenue in the same or similar manner that state sales taxes are collected and paid, complying fully with such applicable law, filing returns and supplements thereto and paying all taxes by the twentieth of the month following the period covered, the taxpayer may discount and retain two percent (2%) of the liability on each return subject to the following limitations:

(i) The compensation or discount shall not apply to taxes collected by a county official or state agency.

(ii) The compensation or discount shall not exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month, or Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per calendar year, per business location on each tax return.

(iii) The compensation or discount allowed and taken for any filing period may be reassessed and collected when an audit of a taxpayer's records reveals a tax deficiency for that period.

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(* * *2) All returns shall be sworn to by the taxpayer, if made by an individual, or by the president, vice president, secretary or treasurer of a corporation, or authorized agent, if made on behalf of a corporation. If made on behalf of a partnership, joint venture, association, trust, estate, or in any other group or combination acting as a unit, any individual delegated by such firm shall swear to the return on behalf of the taxpayer. The commissioner may prescribe methods by which the taxpayer may swear to his return.

(* * *3) The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations to require or permit filing periods of any duration, in lieu of monthly filing periods, for any taxpayer or group thereof.

(* * *4) The commissioner may require the execution and filing by the taxpayer with the commissioner of a good and solvent bond with some surety company authorized to do business in Mississippi as surety thereon in an amount double the aggregate tax liability by such taxpayer for any previous three-month period within the last calendar year or estimated three (3) months' tax liability. The bond is to be conditioned for the prompt payment of such taxes as may be due for each such return.

(** *5) The commissioner, for good cause, may grant such reasonable additional time within which to make any return required under the provisions of this chapter as he may deem proper, but the time for filing any return shall not be extended beyond the twentieth of the month next succeeding the regular due date of the return without the imposition of interest at the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per month or fractional part of a month from the time the return was due until the tax is paid.

(** *6) For persistent, willful or recurring failure to make any return and pay the tax shown thereby to be due by the time specified, there shall be added to the amount of tax shown to be due ten percent (10%) damages, or interest at the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per month, or both.

(** *7) Any taxpayer may, upon making application therefor, obtain from the commissioner an extension of time for the payment of taxes due on credit sales until collections thereon have been made. When such extension is granted, the taxpayer shall thereafter include in each monthly or quarterly report all collections made during the preceding month or quarter, and shall pay the taxes due thereon at the time of filing such report. Such permission may be revoked or denied at the discretion of the commissioner when, in his opinion, a total sales basis will best reflect the taxable income or expedite examination of the taxpayer's records.

(** *8) Any taxpayer reporting credit sales before collection thereof has been made may take credit on subsequent returns or reports for bad debts actually charged off, if such amounts charged off have previously been included in taxable gross income or taxable gross proceeds of sales, as the case may be, and the tax paid thereon. However, any amounts subsequently collected on accounts that have been charged off as bad debts shall be included in subsequent reports and the tax shall be paid thereon.

(** *9) In cases where an extension of time has been granted by the commissioner for payment of taxes due on credit sales and the taxpayer thereafter discontinues the business, such taxpayer shall be required to file with the commissioner within ten (10) days, or such further time as the commissioner may direct, from the date of the discontinuance of such business, a special report showing the amounts of any credit sales which have not been included in determining the measure of the tax previously paid and any other information with reference to credit sales as the commissioner may require. The commissioner shall thereupon investigate the facts with reference to credit sales and the condition of the accounts, and shall determine, from the best evidence available, the value of all open accounts, notes or other evidence of debt arising from credit sales. The value of all notes, open accounts and other evidence of debt, as thus determined by the commissioner, shall be used in determining the amount of the tax for which such taxpayer shall be liable. When the amount of the tax shall have been ascertained, the taxpayer shall be required to pay the same within ten (10) days or such further time as the commissioner may allow, notwithstanding the fact that such note or accounts may still remain uncollected.

SECTION 3. Section 27-67-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-67-17. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner shall collect the tax imposed by this article, and every person subject to its provisions shall remit to the commissioner, on or before the twentieth day of each month, the amount of tax due by such person for the preceding calendar month. Returns and payments placed in the mail must be postmarked by the due date in order to be timely filed, except that when the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, returns and payments placed in the mail must be postmarked by the first working day following the due date in order to be considered timely filed. Every taxpayer shall file a return with his remittance, which return shall be prescribed by the commissioner and shall show for the calendar month preceding the tax payment date, the total sale or purchase price, or value of tangible personal property or specified digital products sold, used, stored or consumed by him for benefit received or service performed, and such other information as the commissioner may deem pertinent and necessary for determining the amount of tax due thereunder.

(2) The commissioner, in his discretion, may authorize in writing the filing of returns and the payment of tax on a quarterly basis by any person required or authorized to pay the tax imposed, such authority to be subject to revocation for good cause by the commissioner.

(3) In instances where it is impractical to file returns and pay the tax monthly or quarterly, the commissioner may authorize the filing of semiannual or annual returns.

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(* * *4) The commissioner, in his discretion, may authorize the computation of the tax on the basis of a formula in lieu of direct accounting of specific properties in instances where such method will expedite, simplify or provide a more equitable means of determining liability under this article. All formulas shall be subject to revocation for good cause by the commissioner.

SECTION 4. Section 27-65-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-75. On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the revenue collected under the provisions of this chapter during the preceding month shall be paid and distributed as follows:

(1) (a) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 1993, eighteen percent (18%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (a), on or before August 15, 1993, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. However, in the event the State Auditor issues a certificate of noncompliance pursuant to Section 21-35-31, the Department of Revenue shall withhold ten percent (10%) of the allocations and payments to the municipality that would otherwise be payable to the municipality under this paragraph (a) until such time that the department receives written notice of the cancellation of a certificate of noncompliance from the State Auditor.

A municipal corporation, for the purpose of distributing the tax under this subsection, shall mean and include all incorporated cities, towns and villages.

Monies allocated for distribution and credited to a municipal corporation under this paragraph may be pledged as security for a loan if the distribution received by the municipal corporation is otherwise authorized or required by law to be pledged as security for such a loan.

In any county having a county seat that is not an incorporated municipality, the distribution provided under this subsection shall be made as though the county seat was an incorporated municipality; however, the distribution to the municipality shall be paid to the county treasury in which the municipality is located, and those funds shall be used for road, bridge and street construction or maintenance in the county.

(b) On or before August 15, 2006, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning or community or junior college whose campus is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality, shall be allocated for distribution to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college and paid to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college.

(c) On or before August 15, 2018, and each succeeding month thereafter until August 14, 2019, two percent (2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before August 15, 2019, and each succeeding month thereafter until August 14, 2020, four percent (4%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the

provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter, six percent (6%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215.

(d) (i) On or before the fifteenth day of the month that the diversion authorized by this section begins, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities within a redevelopment project area developed under a redevelopment plan adopted under the Tax Increment Financing Act (Section 21-45-1 et seq.) shall be allocated for distribution to the county in which the project area is located if:

1. The county:

a. Borders on the Mississippi Sound

and the State of Alabama, or

b. Is Harrison County, Mississippi,

and the project area is within a radius of two (2) miles from the intersection of Interstate 10 and Menge Avenue;

2. The county has issued bonds under Section 21-45-9 to finance all or a portion of a redevelopment project in the redevelopment project area;

3. Any debt service for the indebtedness incurred is outstanding; and

4. A development with a value of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or more is, or will be, located in the redevelopment area.

(ii) Before any sales tax revenue may be allocated for distribution to a county under this paragraph, the county shall certify to the Department of Revenue that the requirements of this paragraph have been met, the amount of bonded indebtedness that has been incurred by the county for the redevelopment project and the expected date the indebtedness incurred by the county will be satisfied.

(iii) The diversion of sales tax revenue authorized by this paragraph shall begin the month following the month in which the Department of Revenue determines that the requirements of this paragraph have been met. The diversion shall end the month the indebtedness incurred by the county is satisfied. All revenue received by the county under this paragraph shall be deposited in the fund required to be created in the tax increment financing plan under Section 21-45-11 and be utilized solely to satisfy the indebtedness incurred by the county.

(2) On or before September 15, 1987, and each succeeding month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, One Million One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) shall be allocated for distribution to municipal corporations as defined under subsection (1) of this section in the proportion that the number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and retailers in each such municipality during the preceding fiscal year bears to the total gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and retailers in municipalities statewide during the preceding fiscal year. The Department of Revenue shall require all distributors of gasoline and diesel fuel to report to the department monthly the total number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by them to consumers and retailers in each municipality during the preceding month. The Department of Revenue shall have the authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as is necessary to determine the number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and retailers in each municipality. In determining the percentage allocation of funds under this subsection for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1988, the Department of Revenue may consider gallons of

gasoline and diesel fuel sold for a period of less than one (1) fiscal year. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "fiscal year" means the fiscal year beginning July 1 of a year.

(3) On or before September 15, 1987, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month, until the date specified in Section 65-39-35, the proceeds derived from contractors' taxes levied under Section 27-65-21 on contracts for the construction or reconstruction of highways designated under the highway program created under Section 65-3-97 shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 31-17-127, be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be used to fund that highway program. The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall provide to the Department of Revenue such information as is necessary to determine the amount of proceeds to be distributed under this subsection.

(4) On or before August 15, 1994, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month through July 15, 1999, from the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes as provided in Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund designated as the "State Aid Road Fund," created by Section 65-9-17. On or before August 15, 1999, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month, from the total amount of the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes apportioned by Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) or an amount equal to twenty-three and one-fourth percent (23-1/4%) of those funds, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the "State Aid Road Fund," created by Section 65-9-17. Those funds shall be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on state aid road bonds heretofore issued under Sections 19-9-51 through 19-9-77, in lieu of and in substitution for the funds previously allocated to counties under this section. Those funds may not be pledged for the payment of any state aid road bonds issued after April 1, 1981; however, this prohibition against the pledging of any such funds for the payment of bonds shall not apply to any bonds for which intent to issue those bonds has been published for the first time, as provided by law before March 29, 1981. From the amount of taxes paid into the special fund under this subsection and subsection (9) of this section, there shall be first deducted and paid the amount necessary to pay the expenses of the Office of State Aid Road Construction, as authorized by the Legislature for all other general and special fund agencies. The remainder of the fund shall be allocated monthly to the several counties in accordance with the following formula:

(a) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to all counties in equal shares;

(b) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the total number of rural road miles in a county bears to the total number of rural road miles in all counties of the state; and

(c) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the rural population of the county bears to the total rural population in all counties of the state, according to the latest federal decennial census.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term "gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes" means such taxes as defined in paragraph (f) of Section 27-5-101.

The amount of funds allocated to any county under this subsection for any fiscal year after fiscal year 1994 shall not be less than the amount allocated to the county for fiscal year 1994.

Any reference in the general laws of this state or the Mississippi Code of 1972 to Section 27-5-105 shall mean and be construed to refer and apply to subsection (4) of Section 27-65-75.

(5) One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$1,666,666.00) each month shall be paid into the special fund known as the "State Public School Building Fund" created and existing under the provisions of Sections 37-47-1 through 37-47-67. Those payments into that fund are to be made on the last day of each succeeding month hereafter.

(6) An amount each month beginning August 15, 1983, through November 15, 1986, as specified in Section 6, Chapter 542, Laws of 1983, shall be paid into the special fund known as the Correctional Facilities Construction Fund created in Section 6, Chapter 542, Laws of 1983.

(7) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2000, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%)

of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited by the department into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35. On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33.

(8) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33.

(9) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be paid into the State Aid Road Fund.

(10) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 1995, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before February 15, 1995, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2) and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before August 15, 1995, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1) on retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101 and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of these vehicles, shall be deposited, after diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(13) On or before July 15, 1994, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-22 that is derived from activities held on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex shall be paid into a special fund that is created in the State Treasury and shall be expended upon legislative appropriation solely to defray the costs of repairs and renovation at the Trade Mart and Coliseum.

(14) On or before August 15, 1998, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2005, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39. On or before August 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2010, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until all debts or other obligations incurred by the Certified Cotton Growers Organization under the Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Act before January 1, 2007, are satisfied in full. On

or before August 15, 2010, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2011, fifty percent (50%) of that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). On or before August 15, 2011, and each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

(15) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before September 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-19(1)(d)(i)2, and 27-65-19(1)(d)(i)3 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Telecommunications Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-38-7.

(16) (a) On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter on the gross proceeds of sales of a project as defined in Section 57-30-1 shall be deposited, after all diversions except the diversion provided for in subsection (1) of this section, into the Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-30-3.

(b) On or before August 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighty percent (80%) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter from the operation of a tourism project under the provisions of Sections 57-26-1 through 57-26-5, shall be deposited, after the diversions required in subsections (7) and (8) of this section, into the Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-26-3.

(17) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before April 15, 2002, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under Section 27-65-23 on sales of parking services of parking garages and lots at airports shall be deposited, without diversion, into the special fund created under Section 27-5-101(d).

(18) [Repealed]

(19) (a) On or before August 15, 2005, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter on the gross proceeds of sales of a business enterprise located within a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, and the revenue collected on the gross proceeds of sales from sales made to a business enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 (provided that such sales made to a business enterprise are made on the premises of the business enterprise), shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection (19), be deposited, after all diversions, into the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund as created in Section 57-91-9.

(b) For a municipality participating in the Economic Redevelopment Act created in Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, the diversion provided for in subsection (1) of this section attributable to the gross proceeds of sales of a business enterprise located within a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, and attributable to the gross proceeds of sales from sales made to a business enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 (provided that such sales made to a business enterprise are made on the premises of the business enterprise), shall be deposited into the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund as created in Section 57-91-9, as follows:

(i) For the first six (6) years in which payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, one hundred percent (100%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(ii) For the seventh year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, eighty percent (80%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(iii) For the eighth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, seventy percent (70%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(iv) For the ninth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, sixty percent (60%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund; and

(v) For the tenth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, fifty percent (50%) of the funds shall be deposited into the fund.

(20) On or before January 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighty percent (80%) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter from the operation of a tourism project under the provisions of Sections 57-28-1 through 57-28-5 shall be deposited, after the diversions required in subsections (7) and (8) of this section, into the Tourism Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-28-3.

(21) (a) On or before April 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter through June 15, 2013, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the MMEIA Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-101-3.

(b) On or before July 15, 2013, and each succeeding month thereafter, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the Mississippi Development Authority Job Training Grant Fund created in Section 57-1-451.

(22) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before August 15, 2009, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-201 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(23) (a) On or before August 15, 2019, and each month thereafter through July 15, 2020, one percent (1%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. On or before August 15, 2020, and each month thereafter through July 15, 2021, two percent (2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. On or before August 15, 2021, and each month thereafter, three percent (3%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. The revenue diverted pursuant to this subsection shall not be available for expenditure until February 1, 2020.

(b) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) must provide an annual report to the Legislature indicating the amount of funds deposited into the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, and a detailed record of how the funds are spent.

(24) The remainder of the amounts collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund.

(25) (a) It shall be the duty of the municipal officials of any municipality that expands its limits, or of any community that incorporates as a municipality, to notify the commissioner of that action thirty (30) days before the effective date. Failure to so notify the commissioner shall cause the municipality to forfeit the revenue that it would have been entitled to receive during this period of time when the commissioner had no knowledge of the action.

(b) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if any funds have been erroneously disbursed to any municipality or any

overpayment of tax is recovered by the taxpayer, the commissioner may make correction and adjust the error or overpayment with the municipality by withholding the necessary funds from any later payment to be made to the municipality.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of Sections 27-65-51 and 27-65-53, if any funds have been erroneously disbursed to a municipality under subsection (1) of this section for a period of three (3) years or more, the maximum amount that may be recovered or withheld from the municipality is the total amount of funds erroneously disbursed for a period of three (3) years beginning with the date of the first erroneous disbursement. However, if during such period, a municipality provides written notice to the Department of Revenue indicating the erroneous disbursement of funds, then the maximum amount that may be recovered or withheld from the municipality is the total amount of funds erroneously disbursed for a period of one (1) year beginning with the date of the first erroneous disbursement.

SECTION 5. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and Section 4 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-309, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES EMPLOYERS WITH AN AVERAGE MONTHLY WITHHOLDING TAX LIABILITY OF AT LEAST \$50,000.00 FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR TO PAY, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 25, AT LEAST 75% OF THEIR ESTIMATED JUNE WITHHOLDING TAX LIABILITY FOR THE CURRENT TAXABLE YEAR OR AT LEAST 75% OF THEIR JUNE WITHHOLDING TAX LIABILITY FOR THE PRECEDING TAXABLE YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES TAXPAYERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO COLLECT SALES TAX AND WHO HAVE AN AVERAGE MONTHLY SALES TAX LIABILITY OF AT LEAST \$50,000.00 FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR TO PAY, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 25, AT LEAST 75% OF THEIR ESTIMATED JUNE SALES TAX LIABILITY FOR THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR OR AT LEAST 75% OF THEIR JUNE SALES TAX LIABILITY FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 27-67-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES TAXPAYERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO COLLECT USE TAX AND WHO HAVE AN AVERAGE MONTHLY USE TAX LIABILITY OF AT LEAST \$50,000.00 FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR TO PAY, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 25, AT LEAST 75% OF THEIR ESTIMATED JUNE USE TAX LIABILITY FOR THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR OR AT LEAST 75% OF THEIR JUNE USE TAX LIABILITY FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR A DIVERSION OF A PORTION OF THE SALES TAX REVENUE COLLECTED ON BUSINESS ACTIVITIES WITHIN A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA DEVELOPED UNDER THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ACT IF THE COUNTY HAS ISSUED BONDS UNDER THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ACT TO FINANCE ALL OR A PORTION OF SUCH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, ANY DEBT SERVICE FOR SUCH INDEBTEDNESS IS OUTSTANDING, AND A DEVELOPMENT WITH A VALUE OF \$10,000,000.00 OR MORE IS, OR WILL BE, LOCATED IN THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Hob Bryan (No Signature), W. Briggs Hopson III

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1197: Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1197: Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 31-7-13.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-13.1. (1) The method of contracting for construction described in this section shall be known as the " *** design-build method" of construction contracting. This method of construction contracting may be used *** on residential buildings, residential mixed-use developments, parking garages and other prescriptive type facilities. The design-build method of construction contracting may only be used when the Department of Finance and Administration or a governing authority has determined that it satisfies the public interest better than traditional design-bid or when the Legislature has specifically required or authorized the use of this method in the legislation authorizing a project. At a minimum, the determination must include a detailed explanation of why using the *** design-build method for a particular project satisfies the public need better than the traditional design-bid-build method based on the following criteria:

(a) The project provides a savings in time or cost over traditional methods; and

(b) The size and type of the project is suitable for design-build.

(2) For each proposed *** design-build project, either a *** fixed firm price or guaranteed maximum price contract must be adopted. *** Before solicitation of *** proposals, the agency or governing authority shall develop *** a scope of work statement

that provides prospective offerors with sufficient information regarding the requirements of the agency or governing authority. The scope of work statement must include, but is not limited to, the following information:

(a) *** Location and nature of proposed site(s) that include preliminary geotechnical information from borings as well as survey drawings that show topography, adjacent buildings and utilities;

(b) *** Any mandatory requirements such as minimum number and types of spaces, any minimum or maximum building area(s) or height(s), applicable energy codes and/or efficiency targets, applicable zoning regulations and any aesthetic or character defining standards;

(c) *** Any mandatory material and/or system performance requirements and/or specifications; and

(d) *** General budget parameters, schedule or delivery requirements, relevant criteria for evaluation of proposals, and any other information necessary to enable the design-builders to submit proposals that meet the needs of the agency or governing authority.

(3) The agency or governing authority shall cause to be published once a week, for at least two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the county in which the project is to be located, or a newspaper with statewide circulation, a notice inviting proposals for the *** design-build construction project. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall post the notice on the Mississippi Procurement Portal or mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to, the main office of the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. The proposals shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published. The notice must inform potential offerors of how to obtain the scope of work statement developed for the project, and the notice must contain such other information to describe adequately the general nature and scope of the project so as to promote full, equal and open competition.

(4) The agency or governing authority shall accept initial proposals only from entities able to provide an experienced and qualified design-build team that includes, at a minimum, an architectural or engineering firm licensed and registered in Mississippi and a contractor properly licensed and domiciled in Mississippi for the type of work required. ***

(5) *** Proposals that include criteria other than cost only shall be evaluated by an evaluation committee established by the procuring entity. The evaluation committee shall be composed of not less than three (3) people, at least one (1) of which shall be an architect or engineer licensed and registered in Mississippi. Selection criteria of the evaluation committee shall be limited to the following:

(a) The bidder's knowledge and experience in executing projects of similar size and complexity;

(b) The experience and qualifications of the proposed office and construction management personnel;

(c) The experience and qualifications of the subcontractors proposed;

(d) The experience and qualifications of the architect or engineer and consultants;

(e) Schedule control; and

(f) Cost factors.

Cost as an evaluation factor shall be given the highest criteria weighting and at least thirty-five percent (35%) out of the one hundred percent (100%) total weight of all the other evaluation factors.

(6) If the agency or governing authority accepts a proposal other than the *** proposal with the lowest costs that was actually submitted, the agency or governing authority shall enter on its minutes detailed calculations and a narrative summary showing why the accepted proposal was determined to provide the best value, and the agency or governing authority shall state specifically on its minutes the justification for its award.

(7) All facilities that are governed by this section shall be designed and constructed to comply with standards equal to or exceeding the minimum building code

standards employed by the state as required under Section 31-11-33 in force at the time of contracting. All private contractors or private entities contracting or performing under this section must comply at all times with all applicable laws, codes and other legal requirements pertaining to the project.

(8) * * * An agency or governing authority may not award a stipulated fee * * * to an offeror for preparation costs to submit a response to the request for proposals.

(9) This section shall not authorize the awarding of construction contracts according to any contracting method that does not require the contractor to satisfactorily perform, at a minimum, both any balance of design, using an independent professional licensed in Mississippi, and construction of the project for which the contract is awarded.

(10) The provisions of this section shall not affect any procurement by the Mississippi Transportation Commission.

(11) The provisions of this section shall not apply to procurement authorized in Section 59-5-37(3).

SECTION 2. Section 31-11-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 82, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

31-11-3. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration, for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, in addition to all other rights and powers granted by law, shall have full power and authority to employ and compensate architects or other employees necessary for the purpose of making inspections, preparing plans and specifications, supervising the erection of any buildings, and making any repairs or additions as may be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration to be necessary, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board. The department shall have entire control and supervision of, and determine what, if any, buildings, additions, repairs, demolitions or improvements are to be made under the provisions of this chapter, subject to the regulations adopted by the Public Procurement Review Board.

(2) The department shall have full power to erect buildings, make repairs, additions or improvements, demolitions, to grant or acquire easements or rights-of-way, and to buy materials, supplies and equipment for any of the institutions or departments of the state subject to the regulations adopted by the Public Procurement Review Board. In addition to other powers conferred, the department shall have full power and authority, as directed by the Legislature, or when funds have been appropriated for its use for these purposes, to:

- (a) Build a state office building;
- (b) Build suitable plants or buildings for the use and housing of any state schools or institutions, including the building of plants or buildings for new state schools or institutions, as provided for by the Legislature;
- (c) Provide state aid for the construction of school buildings;
- (d) Promote and develop the training of returned veterans of the United States in all sorts of educational and vocational learning to be supplied by the proper educational institution of the State of Mississippi, and in so doing allocate monies appropriated to it for these purposes to the Governor for use by him in setting up, maintaining and operating an office and employing a state director of on-the-job training for veterans and the personnel necessary in carrying out Public Law No. 346 of the United States;
- (e) Build and equip a hospital and administration building at the Mississippi State Penitentiary;
- (f) Build and equip additional buildings and wards at the Boswell Retardation Center;
- (g) Construct a sewage disposal and treatment plant at the Mississippi State Hospital, and in so doing acquire additional land as may be necessary, and to exercise the right of eminent domain in the acquisition of this land;
- (h) Build and equip the Mississippi central market and purchase or acquire by eminent domain, if necessary, any lands needed for this purpose;
- (i) Build and equip suitable facilities for a training and employing center for the blind;
- (j) Build and equip a gymnasium at Columbia Training School;

(k) Approve or disapprove the expenditure of any money appropriated by the Legislature when authorized by the bill making the appropriation;

(l) Expend monies appropriated to it in paying the state's part of the cost of any street paving;

(m) Sell and convey state lands when authorized by the Legislature, cause said lands to be properly surveyed and platted, execute all deeds or other legal instruments, and do any and all other things required to effectively carry out the purpose and intent of the Legislature. Any transaction which involves state lands under the provisions of this paragraph shall be done in a manner consistent with the provisions of Section 29-1-1;

(n) Collect and receive from educational institutions of the State of Mississippi monies required to be paid by these institutions to the state in carrying out any veterans' educational programs;

(o) Purchase lands for building sites, or as additions to building sites, for the erection of buildings and other facilities which the department is authorized to erect, and demolish and dispose of old buildings, when necessary for the proper construction of new buildings. Any transaction which involves state lands under the provisions of this paragraph shall be done in a manner consistent with the provisions of Section 29-1-1;

(p) Obtain business property insurance with a deductible of not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) on state-owned buildings under the management and control of the department; and

(q) In consultation with and approval by the Chairmen of the Public Property Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, enter into contracts for the purpose of providing parking spaces for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building.

(r) The department is hereby authorized to transfer up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of available bond funds to each community college requesting to be exempt from department control and supervision relating to the repair, renovation and improvement of existing facilities owned by the community colleges, including utility infrastructure projects; heating and air conditioning systems; and the replacement of furniture and equipment. The community colleges shall abide by all applicable statutes related to the purchase of the repair, renovation and improvement of such existing facilities.

(3) The department shall survey state-owned and state-utilized buildings to establish an estimate of the costs of architectural alterations, pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 USCS, Section 12111 et seq. The department shall establish priorities for making the identified architectural alterations and shall make known to the Legislative Budget Office and to the Legislature the required cost to effectuate such alterations. To meet the requirements of this section, the department shall use standards of accessibility that are at least as stringent as any applicable federal requirements and may consider:

(a) Federal minimum guidelines and requirements issued by the United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board and standards issued by other federal agencies;

(b) The criteria contained in the American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings Accessible and Usable by the Physically Handicapped and any amendments thereto as approved by the American Standards Association, Incorporated (ANSI Standards);

(c) Design manuals;

(d) Applicable federal guidelines;

(e) Current literature in the field;

(f) Applicable safety standards; and

(g) Any applicable environmental impact statements.

(4) The department shall observe the provisions of Section 31-5-23 in letting contracts and shall use Mississippi products, including paint, varnish and lacquer which contain as vehicles tung oil and either ester gum or modified resin (with rosin as the principal base of constituents), and turpentine shall be used as a solvent or thinner, where

these products are available at a cost not to exceed the cost of products grown, produced, prepared, made or manufactured outside of the State of Mississippi.

(5) The department shall have authority to accept grants, loans or donations from the United States government or from any other sources for the purpose of matching funds in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

(6) The department shall build a wheelchair ramp at the War Memorial Building which complies with all applicable federal laws, regulations and specifications regarding wheelchair ramps.

(7) The department shall review and preapprove all architectural or engineering service contracts entered into by any state agency, institution, commission, board or authority, regardless of the source of funding used to defray the costs of the construction or renovation project, for which services are to be obtained to ensure compliance with purchasing regulations and to confirm that the contracts are procured by a competitive qualification-based selection process except where such appointment is for an emergency project or for a continuation of a previous appointment for a directly related project. The provisions of this subsection (7) shall not apply to:

(a) Any architectural or engineering contract fully paid for by self-generated funds of any of the state institutions of higher learning;

(b) Any architectural or engineering contract that is self-administered at a state institution of higher learning as provided under Section 27-104-7(2)(b) or 37-101-15(m);

(c) Community college projects that are fully funded from local funds or other nonstate sources which are outside the Department of Finance and Administration's appropriations or as directed by the Legislature;

(d) Any construction or design projects of the State Military Department that are fully or partially funded from federal funds or other nonstate sources; and

(e) Any project of the State Department of Transportation.

(8) (a) The department shall have the authority to obtain annually from the state institutions of higher learning, the state community colleges and junior colleges, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks information on all renovation and repair expenditures for buildings under their operation and control, including duties, responsibilities and costs of any architect or engineer hired by any such institutions, and shall annually report the same to the Legislative Budget Office, the Chairman of the House Public Property Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Public Property Committee before September 1.

(b) All state agencies, departments and institutions are required to cooperate with the Department of Finance and Administration in carrying out the provisions of this subsection.

(c) Expenditures shall not include those amounts expended for janitorial, landscaping or administrative support, but shall include expenditures from both state and nonstate sources.

(d) Expenditures shall not include amounts expended by the department on behalf of state agencies, departments and institutions through the Department of Finance and Administration administered contracts, but shall include amounts transferred to the Department of Finance and Administration for support of such contracts.

(9) As an alternative to other methods of awarding contracts as prescribed by law, the department may elect to use the method of contracting for construction projects set out in Sections 31-7-13.1 and 31-7-13.2; however, the * * * design-build method of construction contracting authorized under Section 31-7-13.1 may be used only when the Legislature has specifically required or authorized the use of this method in the legislation authorizing a project.

(10) The department shall have the authority, for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, and in addition to all other rights and powers granted by law, to create and maintain a list of suspended and debarred contractors and subcontractors. Consistent with this authority, the department may adopt regulations governing the suspension or debarment of contractors and subcontractors, which regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Public Procurement Review Board. A

suspended or debarred contractor or subcontractor shall be disqualified from consideration for contracts with the department during the suspension or debarment period in accordance with the department's regulations.

(11) This section shall not apply to the Mississippi State Port Authority.

SECTION 3. Section 61-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

61-3-15. An authority shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this chapter (excluding the power to levy and collect taxes or special assessments) including, but not limited to, the power:

(a) To sue and be sued, to have a seal and to have perpetual succession.

(b) To purchase general liability insurance coverage, including errors and omissions insurance, for its officials and employees.

(c) To employ an executive director, secretary, technical experts, and such other officers, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and to determine their qualifications and duties, and to establish compensation and other employment benefits as may be advisable to attract and retain proficient personnel.

(d) To execute such contracts and other instruments and take such other action as may be necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(e) To plan, establish, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, regulate and protect airports and air navigation facilities within this state and within any adjoining state, including the acquisition, lease, lease-purchase, construction, installation, equipment, maintenance and operation of such airports or buildings, equipment and other facilities or other property for the servicing of aircraft or for the comfort and accommodation of air travelers or for any other purpose deemed by the authority to be necessary to carry out its duties; to develop, operate, manage or own and maintain intermodal facilities to serve air and surface cargo and multimodal facilities to serve highway and rail passenger transportation needs to ensure interface and interaction between modes for cargo and passengers; to construct, improve, and maintain means of ingress and egress to airport properties from and over off-airport sites with approval of the city or county in which the off-airport site is located; to market, promote and advertise airport properties, goods and services; and to directly purchase and sell supplies, goods and commodities incident to the operation of its airport properties without having to make purchases thereof through the municipal governing authorities, and with the authority to utilize * * * design-build and construction manager at-risk methods of construction in accordance with Sections 31-7-13.1 and 31-7-13.2. For all the previously stated purposes, an authority may, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, eminent domain proceedings or otherwise, acquire property, real or personal, or any interest therein, including easements in airport hazards or land outside the boundaries of an airport or airport site, as are necessary to permit the removal, elimination, obstruction-marking or obstruction-lighting of airport hazards, to prevent the establishment of airport hazards or to carry out its duties.

(f) To acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, lease-purchase, eminent domain proceedings or otherwise, existing airports and air navigation facilities. However, an authority shall not acquire or take over any airport or air navigation facility owned or controlled by another authority, a municipality or public agency of this or any other state without the consent of such authority, municipality or public agency.

(g) To establish or acquire and maintain airports in, over and upon any public waters of this state, and any submerged lands under such public waters, and to construct and maintain terminal buildings, landing floats, causeways, roadways and bridges for approaches to or connecting with any such airport, and landing floats and breakwaters for the protection thereof.

(h) To establish, enact and enforce ordinances, rules, regulations and standards for public safety, aviation safety, airport operations and the preservation of good order and peace of the authority; to prevent injury to, destruction of or interference with public or private property; to protect property, health and lives and to enhance the general welfare of the authority by restricting the movements of citizens or any group thereof on the property of the authority when there is imminent danger to the public safety

because of freedom of movement thereof; to regulate the entrances to property and buildings of the authority and the way of ingress and egress to and from the same; to establish fire limits and to hire firemen, including aircraft fire and rescue and similar personnel, and to establish and equip a fire department to provide fire and other emergency services on any property of the authority; to regulate, restrain or prohibit construction failing to meet standards established by the authority; to appoint and discharge police officers with jurisdiction limited to property of the airport authority and authorization to enforce the ordinances, rules and regulations of the authority, as well as the laws of the State of Mississippi, and to issue citations for infractions of all of such ordinances, rules, regulations, standards and laws of the State of Mississippi returnable to the court of appropriate jurisdiction.

(i) To develop and operate an industrial park or parks and exercise all authority provided for under Chapter 7, Title 57, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(j) To attach, pursuant to the power and procedure set forth in Chapter 33, Title 11, Mississippi Code of 1972, the equipment of debtors of the authority.

(k) To enter into agreements with local governments pursuant to Section 17-13-1 et seq.

(l) To render emergency assistance to other airports within the United States at an aggregate cost of less than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) per emergency. The assistance authorized in this paragraph must be rendered within ninety (90) days after a state of emergency has been declared by the federal government, or by the local or state government that has jurisdiction over the area where the airport needing assistance is located.

(m) To enter into joint use or similar agreements with any department or agency of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi, including any military department of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi, with respect to the use and operation of, or services provided at, any airport or other property of the authority on the terms and conditions as the authority may deem appropriate, including provisions limiting the liability of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi for loss or damage to the authority if the authority determines that the limitation of liability is reasonable, necessary and appropriate under the circumstances.

(n) To enter into mutual aid agreements with counties and municipalities for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted; to participate in the Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (SMAC) in accordance with Section 33-15-19.

SECTION 4. Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

(a) Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00. Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing authority from establishing procedures which require competitive bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

(b) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but not over \$50,000.00. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any state agency or community/junior college purchasing commodities or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the lowest competitive written bid under Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid. Such

authorization shall be made in writing by the governing authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase clerk, or their designee, as the case may be, and not the governing authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent or purchase clerk, or their designee, constituting a violation of law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or governing authority and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down by components to provide detail of component description and pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing authorities.

(c) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$50,000.00.

(i) Publication requirement.

1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the state, then that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design or construction of public facilities, including buildings, roads and bridges. The Public Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning.

3. The date as published for the bid opening shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. For any projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, publication shall be made one (1) time and the bid opening for construction projects shall not be less than ten (10) working days after the date of the published notice. The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or supplies to be

purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. Submissions received by the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program for projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act shall be displayed on a separate and unique internet web page accessible to the public and maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority for the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program. Those American Recovery and Reinvestment Act related submissions shall be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt by the Mississippi Development Authority and the bid opening shall not occur until the submission has been posted for ten (10) consecutive days. The Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain information regarding contracts and other expenditures from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, on a unique internet web page accessible to the public. The Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules regarding format, content and deadlines, unless otherwise specified by law, of the posting of award notices, contract execution and subsequent amendments, links to the contract documents, expenditures against the awarded contracts and general expenditures of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Within one (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award, including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department. The information provided by the agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web page for the duration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding or until the project is completed, whichever is longer.

(ii) Bidding process amendment procedure. If all plans and/or specifications are published in the notification, then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification, then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued within two (2) working days of the time established for the receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum.

(iii) Filing requirement. In all cases involving governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to the bid.

(iv) Specification restrictions.

1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is presented, the Department of Finance and Administration

or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

(v) Electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies or governing authorities that are currently without available high speed internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed internet access becomes available. Any county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids electronically. When construction bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

(d) Lowest and best bid decision procedure.

(i) Decision procedure. Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(ii) Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing Offices. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the

Department of Finance and Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

(iii) Decision procedure for Mississippi Landmarks. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or any other historical building designated for at least five (5) years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(iv) Construction project negotiations authority. If the lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%) above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or renovation project, then the agency or governing authority shall be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

(e) Lease-purchase authorization. For the purposes of this section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, for such financing without advertising for such bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or, where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5), and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8). Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same information as required to be maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-

purchase payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from State of Mississippi income taxation.

(f) Alternate bid authorization. When necessary to ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2) alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event, purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

(g) Construction contract change authorization. In the event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the circumstances without the necessity of further public bids; provided that such change shall be made in a commercially reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person, the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing authority with respect to any public construction contract shall have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or governing authority when any such change or modification is less than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of such emergency changes or modifications.

(h) Petroleum purchase alternative. In addition to other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or governing authority may purchase the commodity after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2) competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. In the event any agency or governing authority shall have advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such commodities.

(i) Road construction petroleum products price adjustment clause authorization. Any agency or governing authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction, maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets, may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor, including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed, upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such petroleum products.

(j) State agency emergency purchase procedure. If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency, which shall include a detailed description of the events leading up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the

purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding requirements.

If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any officer or agent of the agency having general or specific authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract was made.

Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a term of one (1) year.

Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (j).

(k) Governing authority emergency purchase procedure. If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing authority having general or special authority therefor in making such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor, and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract, including a description of the commodity purchased, the price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such governing authority. Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

(l) Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease authorization.

(i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment terms do not exceed five (5) years.

(ii) In addition to the authority granted in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (l), the commissioners or board of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set forth in this section.

(m) Exceptions from bidding requirements. Excepted from bid requirements are:

(i) Purchasing agreements approved by department. Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations executed or approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Outside equipment repairs. Repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or other such components shall not be included in this exemption when replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need for such total component replacement is known before disassembly of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment, specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name, supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such repairs.

(iii) In-house equipment repairs. Purchases of parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being replaced instead of being repaired.

(iv) Raw gravel or dirt. Raw unprocessed deposits of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by the purchaser.

(v) Governmental equipment auctions. Motor vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a governing authority under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(vi) Intergovernmental sales and transfers. Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency or governing authority of another state. Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

(vii) Perishable supplies or food. Perishable supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals, the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding of county or municipal prisoners.

(viii) Single source items. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

(ix) Waste disposal facility construction contracts. Construction of incinerators and other facilities for disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however, in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public construction projects, concerning the design, construction, ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities, wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities and such other matters as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals.

(x) Hospital group purchase contracts. Supplies, commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

(xi) Information technology products. Purchases of information technology products made by governing authorities under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designated for use by governing authorities.

(xii) Energy efficiency services and equipment. Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

(xiii) Municipal electrical utility system fuel. Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

(xiv) Library books and other reference materials. Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals; processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides; recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items as would be used for teaching, research or other information distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders, audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt under this subparagraph.

(xv) Unmarked vehicles. Purchases of unmarked vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

(xvi) Election ballots. Purchases of ballots printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

(xvii) Multichannel interactive video systems. From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority for Educational Television with any private educational institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

(xviii) Purchases of prison industry products by the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons. Purchases made by the Mississippi Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured, processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

(xix) Undercover operations equipment. Purchases of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(xx) Junior college books for rent. Purchases by community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book service system.

(xxi) Certain school district purchases. Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors with which any levying authority of the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

(xxii) Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts. Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection or disposal.

(xxiii) Municipal water tank maintenance contracts. Professional maintenance program contracts for the repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more years.

(xxiv) Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the Blind products. Purchases made by state agencies or governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured, processed or produced by the Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

(xxv) Purchases of state-adopted textbooks. Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

(xxvi) Certain purchases under the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

(xxvii) Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment for installation of soil and water conservation practices purchased at auction. Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment used for the installation and implementation of soil and water conservation practices or measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(xxviii) Hospital lease of equipment or services. Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in compliance with paragraph (l)(ii).

(xxix) Purchases made pursuant to qualified cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchases made by certified purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal government, provided that the notification to potential contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best interest of the governmental entity.

(xxx) School yearbooks. Purchases of school yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; provided, however, that state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(xxxi) Design-build method and * * * design-build method of contracting. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

(xxxii) Toll roads and bridge construction projects. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

(xxxiii) Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1-221.

(xxxiv) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-105-1(7). Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(xxxv) Certain purchases or transfers entered into with local electrical power associations. Contracts or agreements entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

(xxxvi) Certain purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school. Purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(xxxvii) Certain purchases made under the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law. Contracts made by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.

(n) Term contract authorization. All contracts for the purchase of:

(i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities, equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to, repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the contract.

(ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public construction.

(o) Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor penalty. No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims submitted shall be forfeited.

(p) Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment purchase procedure. When in response to a proper advertisement therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid therefor although the price is not firm.

(q) Fuel management system bidding procedure. Any governing authority or agency of the state shall, before contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for competitive written bids to provide the services and products for the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include, but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access systems under the terms of a state contract established by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(r) Solid waste contract proposal procedure. Before entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal, contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), a governing authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals concerning the specifications for such services which shall be advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r) shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000) population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of any other county or municipality may contract with the governing authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

(s) Minority set-aside authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian, Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following definitions:

(i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any black racial group of Africa.

(iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

(iv) "Native American" means persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, including American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

(t) Construction punch list restriction. The architect, engineer or other representative designated by the agency or governing authority that is contracting for public construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial completion and one (1) final list immediately before final completion and final payment.

(u) Procurement of construction services by state institutions of higher learning. Contracts for privately financed construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of Trustees

of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for proposals are solicited.

(v) Insurability of bidders for public construction or other public contracts. In any solicitation for bids to perform public construction or other public contracts to which this section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business days from bid acceptance.

(w) Purchase authorization clarification. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not authorized by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DUAL-PHASE DESIGN-BUILD METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING; TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR TWO PHASES OF DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING; TO PROVIDE THAT DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING MAY BE USED FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, RESIDENTIAL-MIXED USED DEVELOPMENTS, PARKING GARAGES AND OTHER PRESCRIPTIVE TYPE FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DESIGN-BUILD METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING MAY ONLY BE USED WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OR A GOVERNING AUTHORITY HAS DETERMINED THAT USING THE DESIGN-BUILD METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING SATISFIES THE PUBLIC INTEREST BETTER THAN TRADITIONAL DESIGN BID OR WHEN THE LEGISLATURE HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED THE USE OF THIS METHOD IN THE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A PROJECT; TO PROVIDE THAT INSTEAD OF THE DUAL-PHASE PROCEDURE FOR AWARDED A CONTRACT, FOR EACH PROPOSED DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT, EITHER A FIXED FIRM PRICE OR GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE CONTRACT MUST BE ADOPTED; TO REVISE WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE WORK STATEMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT NOTICE SHALL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE MISSISSIPPI PROCUREMENT PORTAL; TO PROVIDE THAT PROPOSALS WHICH INCLUDE CRITERIA OTHER THAN COST ONLY SHALL BE EVALUATED BY AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE PROCURING ENTITY; TO PROVIDE THE MAKEUP OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE AND THE SELECTION CRITERIA THAT THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER WHEN EVALUATING SUBMITTED PROPOSALS; TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGENCY OR GOVERNING AUTHORITY MAY NOT AWARD A STIPULATED FEE TO AN OFFEROR FOR PREPARATION COSTS TO SUBMIT A RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 31-11-3, 61-3-15 AND 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Mike Thompson, Chris Caughman

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale,

Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Turner. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Powell called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2435: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2435: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1135, 2021 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1288, 2021 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department shall be as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to manufacturers holding permits under this chapter in this state and to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase the same, and to sell as provided by this chapter.

Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the production of distilled spirits by distillation or redistillation and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining, mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.

Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and store wine or vinous liquor.

Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native wines.

Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native spirits.

(b) Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his employees at the permitted place of business so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this chapter and applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers and other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold.

(c) On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees ordered. Such a permit shall be issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, and to common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to such establishments as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.

(d) Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1) principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler or manufacturer in the state.

(e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed

beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native wine retailer is located.

(f) Temporary retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70) days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the application or statement, the applicant shall never again be eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject to prosecution for perjury.

Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail establishment at an open house or promotional event, for consumption only on the premises described in the temporary permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that it meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued under paragraph (l) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine or beer.

(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit. When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made only for consumption at the catered location. The location being catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.

(i) Alcohol processing permit. An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

(j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

(k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.

(l) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the holder of a package retailer's permit.

(m) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit. A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a qualifying charitable

nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages sold, stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the premises immediately following the auction, and may not be consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may only be issued for venues that can accommodate two hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along with all other documents required to be provided for an on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and productions on the premises of the facility described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p), "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.

(q) Distillery retailer's permit. The holder of a Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages to consumers for on-premises consumption, or to consumers by the sealed and unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in the permit. However, when selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a distillery retailer's permit may add other beverages, alcoholic or not, so long as the total volume of other beverage components containing alcohol does not exceed twenty percent (20%). Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the distillery retailer is located.

The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this chapter. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats, glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(r) Festival Wine Permit. Any wine manufacturer or native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed, unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this permit may provide samples at no charge to participants. "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and returns as prescribed by the department. This permit is issued per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2) consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises permittees' sales in that county or city. The holder of the permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2023.

(s) Charter vessel operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit. For the purposes of this paragraph (s), "charter vessel operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate-10 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties

in the State of Mississippi, extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties, and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters as provided in this paragraph (s).

(** *t) Native spirit retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

(u) Delivery service permit. Any individual, limited liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 1 of House Bill No. 1135, 2021 Regular Session, this permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to the premises of a location with a permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product. The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege separate from its existing retail permit.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail permit, at the discretion of the department.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this chapter within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school, kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet.

A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

(4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit.

(5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and may

possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the leisure and recreation district while in possession of the alcoholic beverage or wine.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 67-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-41. (1) The department is hereby created a wholesale distributor and seller of alcoholic beverages, not including malt liquors, within the State of Mississippi. It is granted the right to import and sell alcoholic beverages at wholesale within the state, and no person who is granted the right to sell, distribute or receive alcoholic beverages at retail shall purchase any alcoholic beverages from any source other than the department except as authorized in subsections (4), (9) and (12) of this section. The department may establish warehouses, purchase alcoholic beverages in such quantities and from such sources as it may deem desirable and sell the alcoholic beverages to authorized permittees within the state including, at the discretion of the department, any retail distributors operating within any military post or qualified resort areas within the boundaries of the state, keeping a correct and accurate record of all such transactions and exercising such control over the distribution of alcoholic beverages as seem right and proper in keeping with the provisions or purposes of this chapter.

(2) No person for the purpose of sale shall manufacture, distill, brew, sell, possess, export, transport, distribute, warehouse, store, solicit, take orders for, bottle, rectify, blend, treat, mix or process any alcoholic beverage except in accordance with authority granted under this chapter, or as otherwise provided by law for native wines or native spirits.

(3) No alcoholic beverage intended for sale or resale shall be imported, shipped or brought into this state for delivery to any person other than as provided in this chapter, or as otherwise provided by law for native wines or native spirits.

(4) The department may promulgate rules and regulations which authorize on-premises retailers to purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from package retailers and for package retailers to purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from other package retailers. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the on-premises retailers and the package retailers verifying the transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department.

(5) The department may promulgate rules which authorize the holder of a package retailer's permit to permit individual retail purchasers of packages of alcoholic beverages to return, for exchange, credit or refund, limited amounts of original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages purchased by the individual from the package retailer.

(6) The department shall maintain all forms to be completed by applicants necessary for licensure by the department at all district offices of the department.

(7) The department may promulgate rules which authorize the manufacturer of an alcoholic beverage or wine to import, transport and furnish or give a sample of alcoholic beverages or wines to the holders of package retailer's permits, on-premises retailer's permits, native wine or native spirit retailer's permits and temporary retailer's permits who have not previously purchased the brand of that manufacturer from the department. For each holder of the designated permits, the manufacturer may furnish not more than five hundred (500) milliliters of any brand of alcoholic beverage and not more than three (3) liters of any brand of wine.

(8) The department may promulgate rules disallowing open product sampling of alcoholic beverages or wines by the holders of package retailer's permits and permitting open product sampling of alcoholic beverages by the holders of on-premises retailer's permits. Permitted sample products shall be plainly identified "sample" and the actual sampling must occur in the presence of the manufacturer's representatives during the legal operating hours of on-premises retailers.

(9) The department may promulgate rules and regulations that authorize the holder of a research permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages or from the department. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the research permittee verifying each transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department. The records and inventory of alcoholic beverages shall be open to inspection at any time by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division or any duly authorized agent.

(10) The department may promulgate rules facilitating a retailer's on-site pickup of * * * alcoholic beverages sold by the department or as authorized by the department, including, but not limited to, native wines and native spirits, so that those * * * alcoholic beverages may be delivered to the retailer at the * * * manufacturer's location instead of via shipment from the department's warehouse.

(11) [Through June 30, 2023] This section shall not apply to alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by the holder of a distillery retailer's permit or a festival wine permit.

(11) [From and after July 1, 2023] This section shall not apply to alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by the holder of a distillery retailer's permit.

(12) (a) An individual resident of this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age may purchase wine from a winery and have the purchase shipped into this state so long as it is shipped to a package retailer permittee in Mississippi; however, the permittee shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the wine that are imposed upon the sale of wine shipped by the department. No credit shall be provided to the permittee for any taxes paid to another state as a result of the transaction. Package retailers may charge a service fee for receiving and handling shipments from wineries on behalf of the purchasers. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the package retailer permittees verifying the transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department.

(b) The purchaser of wine that is to be shipped to a package retailer's store shall be required to get the prior approval of the package retailer before any wine is shipped to the package retailer. A purchaser is limited to no more than ten (10) cases of wine per year to be shipped to a package retailer. A package retailer shall notify a purchaser of wine within two (2) days after receiving the shipment of wine. If the purchaser of the wine does not pick up or take the wine from the package retailer within thirty (30) days after being notified by the package retailer, the package retailer may sell the wine as part of his inventory.

(c) Shipments of wine into this state under this section shall be made by a duly licensed carrier. It shall be the duty of every common or contract carrier, and of every firm or corporation that shall bring, carry or transport wine from outside the state for delivery inside the state to package retailer permittees on behalf of consumers, to prepare and file with the department, on a schedule as determined by the department, of known wine shipments containing the name of the common or contract carrier, firm or corporation making the report, the period of time covered by said report, the name and permit number of the winery, the name and permit number of the package retailer permittee receiving such wine, the weight of the package delivered to each package retailer permittee, a unique tracking number, and the date of delivery. Reports received by the department shall be made available by the department to the public via the Mississippi Public Records Act process in the same manner as other state alcohol filings.

Upon the department's request, any records supporting the report shall be made available to the department within a reasonable time after the department makes a written request for such records. Any records containing information relating to such reports shall be kept and preserved for a period of two (2) years, unless their destruction sooner is authorized, in writing, by the department, and shall be open and available to inspection by the department upon the department's written request. Reports shall also be made available to any law enforcement or regulatory body in the state in which the railroad company, express company, common or contract carrier making the report resides or does business.

Any common or contract carrier that willfully fails to make reports, as provided by this section or any of the rules and regulations of the department for the administration and enforcement of this section, is subject to a notification of violation. In the case of a continuing failure to make reports, the common or contract carrier is subject to possible license suspension and revocation at the department's discretion.

(d) A winery that ships wine under this section shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state, of the department, of any other state agency regarding the enforcement of this section, and of any related law, rules or regulations.

(e) Any person who makes, participates in, transports, imports or receives a shipment in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both. Each shipment shall constitute a separate offense.

(13) If any provision of this chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance, is determined by a court to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall be construed in accordance with the intent of the Legislature to further limit rather than expand commerce in alcoholic beverages to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the state's residents, and to enhance strict regulatory control over taxation, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages through the three-tier regulatory system imposed by this chapter upon all alcoholic beverages to curb relationships and practices calculated to stimulate sales and impair the state's policy favoring trade stability and the promotion of temperance.

SECTION 3. Section 67-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-5-11. (1) Within the State of Mississippi, every native winery is authorized to make sales to the department or to consumers at the location of the native winery or its immediate vicinity. Every native winery is authorized to make sales to any producer, manufacturer, wholesaler, retailer or consumer located outside of the State of Mississippi who are authorized by law to purchase the same.

(2) With respect to native wines or distilled spirits sold by the department to retailers under Section 67-1-41, the native winery or distillery retailer may hold those wines or spirits for onsite pickup instead of shipping them to the department warehouse, at the option of the retailer and pursuant to any rules promulgated by the department.

SECTION 4. Section 27-71-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1135, 2021 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1288, 2021 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-71-5. (1) Upon each person approved for a permit under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and amendments thereto, there is levied and imposed for each location for the privilege of engaging and continuing in this state in the business authorized by such permit, an annual privilege license tax in the amount provided in the following schedule:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (1), manufacturer's permit, Class 1, distiller's and/or rectifier's:

(i) For a permittee with annual production of five thousand (5,000) gallons or more.....\$4,500.00

(ii) For a permittee with annual production under five thousand (5,000) gallons.....\$2,800.00

(b) Manufacturer's permit, Class 2, wine manufacturer.....\$1,800.00

(c) Manufacturer's permit, Class 3, native wine manufacturer per ten thousand (10,000) gallons or part thereof produced.....\$ 10.00

(d) Manufacturer's permit, Class 4, native spirit manufacturer per one thousand (1,000) gallons or part thereof produced.....\$ 300.00

(e) Native wine retailer's permit.....\$ 50.00

(f) Package retailer's permit, each.....\$ 900.00

(g) On-premises retailer's permit, except for clubs and common carriers, each....\$ 450.00

(h) On-premises retailer's permit for wine of more than five percent (5%) alcohol by weight, but not more than twenty-one percent (21%) alcohol by weight, each	\$ 225.00
(i) On-premises retailer's permit for clubs.....	\$ 225.00
(j) On-premises retailer's permit for common carriers, per car, plane, or other vehicle.....	\$ 120.00
(k) Solicitor's permit, regardless of any other provision of law, solicitor's permits shall be issued only in the discretion of the department.....	\$ 100.00
(l) Filing fee for each application except for an employee identification card.....	\$ 25.00
(m) Temporary permit, Class 1, each.....	\$ 10.00
(n) Temporary permit, Class 2, each.....	\$ 50.00
(o) (i) Caterer's permit.....	\$ 600.00
(ii) Caterer's permit for holders of on-premises retailer's permit.....	\$ 150.00
(p) Research permit.....	\$ 100.00
(q) Temporary permit, Class 3 (wine only)	\$ 10.00
(r) Special service permit	\$ 225.00
(s) Merchant permit.....	\$ 225.00
(t) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit	\$ 10.00
(u) Event venue retailer's permit	\$ 225.00
(v) Temporary theatre permit, each.....	\$ 10.00
(w) Charter ship operator's permit.....	\$ 100.00
(x) Distillery retailer's permit.....	\$ 450.00
(y) Festival wine permit.....	\$ 10.00
(** z) Charter vessel operator's permit	\$ 100.00
(** aa) Native spirit retailer's permit.....	\$ 50.00
(bb) Delivery service permit	\$ 500.00

In addition to the filing fee imposed by paragraph (l) of this subsection, a fee to be determined by the Department of Revenue may be charged to defray costs incurred to process applications. The additional fees shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund account, which is hereby created, and expenditures therefrom shall be made only to defray the costs incurred by the Department of Revenue in processing alcoholic beverage applications. Any unencumbered balance remaining in the special fund account on June 30 of any fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund.

All privilege taxes imposed by this section shall be paid in advance of doing business. A new permittee whose privilege tax is determined by production volume will pay the tax for the first year in accordance with department regulations. The additional privilege tax imposed for an on-premises retailer's permit based upon purchases shall be due and payable on demand.

Paragraph (y) of this subsection shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2023.

(2) (a) There is imposed and shall be collected from each permittee, except a common carrier, solicitor ***, a temporary permittee or a delivery service permittee, by the department, an additional license tax equal to the amounts imposed under subsection (1) of this section for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located.

(b) (i) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(f), (g), (h), (m) and (t) of this section, an additional license tax for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) on purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

(ii) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(n) and (r) of this section, an additional license tax for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) on purchases exceeding

Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

(iii) Any person who has paid the additional privilege license tax imposed by this paragraph, and whose permit is renewed, may add any unused fraction of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) purchases to the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) purchases authorized by the renewal permit, and no additional license tax will be required until purchases exceed the sum of the two (2) figures.

(c) If the licensee is located within a municipality, the department shall pay the amount of additional license tax collected under this section to the municipality, and if outside a municipality the department shall pay the additional license tax to the county in which the licensee is located. Payments by the department to the respective local government subdivisions shall be made once each month for any collections during the preceding month.

(3) When an application for any permit, other than for renewal of a permit, has been rejected by the department, such decision shall be final. Appeal may be made in the manner provided by Section 67-1-39. Another application from an applicant who has been denied a permit shall not be reconsidered within a twelve-month period.

(4) The number of permits issued by the department shall not be restricted or limited on a population basis; however, the foregoing limitation shall not be construed to preclude the right of the department to refuse to issue a permit because of the undesirability of the proposed location.

(5) If any person shall engage or continue in any business which is taxable under this section without having paid the tax as provided in this section, the person shall be liable for the full amount of the tax plus a penalty thereon equal to the amount thereof, and, in addition, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises of any hotel restaurant, restaurant, club or the interior of any public place defined in Chapter 1, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, when the owner or manager thereof displays in several conspicuous places inside the establishment and at the entrances of establishment a sign containing the following language: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1135, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, HOUSE BILL NO. 1288, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, AND SENATE BILL NO. 2606, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, TO ALLOW THE HOLDER OF A DISTILLERY RETAILER'S PERMIT TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO CONSUMERS FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; TO ALLOW THE PERMITTEE SELLING FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION TO ADD OTHER BEVERAGES, ALCOHOLIC OR NOT, TO THE PRODUCT MANUFACTURED BY THE MANUFACTURER AT THE DISTILLERY DESCRIBED IN THE PERMIT, SO LONG AS THE TOTAL VOLUME OF OTHER BEVERAGE COMPONENTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL DOES NOT EXCEED 20%; TO SPECIFY THAT HOURS OF ON-PREMISES SALES SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE AUTHORIZED FOR ON-PREMISES PERMITTEES IN THE CITY OR COUNTY IN WHICH THE DISTILLERY RETAILER IS LOCATED; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2606, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE RULES FACILITATING A RETAILER'S ON-SITE PICKUP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SOLD BY THE DEPARTMENT OR AS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT, SO THAT THOSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE RETAILER AT THE MANUFACTURER'S LOCATION INSTEAD OF VIA SHIPMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S WAREHOUSE; TO AMEND SECTION

67-5-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW DISTILLERY RETAILERS TO HOLD, FOR ONSITE PICKUP, SPIRITS SOLD TO RETAILERS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, INSTEAD OF SHIPPING THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT WAREHOUSE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1135, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, HOUSE BILL NO. 1288, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, AND SENATE BILL NO. 2606, 2021 REGULAR SESSION, TO CREATE TWO PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX TIERS FOR THE MANUFACTURER'S PERMIT, CLASS 1, APPLYING TO DISTILLERS AND RECTIFIERS, BASED ON ANNUAL PRODUCTION VOLUME; TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT, IF A PERSON APPROVED FOR A MANUFACTURER'S PERMIT, CLASS 1, DISTILLER'S PERMIT PRODUCES A PRODUCT WITH AT LEAST 51% OF THE FINISHED PRODUCT BY VOLUME BEING OBTAINED FROM ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION OF GRAPES, FRUITS, BERRIES, HONEY AND/OR VEGETABLES GROWN AND PRODUCED IN MISSISSIPPI, AND PRODUCES ALL OF THE PRODUCT BY USING NOT MORE THAN ONE STILL HAVING A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 150 LITERS, THE ANNUAL PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX FOR SUCH A PERMIT SHALL BE \$10.00 PER 10,000 GALLONS OR PART THEREOF PRODUCED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Nicole Boyd, Daniel H. Sparks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Henry Zuber III, Brent Powell

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Darnell, Evans, B, Ford, J, Horne, Huddleston, Mangold, Newman, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Straughter, Turner, Watson, Wright. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Crudup, Ladner, Stamps. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Powell called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2807: Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2807: Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Sampson Jackson II (No Signature), Jeff Tate

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Henry Zuber III, Brent Powell

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Scott, Turner, Williamson, Wright. Total--22.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Ford, J, Rushing. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2874: Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2874: Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. All residential contractors, in order to obtain a building permit in the State of Mississippi, shall possess a permit from the Department of Revenue issued under Section 27-65-27.

Notwithstanding the definitions of "residential builder" and "remodeler" in Section 73-59-1, for purposes of this section, a residential contractor is a person or entity contracting or offering to contract with an owner or possessor of residential real estate to construct a residence or appurtenant structure thereon, or to repair or renovate any portion of a residence or appurtenant structure thereon, regardless of the cost of the project, and regardless of whether all or part of the cost is expected to be paid as a benefit of a property and casualty insurance policy. A residential contractor is not a person building, repairing or renovating his or her own personal residence.

This section shall not apply to a residential contractor having a permanent place of business in the State of Mississippi or licensed under Section 31-3-1 et seq.

SECTION 2. All commercial contractors, in order to obtain a building permit in the State of Mississippi, shall possess a permit from the Department of Revenue issued under Section 27-65-27.

Notwithstanding the definition of "contractor" in Section 31-3-1, for purposes of this section, a commercial contractor is a person or entity contracting or offering to contract with an owner or possessor of commercial real estate to construct a building thereon, or to repair or renovate any portion of a building thereon, regardless of the cost of the project, and regardless of whether all or part of the cost is expected to be paid as a benefit of a property and casualty insurance policy.

This section shall not apply to a commercial contractor having a permanent place of business in the State of Mississippi or licensed under Section 31-3-1 et seq.

SECTION 3. Section 27-65-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-27. (1) Any person who engages, or who intends to engage, in any business or activity which will subject such person to a privilege tax imposed by this chapter, or which falls within the scope of Section 1 or Section 2 of this act, shall apply to the commissioner for a permit to engage in and to conduct any business or activity upon the condition that he shall pay the tax accruing to the State of Mississippi under the provisions of this chapter, and shall keep adequate records of such business or activity as required by this chapter. By making an application for a permit issued pursuant to this section, a person agrees, regardless of his presence in this state, to:

- (a) Be subject to the jurisdiction of this state for purposes of taxation;
- (b) Collect and remit all taxes levied under this chapter on the type of business or activity to be conducted by the applicant;
- (c) Be subject to all the provisions of this chapter.

(2) Upon receipt of the permit, the applicant shall be duly licensed under this chapter to engage in and conduct the business or activity. The permit shall continue in force so long as the person to whom it is issued shall continue in the same business at the same location, unless revoked by the commissioner for cause.

(3) The commissioner shall require of every person desiring to engage in business within this state who maintains no permanent place of business within this state, of every person desiring to engage in the business of making sales of mobile homes, a cash bond or an approved surety bond in an amount sufficient to cover twice the estimated tax liability for a period of three (3) months. However, the bond shall in no case be less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and the tax may be prepaid in lieu of filing bond if the amount is approved by the commissioner. This bond shall be filed with the commissioner prior to the issuance of a permit to do business and before any such person may engage in business within this state. Failure to comply with the provision will subject such person to the penalties provided by this chapter.

(4) The commissioner is authorized to deny the application for a permit or revoke the permit of any person who has failed or is failing to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter. The commissioner may also deny the application for a permit or revoke the permit of any person who has failed to satisfy all of the finally determined tax liabilities owed by that person. If the applicant or taxpayer is an entity, the commissioner may deny the application for a permit or revoke the permit if any partner, member, principal officer or director of such entity has failed to satisfy all of the finally determined tax liabilities owed by that partner, member, principal officer or director. Any denial or revocation of an entity's permit based on a partner, member, principal officer or director's finally determined tax liability shall only be authorized if the partner, member,

principal officer or director owns ten percent (10%) or more of the entity and is or will be exercising responsibility for fiscal management. In lieu of denying or revoking an entity's permit, the commissioner may accept an increased or additional bond from the entity to cover the additional risk involved with having an individual with a finally determined tax liability involved. As used in this subsection, "finally determined tax liabilities" means any state tax, fee, penalty and/or interest owed by a person to the Department of Revenue where the assessment of the liability has been made against that person as provided by law and such assessment is not subject to any further timely filed administrative or judicial review. Revocation of such permit, or engaging or continuing in business after such permit is revoked or engaging in business without a permit, shall subject the person to all the penalties imposed by this chapter.

(5) Any person liable for the tax who fails to obtain a permit from the commissioner, or who continues in business after such permit has been revoked, or who fails to make his returns for taxation as provided, or who fails to keep adequate records and invoices provided by this chapter, or who fails or refuses to permit inspection of such records, or who fails to pay any taxes due hereunder, shall forfeit his rights to do business in this state until he complies with all the provisions of this chapter and until he enters into a bond, with sureties, to be approved by the commissioner, in an amount not to exceed twice the amount of all taxes estimated to become due under this chapter by the person for any period of three (3) months, conditioned to comply with the provisions of this chapter, and pay all taxes legally due by him.

(6) If any person is engaged in or continuing in this state in any business or activity without obtaining a permit, or after the permit has been revoked, or without filing a required bond, or without keeping and allowing inspection of all records required by this chapter, or without making a return, or returns, and without paying all taxes due by him hereunder, it shall be the duty of the commissioner to proceed by injunction to prevent the continuance of the business. Any temporary injunction enjoining the continuance of the business shall be granted without notice by a judge or chancellor now authorized to grant injunctions.

SECTION 4. (1) Section 1 of this act shall be codified in Title 73, Chapter 59, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) Section 2 of this act shall be codified in Title 31, Chapter 3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION IN TITLE 73, CHAPTER 59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THAT ALL RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT IN THIS STATE, POSSESS A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 27-65-27; TO DEFINE "RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR" FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PERMIT REQUIREMENT; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION IN TITLE 31, CHAPTER 3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THAT ALL COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT IN THIS STATE, POSSESS A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 27-65-27; TO DEFINE "COMMERCIAL CONTRACTOR" FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PERMIT REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chad McMahan, Mike Thompson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd,

Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, Owen, Rushing, Scott. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 119: Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 119: Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 41-29-136, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-136. (1) "CBD solution" means a pharmaceutical preparation consisting of processed cannabis plant extract in oil or other suitable vehicle.

(2) (a) CBD solution prepared from (i) Cannabis plant extract that is provided by the National Center for Natural Products Research at the University of Mississippi under appropriate federal and state regulatory approvals, or (ii) Cannabis extract from hemp produced pursuant to Sections 69-25-201 through 69-25-221, which is prepared and tested to meet compliance with regulatory specifications, may be dispensed by the Department of Pharmacy Services at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC Pharmacy) after mixing the extract with a suitable vehicle. The CBD solution may be prepared by the UMMC Pharmacy or by another pharmacy or laboratory in the state under appropriate federal and state regulatory approvals and registrations.

(b) The patient or the patient's parent, guardian or custodian must execute a hold-harmless agreement that releases from liability the state and any division, agency, institution or employee thereof involved in the research, cultivation, processing, formulating, dispensing, prescribing or administration of CBD solution obtained from

entities authorized under this section to produce or possess cannabidiol for research under appropriate federal and state regulatory approvals and registrations.

(c) The National Center for Natural Products Research at the University of Mississippi and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station at Mississippi State University are the only entities authorized to produce cannabis plants for cannabidiol research.

(d) Research of CBD solution under this section must comply with the provisions of Section 41-29-125 regarding lawful possession of controlled substances, of Section 41-29-137 regarding record-keeping requirements relative to the dispensing, use or administration of controlled substances, and of Section 41-29-133 regarding inventory requirements, insofar as they are applicable. Authorized entities may enter into public-private partnerships to facilitate research.

(3) (a) In a prosecution for the unlawful possession of marijuana under the laws of this state, it is an affirmative and complete defense to prosecution that:

(i) The defendant suffered from a debilitating epileptic condition or related illness and the use or possession of CBD solution was pursuant to the order of a physician as authorized under this section; or

(ii) The defendant is the parent, guardian or custodian of an individual who suffered from a debilitating epileptic condition or related illness and the use or possession of CBD solution was pursuant to the order of a physician as authorized under this section.

(b) An agency of this state or a political subdivision thereof, including any law enforcement agency, may not initiate proceedings to remove a child from the home based solely upon the possession or use of CBD solution by the child or parent, guardian or custodian of the child as authorized under this section.

(c) An employee of the state or any division, agency, institution thereof involved in the research, cultivation, processing, formulation, dispensing, prescribing or administration of CBD solution shall not be subject to prosecution for unlawful possession, use, distribution or prescription of marijuana under the laws of this state for activities arising from or related to the use of CBD solution in the treatment of individuals diagnosed with a debilitating epileptic condition.

(4) This section shall be known as "Harper Grace's Law."

(5) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, * * * 2024.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-136, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON HARPER GRACE'S LAW, WHICH AUTHORIZES RESEARCH AND THE DISPENSING, POSSESSION AND USE OF CANNABIDIOL (CBD OIL) FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jody Steverson, Shane Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, Kevin Blackwell, Josh Harkins

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers,

Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, D, Newman. Total-2.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Kinkade called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) (a) White-tailed deer harvested within any enclosure shall be tested for chronic wasting disease (CWD).

(b) The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall promulgate rules and regulations requiring the annual submission of viable samples from harvested deer for chronic wasting disease testing. Rules promulgated under this paragraph shall require a minimum submission from inside a high-fenced enclosure representing at least one (1) deer per each two hundred (200) acres of land under fence.

(c) In addition to samples submitted from deer harvested within an enclosure, to the extent possible, enclosure owner/operators shall submit viable samples collected from any deer that dies inside an enclosure from causes other than being harvested by hunting, for chronic wasting disease testing. Samples collected from deer whose death occurred for reasons other than hunting shall count toward the total number of required samples.

(2) If chronic wasting disease is detected within an enclosure, as defined in Section 49-7-58.1, the commission shall not declare surrounding or adjoining properties within a five (5) mile radius of the enclosure a CWD Management Zone, until chronic wasting disease is positively detected within such radius on these surrounding or adjoining properties.

(3) Failure to submit samples pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated by the commission shall be a violation of those regulations. A first violation of such regulations shall be punishable by a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each second or subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 2. Section 49-1-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-1-29. (1) The commission may promulgate rules and regulations, inaugurate studies and surveys, and establish any services it deems necessary to carry out wildlife laws. A violation of any rules or regulations promulgated by the commission shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 49-7-101.

(2) The executive director shall have authority with commission approval:

(a) To close or shorten the open season as prescribed by law in cases of urgent emergency on any species of game birds, game or fur-bearing animals, reptiles, fish or amphibians, in any locality, when it finds after investigation and public review that the action is reasonably necessary to secure the perpetuation of any species of game birds, game or fur-bearing animals, reptiles, fish or amphibians and to maintain an adequate supply in the affected area. The statutes shall continue in full force and effect, except as restricted and limited by the rules and regulations promulgated by the commission.

(b) To designate wildlife refuges, with the consent of the property owner or owners, in any localities it finds necessary to secure perpetuation of any species of game birds, game or fur-bearing animals, reptiles, fish or amphibians and to maintain an adequate supply for the purpose of providing a safe retreat where the animals may rest and replenish adjacent hunting, trapping or fishing grounds or waters, and to approve land suitable for such purposes as eligible for the income tax credit authorized under Section 27-7-22.22.

(c) To acquire and hold for the state by purchase, condemnation, lease, or agreement as authorized from time to time by the Legislature, and to receive by gifts or devise, lands or water suitable for fish habitats, game and bird habitats, state parks, access sites, wildlife refuges, or for public shooting, trapping or fishing grounds or waters, to provide areas on which any citizen may hunt, trap or fish under any special regulations as the commission may prescribe, and to approve lands suitable for such purposes as eligible for the income tax credit authorized under Section 27-7-22.22.

(d) To extend and consolidate lands or waters suitable for the above purposes by exchange of lands or waters under its jurisdiction.

(e) To capture, propagate, transport, sell or exchange any species of game birds, game or fur-bearing animals, reptiles, fish or amphibians needed for stocking or restocking any lands or waters of the state.

(f) To enter into cooperative agreements with persons, firms, corporations or governmental agencies for purposes consistent with this chapter.

(g) To regulate the burning of rubbish, slashings and marshes or other areas it may find reasonably necessary to reduce the danger of destructive fires.

(h) To conduct research in improved wildlife and fisheries conservation methods and to disseminate information to the residents of the state through the schools, public media and other publications.

(i) To have exclusive charge and control of the propagation and distribution of wild birds, animals, reptiles, fish and amphibians, the conduct and control of hatcheries, biological stations and game and fur farms owned or acquired by the state; to expend for the protection, propagation or preservation of game birds, game or fur-bearing animals, reptiles, fish and amphibians all funds of the state acquired for this purpose arising from licenses, gifts or otherwise; and shall have charge of the enforcement of all wildlife laws.

(j) To grant permits and provide regulations for field trials and dog trainers.

(k) To prohibit and to regulate the taking of nongame gross fish, except minnows.

(l) To enter into agreements with landowners to trap and purchase quail on the premises of the landowner and to provide for the distribution of quail.

(m) To operate or lease to third persons concessions or other rights or privileges on lakes owned or leased by the department. Owners of land adjoining land owned or leased by the department shall have priority to the concessions or rights or privileges, if the owners meet the qualifications established by the commission.

(n) To implement a beaver control program and to charge fees, upon the recommendation of the Beaver Control Advisory Board, to landowners participating in the beaver control program described in Section 49-7-201.

(o) To apply for, receive and expend any federal, state or local funds, contributions or funds from any other source for the purpose of beaver control or eradication.

(p) To require the department to divide the districts into zones if necessary, and periodically survey the districts or zones to obtain information that is necessary to properly determine the population and allowable harvest limits of wildlife within the district or zone.

(q) To *** grant wildlife personnel *** access to enter the *** enclosure and utilize *** the best collection methods available to obtain tissue samples for testing where CWD has been diagnosed within five (5) miles of the enclosure.

If CWD is detected within an enclosure, the commission shall not declare surrounding or adjoining properties within a five (5) mile radius of the enclosure, a CWD Management Zone, until chronic wasting disease is positively detected within such radius on these surrounding or adjoining properties.

SECTION 3. Section 49-7-58.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-58.1. (1) The owner of any enclosure containing white-tailed deer that prevents the free egress of white-tailed deer from the enclosed area shall notify and register with the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. The person shall give his name, the location of the enclosure, the acreage within the enclosure, and whether any deer have been imported into the state and placed in the enclosure, and any other information required by the Commissioner on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

(2) Persons who constructed an enclosure prior to July 1, 2003, shall have until January 1, 2004, to notify and provide the information required under this section. The person shall use acceptable hunting and wildlife management practices as may be determined by the department.

(3) The owner of such an enclosure shall comply with *** all rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the testing of white-tailed deer harvested within *** an enclosure, or whose death was due to causes other than hunting activity, as required by Section *** 1 of this act. If chronic wasting disease is diagnosed within five (5) miles of the enclosure, the owner of such enclosure shall allow department personnel to enter the enclosure to utilize *** the best collection methods possible to obtain tissue samples for testing. If chronic wasting disease is diagnosed within the enclosure, the owner shall *** work with the commission to determine a solution for containing the disease within the enclosure; however, the commission shall not declare surrounding or adjoining properties within a five (5) mile radius of the enclosure a CWD Management Zone, until chronic wasting disease is positively detected within such radius on these surrounding or adjoining properties.

(4) *** Violations of this section *** shall be punishable as provided in Section *** 1 of this act.

SECTION 4. Section 49-7-58.2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-58.2. (1) The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall develop and implement a program for inspecting, monitoring, testing and preventing chronic wasting disease. The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall promulgate rules and regulations to effect the sampling of deer harvested, or dying from, nonhunting related causes, within an enclosure. If chronic wasting disease is diagnosed in white-tailed deer within an enclosure, the department is authorized to use methods authorized by the commission and enter the enclosure *** to determine a solution for containing the disease within the enclosure. If chronic wasting disease is diagnosed within five (5) miles of the enclosure, the department is authorized to enter the enclosure and utilize *** the best collection methods available to obtain tissue samples. If chronic wasting disease is detected within an enclosure, the commission shall not declare surrounding or adjoining properties within a five (5) mile radius of the enclosure a CWD Management Zone, until chronic wasting disease is positively detected within such radius on these surrounding or adjoining properties.

(2) If a live test for chronic wasting disease is developed, the department is authorized to conduct such tests on white-tailed deer within any enclosure.

SECTION 5. Section 49-7-58.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, which requires the chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing of white-tail deer harvested within any enclosure, and imposes Class II and Class I violation penalties for first and subsequent violations, is repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO REQUIRE CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING OF A SAMPLE OF WHITE-TAILED DEER HARVESTED OR DYING FROM CAUSES OTHER THAN BEING HARVESTED BY HUNTING WITHIN ANY ENCLOSURE; TO PROVIDE THAT IF CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE IS DETECTED WITHIN AN ENCLOSURE, THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT DECLARE SURROUNDING OR ADJOINING PROPERTIES WITHIN A FIVE MILE RADIUS OF THE ENCLOSURE A CWD MANAGEMENT ZONE, UNTIL CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE IS POSITIVELY DETECTED WITHIN SUCH RADIUS ON THESE SURROUNDING OR ADJOINING PROPERTIES; TO IMPOSE CERTAIN FINES FOR FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 49-1-29, 49-7-58.1 AND 49-7-58.2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; TO REPEAL SECTION 49-7-58.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES THE CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING OF WHITE-TAIL DEER HARVESTED WITHIN ANY ENCLOSURE, AND IMPOSES CLASS II AND CLASS I VIOLATION PENALTIES FOR FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Kinkade, C. Scott Bounds, Shane Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, J. Walter Michel, Benjamin Suber

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hopkins, McLeod, Watson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Anderson, J, Evans, B. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Carpenter called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 761: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 761: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 35-1-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

35-1-7. (1) The duties of the State Veterans Affairs Board shall be to assist former and present members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and their dependents, in securing any benefits or privileges under any federal or state law or regulation to which they are entitled and to advise the Governor and Legislature on veterans affairs. Moreover, veterans or their dependents shall be given their choice of organizations to represent them in instances where a case is appealed, and the board shall lend its full cooperation in connection therewith.

(2) The board and its employees shall cooperate fully with all congressionally chartered veterans organizations within the state, including servicing the power of attorney of the congressionally chartered veterans organizations upon the request of the organizations to the State Veterans Affairs Board in the prosecution of all claims on behalf of veterans. However, all powers of attorney to the State Veterans Affairs Board shall be processed first, and thereafter, powers of attorney shall be processed for veterans organizations in the ratio that the membership of the organization bears to the total number of veterans residing in Mississippi.

(3) The State Veterans Affairs Board is designated as the "state approving agency" for the State of Mississippi. It shall be the duty of the State Veterans Affairs Board to inspect, approve and supervise schools, institutions and establishments for war orphan and veteran training as provided in Section 1771, Chapter 35, Title 38, United States Code, and in any subsequent acts passed by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of education and training of war orphans or former and present members of the Armed Forces of the United States. The State Veterans Affairs Board is authorized to employ the needed personnel to perform the duties as outlined in Section 1771, Chapter 35, Title 38, United States Code, and in any subsequent acts as enacted by the Congress of the United States, and to enter into contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs for salary and travel reimbursement for personnel employed for this purpose.

(4) The State Veterans Affairs Board shall operate all Mississippi state veterans homes when established as authorized by Sections 35-1-19 through 35-1-29.

(5) The powers of the State Veterans Affairs Board in relation to operating the State Veterans Homes shall specifically include, but not be limited to, the following authority:

(a) To expend, upon appropriation by the Legislature, any revenue generated by the State Veterans Homes in support of the State Veterans Homes;

(b) To enter into loan or scholarship agreements with employees or students to provide educational assistance where such student or employee agrees to work for a stipulated period of time for the board. Under this agreement the employee will agree to commit to up to three (3) years but no less than one (1) year, to be determined by the employment position and the amount of student debt; provided, however, no State General Fund monies shall be used for such purposes and the majority of funds for such purposes shall be provided through programs established by the Mississippi Department of Health, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

(c) To sell or otherwise dispose of any chattel property of the State Veterans Affairs Board used in operation of the State Veterans Homes where such disposition is consistent with the homes' purposes or where such property is deemed by the board or its designee to be surplus or otherwise unneeded. The State Veterans Affairs Board shall develop and submit an annual report to the Legislature on any such sale or disposition and shall ensure that the proceeds shall be used to defray the operation of the State Veterans Homes.

(6) The State Veterans Affairs Board is authorized to adopt such policies and to prescribe such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the proper administration of this chapter. However, such policies and regulations shall not be in conflict with any of the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 29-9-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

29-9-9. (1) Whenever any vehicle, equipment, office furniture, office fixture or any other personal property which has been acquired or is owned by any institution, department or agency of the State of Mississippi becomes obsolete or is no longer needed or required for the use of such institution, department or agency, the same may be: (a) sold for cash, transferred, traded or exchanged for other property, furniture, equipment, fixture or vehicle needed by said institution, department or agency after having first obtained the written approval of the Governor's Office of General Services and the State Auditor or approval by the Legislative Budget Office if utilized under the jurisdiction of the Legislature; or (b) donated to any institution, department or agency of the State of Mississippi, or any political subdivision or local governing authority of the state. The singular shall include the plural. Transfers, trades, exchanges or donations made pursuant to this subsection may be made to any political subdivision or local governing authority of the State of Mississippi.

(2) The proceeds of all cash sales made, as authorized in this section, shall be paid over into the support and maintenance or contingent fund of the institution, department or agency as it deems best.

(3) The head of each state institution, department or agency shall be responsible and liable personally and on his official bond, in the amount of the value shown on the state inventory, for the disposal of any property contrary to the provisions of this section.

(4) The Office of General Services, on the approval of the Public Procurement Review Board, is hereby authorized and empowered to make reasonable rules and regulations and to require such information as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and provisions of this section.

(5) Any violation of the provisions hereof by any elected head of any institution, department, commission or agency of the State of Mississippi, or any appointee or employee of any institution, department, agency or commission coming under the provisions of this section, shall constitute a misdemeanor and, upon conviction therefor, shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in addition to personal and official liability, as hereinabove provided.

(6) The disposal of any unneeded personal property at the project described in Section 57-75-5(f)(vi), may be made in accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority, under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by such authority.

(7) The disposal of any alternative housing units purchased through the Mississippi Alternative Housing Pilot Program may be made by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency as required by federal law to be in compliance with regulations of the federal articles of agreement and its awarded conditions, and upon approval of the Public Procurement Review Board.

(8) This section shall not be applicable to the State Veterans Homes in the event the State Veterans Affairs Board has contracted for property management services at the State Veterans Homes.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 35-1-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE VETERANS BOARD IN RELATION TO OPERATING THE STATE VETERANS HOMES; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS RELATING TO EMPLOYEE HIRING AND INCENTIVES AND PROPERTY DISPOSAL; TO AMEND SECTION 29-9-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Lester Carpenter, Gene Newman, Karl Oliver

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joseph M. Seymour, Dennis DeBar, Jr., John A. Polk
(No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Rushing called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2261: Perpetual care cemeteries; authorize counties and cities to clean property of those not properly maintained and seek reimbursement.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2261: Perpetual cemetery law; revise notice and maintenance provisions for counties and municipalities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 19-5-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-5-105. (1) To determine whether property or a parcel of land located within a county is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety

and welfare of the community, the board of supervisors of any county is authorized and empowered to conduct a hearing on its own motion, or upon the receipt of a petition requesting the board of supervisors to act signed by a majority of the residents eighteen (18) years of age or older, residing upon any street or alley, within reasonable proximity of any property alleged to be in need of cleaning, or within seven hundred fifty (750) feet of the precise location of the alleged menace situated on any parcel of land which is located in a populated area or in a housing subdivision and alleged to be in need of cleaning.

Notice shall be provided to the property owner by:

(a) United States mail two (2) weeks before the date of the hearing mailed to the address of the subject property and to the address where the ad valorem tax notice for such property is sent by the office charged with collecting ad valorem tax; and

(b) Posting notice for at least two (2) weeks before the date of a hearing on the property or parcel of land alleged to be in need of cleaning and at the county courthouse or another place in the county where such notices are posted.

The notice required by this subsection (1) shall include language that informs the property owner that an adjudication at the hearing that the property or parcel of land is in need of cleaning will authorize the board of supervisors to reenter the property or parcel of land for a period of one (1) year after the hearing without any further hearing, if notice is posted on the property or parcel of land and at the county courthouse or another place in the county where such notices are generally posted at least seven (7) days before the property or parcel of land is reentered for cleaning. A copy of the required notice mailed and posted as required by this subsection (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the board of supervisors in conjunction with the hearing required by this subsection.

If at such hearing the board of supervisors shall in its resolution adjudicate such parcel of land in its then condition to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community, the board of supervisors may, if the owner not do so himself, proceed to have the land cleaned by cutting weeds, filling cisterns, and removing rubbish, dilapidated fences, outside toilets, dilapidated buildings and other debris, and draining cesspools and standing water. Thereafter, the board of supervisors may at its next regular meeting by resolution adjudicate the actual cost of cleaning the land and may also impose a penalty not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost, whichever is more. The cost and any penalty shall become an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the county of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the county of any contract executed by the county to have the work done, and administrative costs and legal costs of the county.

A county may reenter the property or parcel of land to maintain cleanliness without further notice of hearing no more than six (6) times in any twelve-month period with respect to removing dilapidated buildings, dilapidated fences and outside toilets, and no more than twelve (12) times in any twenty-four-month period with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris on the land. The expense of cleaning the property shall not exceed an aggregate amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) per year, or the fair market value of the property subsequent to cleaning, whichever is less. The board of supervisors may assess the same penalty each time the property or land is cleaned as otherwise provided in this subsection (1).

The penalty provided * * * in this subsection (1) shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi upon request for reimbursement under Section 29-1-145, nor shall a county clean a parcel owned by the State of Mississippi without first giving notice.

The assessment authorized by this subsection (1) shall be a lien against the property and may be enrolled in the office of the circuit clerk of the county as other judgments are enrolled, and the tax collector of the county shall, upon order of the board of supervisors, proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent taxes. Furthermore, the property owner whose land has been sold pursuant to this subsection (1) shall have the same right of redemption as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent taxes. All decisions rendered under

the provisions of this subsection may be appealed in the same manner as other appeals from county boards.

(2) (a) If private property or a parcel of land located within a county is a perpetual care cemetery subject to Section 41-43-1 et seq., the board of supervisors of the county may proceed pursuant to the same provisions of subsection (1) of this section used to determine whether a property is a public health menace to instead determine if the perpetual care cemetery and all structures on the cemetery are not being properly maintained and have become detrimental to the public health and welfare. A perpetual care cemetery that is "not being properly maintained and has become detrimental to the public health and welfare" means a perpetual care cemetery that shows signs of neglect, including, without limitation, the unchecked growth of vegetation, repeated and unchecked acts of vandalism, unusable entrances and exits, excess rubbish or debris, or the disintegration of grave markers or boundaries. Upon notice and opportunity to be heard as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the board of supervisors of the county may adjudicate the property or parcel of land in its then condition to be not properly maintained and detrimental to the public health and welfare, and if the owner does not do so itself, may proceed to clean the property or parcel of land as provided in subsection (1) of this section. When cleaning the property or parcel of land of a perpetual care cemetery pursuant to this subsection (2), the penalty or penalties provided in subsection (1) of this section shall not be assessed against owners of the perpetual care cemeteries.

(b) The board of supervisors of a county that cleans property or parcel of land of a perpetual care cemetery pursuant to this subsection (2) may make application to the Secretary of State for an order directing the trustee of the perpetual care cemetery trust fund to release accrued interest or principal of the trust fund sufficient to reimburse the county for only the actual cleanup costs incurred by the county. The application to the Secretary of State shall include a statement by the county that all of the requirements of this section have been met.

(c) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the notice and hearing requirements of this section have been met, and that the application for an order directing the trustee to release accrued interest of the perpetual care cemetery trust fund does not threaten the ability of the trust fund to provide for the care and maintenance of the cemetery, the Secretary of State may order the trustee to release up to the total amount of accrued interest of the trust fund in an amount sufficient to reimburse the county for the actual costs of cleanup performed by the county.

(d) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the notice and hearing requirements of this section have been met, but makes a determination that the accrued interest of the perpetual care cemetery trust fund is insufficient to reimburse the county for the actual costs of cleanup performed by the county, or that an order to release accrued interest would threaten the ability of the trust fund to provide for the care and maintenance of the cemetery, the Secretary of State may consider an order directing the trustee to reimburse the county from the principal of the trust fund. If the Secretary of State determines that an order to the trustee to release principal from the trust fund will not threaten the solvency of the trust fund, the Secretary of State may order the trustee to release principal of the trust fund in an amount sufficient to reimburse the county for the actual costs of cleanup performed by the county.

(i) The Secretary of State may not order the trustee to release an amount of more than fifteen percent (15%) of principal of the trust fund to reimburse the county for the actual costs of cleanup performed by the county.

(ii) The provisions of this section may be utilized no more than once in a four-year period.

SECTION 2. Section 21-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-19-11. (1) To determine whether property or parcel of land located within a municipality is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, a governing authority of any municipality shall conduct a hearing, on its own motion, or upon the receipt of a petition signed by a majority of the residents residing within four hundred (400) feet of any property or parcel of land alleged to be in need of the cleaning. Notice shall be provided to the property owner by:

(a) United States mail two (2) weeks before the date of the hearing mailed to the address of the subject property, except where the land or structure(s) is apparently vacant, and to the address where the ad valorem tax notice for such property is sent by the office charged with collecting ad valorem tax; and

(b) Posting notice for at least two (2) weeks before the date of a hearing on the property or parcel of land alleged to be in need of cleaning and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are posted.

Any notice required by this section shall include language that informs the property owner that an adjudication at the hearing that the property or parcel of land is in need of cleaning will authorize the municipality to reenter the property or parcel of land for a period of two (2) years after final adjudication without any further hearing if notice is posted on the property or parcel of land and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted at least seven (7) days before the property or parcel of land is reentered for cleaning. A copy of the required notice mailed and posted as required by this section shall be recorded in the minutes of the governing authority in conjunction with the hearing required by this section.

If, at such hearing, the governing authority shall adjudicate the property or parcel of land in its then condition to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, the governing authority, if the owner does not do so himself, shall proceed to clean the land, by the use of municipal employees or by contract, by cutting grass and weeds; filling cisterns; removing rubbish, abandoned or dilapidated fences, outside toilets, abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, personal property, which removal of personal property shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 21-39-21, and other debris; and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom. The governing authority may by resolution adjudicate the actual cost of cleaning the property and may also impose a penalty not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost, whichever is more. The cost and any penalty may become a civil debt against the property owner, and/or, at the option of the governing authority, an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the municipality of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the municipality of any contract executed by the municipality to have the work done, and administrative costs and legal costs of the municipality. For subsequent cleaning within the one-year period after the date of the hearing at which the property or parcel of land was adjudicated in need of cleaning, upon seven (7) days' notice posted both on the property or parcel of land adjudicated in need of cleaning and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted, and consistent with the municipality's adjudication as authorized in this subsection (1), a municipality may reenter the property or parcel of land to maintain cleanliness without further notice or hearing no more than six (6) times in any twelve-month period with respect to removing abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, dilapidated fences and outside toilets, and no more than twelve (12) times in any twenty-four-month period with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris on the land, and the expense of cleaning of the property, except as otherwise provided in this section for removal of hazardous substances, shall not exceed an aggregate amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) per year, or the fair market value of the property subsequent to cleaning, whichever is more. The aggregate cost of removing hazardous substances will be the actual cost of such removal to the municipality and shall not be subject to the Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) limitation provided in this subsection. The governing authority may assess the same penalty for each time the property or land is cleaned as otherwise provided in this section. The penalty provided herein shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi upon request for reimbursement under Section 29-1-145, nor shall a municipality clean a parcel owned by the State of Mississippi without first giving notice. Upon written authority from the Secretary of State's office, for state-owned properties, a municipality may forgo the notification process that is prescribed in this subsection and proceed to clean the properties and assess costs as prescribed in this subsection, except that penalties shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi.

(2) When the fee or cost to clean property or a parcel of land that is one (1) acre or less does not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), excluding

administrative costs, and the property or parcel is located within a municipality having a population over one thousand five hundred (1,500), the governing authority of the municipality may authorize one or more of its employees to determine whether the property or parcel of land is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and the determination made by the authorized municipal employee shall be set forth and recorded in the minutes of the governing authority. Notice of this determination shall be provided to the property owner by:

(a) United States mail seven (7) days before the date of cleaning of the property or parcel of land mailed to the address of the subject property, except where the land or structure(s) is apparently vacant, and to the address where the ad valorem tax notice for such property is sent by the office charged with collecting ad valorem tax; and

(b) Posting notice for at least seven (7) days before the cleaning of the property or parcel of land and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are posted.

Any notice required by this subsection shall include language that informs the property owner that the appropriate municipal official has determined that the property or parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and the municipality is authorized to enter the property for cleaning and that the municipality is further authorized to reenter the property or parcel of land for a period of two (2) years after this cleaning without any further hearing or action if notice is posted on the property or parcel of land and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted at least seven (7) days before the property or parcel of land is reentered for cleaning. A copy of the required notice mailed and posted as required by this subsection shall be recorded in the minutes of the governing authority in conjunction with the determination made by the municipal employee in this subsection (2).

If an authorized municipal employee determines that the condition of property or parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community, the governing authority, if the owner does not do so himself, shall proceed to clean the land, by the use of municipal employees or by contract, by cutting grass and weeds; filling cisterns; removing rubbish, abandoned or dilapidated fences, outside toilets, abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, personal property, which removal of personal property shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 21-39-21, and other debris; and draining cesspools and standing water therefrom. The governing authority shall by resolution adjudicate the actual cost of cleaning the property under this provision, provided the same does not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may also impose a penalty not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or one hundred percent (100%) of the actual cost of cleaning the property, whichever is more. The cost and any penalty imposed may become a civil debt against the property owner, and/or, at the option of the governing authority, an assessment against the property. The "cost assessed against the property" means either the cost to the municipality of using its own employees to do the work or the cost to the municipality of any contract executed by the municipality to have the work done, and additionally may include administrative costs of the municipality not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). For subsequent cleaning within the one-year period set forth in this subsection (2), upon seven (7) days' notice posted both on the property or parcel of land adjudicated in need of cleaning and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted, and consistent with the municipal official's determination as authorized in this subsection (2), a municipality may reenter the property or parcel of land to maintain cleanliness without further notice or hearing under this subsection (2) no more than six (6) times in any twelve-month period with respect to removing abandoned or dilapidated buildings, slabs, dilapidated fences and outside toilets, and no more than twelve (12) times in any twenty-four-month period with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris on the land, and the expense of cleaning of the property shall not exceed an aggregate amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year under this subsection (2). The governing authority may assess the same actual costs, administrative costs and penalty for each time the property or land is cleaned as otherwise provided in this subsection (2). The penalty provided herein shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi upon

request for reimbursement under Section 29-1-145, nor shall a municipality clean a parcel owned by the State of Mississippi without first giving notice. Upon written authority from the Secretary of State's office, for state-owned properties, a municipality may forgo the notification process that is prescribed in this subsection and proceed to clean the properties and assess costs as prescribed in this subsection, except that penalties shall not be assessed against the State of Mississippi. A determination made by an appropriate municipal employee under this subsection (2) that the state or condition of property or a parcel of land is a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community shall not subsequently be used to replace a hearing if subsection (1) of this section is later utilized by a municipality when the prerequisites of this subsection (2) are not satisfied.

(3) If the governing authority declares, by resolution, that the cost and any penalty shall be collected as a civil debt, the governing authority may authorize the institution of a suit on open account against the owner of the property in a court of competent jurisdiction in the manner provided by law for the cost and any penalty, plus court costs, reasonable attorney's fees and interest from the date that the property was cleaned.

(4) (a) If the governing authority declares that the cost and any penalty shall be collected as an assessment against the property, then the assessment above provided for shall be a lien against the property and may be enrolled in the office of the chancery clerk of the county as other liens and encumbrances are enrolled, and the tax collector of the municipality shall, upon order of the board of governing authorities, proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. The lien against the property shall be an encumbrance upon the property and shall follow title of the property.

(b) (i) All assessments levied under the provisions of this section shall be included with municipal ad valorem taxes and payment shall be enforced in the same manner in which payment is enforced for municipal ad valorem taxes, and all statutes regulating the collection of other taxes in a municipality shall apply to the enforcement and collection of the assessments levied under the provisions of this section, including utilization of the procedures authorized under Sections 17-13-9(2) and 27-41-2.

(ii) All assessments levied under the provisions of this section shall become delinquent at the same time municipal ad valorem taxes become delinquent. Delinquencies shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time delinquent ad valorem taxes are collected and shall bear the same penalties as those provided for delinquent taxes. If the property is sold for the nonpayment of an assessment under this section, it shall be sold in the manner that property is sold for the nonpayment of delinquent ad valorem taxes. If the property is sold for delinquent ad valorem taxes, the assessment under this section shall be added to the delinquent tax and collected at the same time and in the same manner.

(5) All decisions rendered under the provisions of this section may be appealed in the same manner as other appeals from municipal boards or courts are taken. However, an appeal from a decision of a municipal officer or official shall be made to the governing authority and such appeal shall be in writing, state the basis for the appeal and be filed with the city clerk no later than seven (7) days from the latest date of notice required under this section.

(6) Nothing contained under this section shall prevent any municipality from enacting criminal penalties for failure to maintain property so as not to constitute a menace to public health, safety and welfare.

(7) (a) If private property or a parcel of land located within a municipality is a perpetual care cemetery subject to Section 41-43-1 et seq., the governing authority of the municipality may proceed pursuant to the same provisions of this section used to determine whether a property is a public health menace to instead determine if the perpetual care cemetery and all structures on the cemetery are not being properly maintained and have become detrimental to the public health and welfare. A perpetual care cemetery that is "not being properly maintained and has become detrimental to the public health and welfare" means a perpetual care cemetery that shows signs of neglect, including, without limitation, the unchecked growth of vegetation, repeated and unchecked acts of vandalism, unusable entrances and exits, excess rubbish or debris, or the disintegration of grave markers or boundaries. Upon notice and opportunity to be heard

as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the governing authority of the municipality may adjudicate the property or parcel of land in its then condition to be not properly maintained and detrimental to the public health and welfare, and if the owner does not do so itself, may proceed to clean the property or parcel of land as provided in subsection (1) of this section. When cleaning the property or parcel of land of a perpetual care cemetery pursuant to this subsection (7), the penalty or penalties provided in subsection (1) of this section shall not be assessed against owners of the perpetual care cemeteries.

(b) The governing authority of a municipality that cleans the property or parcel of land of a perpetual care cemetery pursuant to this subsection (7) may make application to the Secretary of State for an order directing the trustee of the perpetual care cemetery trust fund to release accrued interest or principal of the trust fund sufficient to reimburse the municipality for only the actual cleanup costs incurred by the municipality. The application to the Secretary of State shall include a statement by the municipality that all of the requirements of this section have been met.

(c) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the notice and hearing requirements of this section have been met, and that the application for an order directing the trustee to release accrued interest of the perpetual care cemetery trust fund does not threaten the ability of the trust fund to provide for the care and maintenance of the cemetery, the Secretary of State may order the trustee to release accrued interest of the trust fund sufficient to reimburse the municipality for the actual costs of cleanup performed by the municipality.

(d) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the notice and hearing requirements of this section have been met, but makes a determination that the accrued interest of the perpetual care cemetery trust fund is insufficient to reimburse the municipality for the actual costs of cleanup performed by the municipality, or that an order to release accrued interest would threaten the ability of the trust fund to provide for the care and maintenance of the cemetery, the Secretary of State may consider an order directing the trustee to reimburse the municipality from the principal of the trust fund. If the Secretary of State determines that an order to the trustee to release principal from the trust fund will not threaten the solvency of the trust fund, the Secretary of State may order the trustee to release principal of the trust fund in an amount sufficient to reimburse the municipality for the actual costs of cleanup performed by the municipality.

(i) The Secretary of State may not order the trustee to release an amount of more than fifteen percent (15%) of principal of the trust fund to reimburse the municipality for the actual costs of cleanup performed by the municipality.

(ii) The provisions of this section may be utilized no more than once in a four-year period.

SECTION 3. Section 41-43-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-43-57. (1) In exceptional circumstances only, a perpetual care owner can make an application to the Secretary of State for an order directing the trustee to release trust principal for the extended care, maintenance or improvements to the perpetual care cemetery for which interest funds are insufficient. Before issuing such an order, the Secretary of State shall satisfy himself that the request is for a major capital expenditure that will advance the perpetual care life of the cemetery without undue risk to the solvency of the perpetual care trust fund. Consistent with this section, this shall be the only instance in which a perpetual care trust corpus may be utilized for cemetery maintenance and improvements. In the consideration of the application, the Secretary of State may require the production of any records deemed necessary and relevant to the cemetery's application for a major capital expenditure.

(2) In addition the authority provided under subsection (1) of this section, subject to the provisions of Section 19-5-105(2) or 21-19-11(7), the board of supervisors of a county or the governing authority of a municipality also may make application to the Secretary of State for an order directing the trustee to release either accrued interest or principal of the trust fund for reimbursement to the county or municipality for the actual costs of cleanup performed by the county or municipality.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 19-5-105 AND 21-19-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO CLEAN PROPERTY OR PARCELS OF LAND OF PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERIES THAT ARE NOT BEING PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND HAVE BECOME DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE; TO PRESCRIBE NOTICE AND HEARING REQUIREMENTS AND AN ADJUDICATION BY THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY BEFORE IT MAY CLEAN THE PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING THE TRUSTEE OF THE PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERY TRUST FUND TO RELEASE ACCRUED INTEREST OF PRINCIPAL OF THE TRUST FUND SUFFICIENT TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY FOR ONLY THE ACTUAL CLEANUP COSTS INCURRED; TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ORDER THE TRUSTEE TO RELEASE ACCRUED INTEREST OF PRINCIPAL OF THE TRUST FUND NOT TO EXCEED A CERTAIN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS OF CLEANUP PERFORMED IF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAKES CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 41-43-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Derrick T. Simmons, Angela Burks Hill, Jason Barrett
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy Rushing, Mark Tullos, Larry Byrd

On motion of Rep. Rushing the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Holloway, Wallace. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2798: Public utilities; authorize rate-regulated electric utilities to permit broadband provider use of the electric delivery system.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2798: Broadband services; provide for the participation of rate-regulated electric utilities in the expansion of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 77-3-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-3-2. (1) The Legislature finds and determines that the rates, services and operations of public utilities as defined in this title are affected with the public interest and that the availability of an adequate and reliable service by such public utilities to the people, economy and government of the State of Mississippi is a matter of public policy. The Legislature hereby declares to be the policy of the State of Mississippi:

(a) To provide fair regulation of public utilities in the interest of the public;

(b) To promote the inherent advantage of regulated public utilities;

(c) To promote adequate, reliable and economical service to all citizens and residents of the state;

(d) To provide just and reasonable rates and charges for public utility services without unjust discrimination, undue preferences or advantages, or unfair or destructive competitive practices and consistent with long-term management and conservation of energy resources by avoiding wasteful, uneconomic and inefficient uses of energy;

(e) To encourage and promote harmony between public utilities, their users and the environment;

(f) To foster the continued service of public utilities on a well-planned and coordinated basis that is consistent with the level of service needed for the protection of public health and safety and for the promotion of the general welfare;

(g) To cooperate with other states and the federal government in promoting and coordinating interstate and intrastate public utility service and reliability;

(h) To encourage the continued study and research for new and innovative rate-making procedures which will protect the state, the public, the ratepayers and the utilities, and where possible reduce the costs of the rate-making process; and

(i) With respect to rate-regulated public utilities, to foster, encourage, enable and facilitate economic development in the State of Mississippi, * * * to support and augment economic development activities, * * * to expand deployment of existing and emerging technologies, including fiber-optic infrastructure which will foster a more reliable and resilient utility delivery system and provide customer access to enhanced services, to authorize and empower the Public Service Commission * * * in carrying out its statutory responsibilities, and to take every opportunity to advance the economic development of the state.

(2) To these ends, therefore, authority shall be vested in the Mississippi Public Service Commission to regulate public utilities in accordance with the provisions of this title.

(3) (a) The commission shall, in addition to its other powers and duties, be authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to consider and adopt a formula type rate of return evaluation rate which may include provision for the commission to:

(i) Periodically review and adjust, if required, the utility's level of revenues based upon the actual books and records of the utility which are periodically the subject of independent audits and regulatory audits;

(ii) Review the utility's performance in certain areas or categories which may be used by the commission in the manner selected by it which may include rate incentives or penalties so long as such are found to be fair and reasonable and result in a level of revenue which is fair and reasonable; and

(iii) Use such other provisions which may be permitted by this chapter.

(b) When a formula type rate of return evaluation rate with periodic revenue adjustments is adopted by the commission, each periodic revenue adjustment will be separately considered for the purpose of determining whether a hearing is required pursuant to Section 77-3-39(1), and no such hearing shall be required if the amount of any separate periodic adjustment to the level of revenues of the utility is not a "major change" as defined in Section 77-3-37(8).

(c) In administering any such formula type rate of return evaluation rate, the following procedures shall be observed by the commission:

(i) Each periodic evaluation shall be supported with a sworn filing by the utility incorporating the data specified in the formula rate adopted by the commission, and such data shall be verified by the commission; and

(ii) A hearing shall be required, as provided by law, to determine compliance with the formula rate plan and the accuracy of the data prior to any change in the level of revenues if the cumulative change in any calendar year exceeds the greater of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) or four percent (4%) of the annual revenues of the utility.

(d) The requirements of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subsection and other applicable provisions of Title 77, Chapter 3, Article 1, Mississippi Code of 1972, which are observed by the commission in administering such rate, are hereby declared to be procedural but are not required to be included in the rate itself.

(4) It is the intention of the Legislature to validate, retroactively to its initial adoption by the commission, any formula type rate, including any revenue adjustments effected pursuant thereto, which has heretofore been adopted by the commission. For the purposes of the retroactive validation and the administration of any formula type rate heretofore adopted by the commission, should the provisions of Title 77, Chapter 3, Article 1, Mississippi Code of 1972, conflict with any provisions of such formula type rate, Title 77, Chapter 3, Article 1, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be interpreted to prevail and the formula type rate shall hereafter be administered or revised to conform to Title 77, Chapter 3, Article 1, Mississippi Code of 1972; provided, however, such conflict, if any, shall not be held to invalidate the retroactive effect of this section upon such rate.

SECTION 2. Section 77-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-3-3. As used in this chapter:

(a) The term "corporation" includes a private or public corporation, a municipality, an association, a joint-stock association or a business trust.

(b) The term "person" includes a natural person, a partnership of two (2) or more persons having a joint or common interest, a cooperative, nonprofit, limited dividend or mutual association, a corporation, or any other legal entity.

(c) The term "municipality" includes any incorporated city, town or village.

(d) The term "public utility" includes persons and corporations, or their lessees, trustees and receivers now or hereafter owning or operating in this state equipment or facilities for:

(i) The generation, manufacture, transmission or distribution of electricity to or for the public for compensation;

(ii) The transmission, sale, sale for resale, or distribution of natural, artificial, or mixed natural and artificial gas to the public for compensation by means of transportation, transmission, or distribution facilities and equipment located within this state; however, the term shall not include the production and gathering of natural gas, the sale of natural gas in or within the vicinity of the field where produced, or the distribution or sale of liquefied petroleum gas or the sale to the ultimate consumer of natural gas for use as a motor vehicle fuel;

(iii) The transmission, conveyance or reception of any message over wire, of writing, signs, signals, pictures and sounds of all kinds by or for the public, where such service is offered to the public for compensation, and the furnishing, or the furnishing and maintenance, of equipment or facilities to the public, for compensation, for use as a private communications system or part thereof; however, no person or corporation not otherwise a public utility within the meaning of this chapter shall

be deemed such solely because of engaging in this state in the furnishing, for private use as last aforementioned, and moreover, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to television stations, radio stations, community television antenna services, video services, Voice over Internet Protocol services ("VoIP"), any wireless services, including commercial mobile services, Internet Protocol ("IP") - enabled services or broadband services; and

(iv) The transmission, distribution, sale or resale of water to the public for compensation, or the collection, transmission, treatment or disposal of sewage, or otherwise operating a sewage disposal service, to or for the public for compensation.

The term "public utility" shall not include any person not otherwise a public utility, who furnishes the services or commodity described in this paragraph only to himself, his employees or tenants as an incident of such employee service or tenancy, if such services are not sold or resold to such tenants or employees on a metered or consumption basis other than the submetering authorized under Section 77-3-97.

A public utility's business other than of the character defined in subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of this paragraph is not subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(e) The term "rate" means and includes every compensation, charge, fare, toll, customer deposit, rental and classification, or the formula or method by which such may be determined, or any of them, demanded, observed, charged or collected by any public utility for any service, product or commodity described in this section, offered by it to the public, and any rules, regulations, practices or contracts relating to any such compensation, charge, fare, toll, rental or classification; however, the term "rate" shall not include charges for electrical current furnished, delivered or sold by one (1) public utility to another for resale.

(f) The word "commission" shall refer to the Public Service Commission of the State of Mississippi, as now existing, unless otherwise indicated.

(g) The term "affiliated interest" or "affiliate" includes:

(i) Any person or corporation owning or holding, directly or indirectly, twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the voting securities of a public utility;

(ii) Any person or corporation in any chain of successive ownership of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the voting securities of a public utility;

(iii) Any corporation of which fifteen percent (15%) or more of the voting securities is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a public utility;

(iv) Any corporation of which twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the voting securities * * * is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any person or corporation that owns or controls, directly or indirectly, twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the voting securities of any public utility or by any person or corporation in any chain of successive ownership of twenty-five percent (25%) of such securities;

(v) Any person who is an officer or director of a public utility or of any corporation in any chain of successive ownership of fifteen percent (15%) or more of voting securities of a public utility; or

(vi) Any person or corporation that the commission, after notice and hearing, determines actually exercises any substantial influence or control over the policies and actions of a public utility, or over which a public utility exercises such control, or that is under a common control with a public utility, such control being the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the discretion of the management and policies of another, whether such power is established through ownership of voting securities or by any other direct or indirect means.

However, the term "affiliated interest" or "affiliate" shall not include a joint agency organized pursuant to Section 77-5-701 et seq., nor a member municipality thereof.

(h) The term "facilities" includes all the plant and equipment of a public utility, used or useful in furnishing public utility service, including all real and personal property without limitation, and any and all means and instrumentalities in any manner owned, operated, leased, licensed, used, controlled, furnished or supplied for, by or in connection with its public utility business.

(i) The term "cost of service" includes operating expenses, taxes, depreciation, net revenue and operating revenue requirement at a claimed rate of return from public utility operations.

(j) The term "lead-lag study" includes an analysis to determine the amount of capital which investors in a public utility, the rates of which are subject to regulation under the provisions of this chapter, must provide to meet the day-to-day operating costs of the public utility prior to the time such costs are recovered from customers, and the measurement of (i) the lag in collecting from the customer the cost of providing service, and (ii) the lag in paying the cost of providing service by the public utility.

(k) The term "broadband services" means any service that consists of or includes a high-speed access capability to transmit at a rate that is not less than two hundred (200) kilobits per second either in the upstream or downstream direction and either:

(i) Is used to provide access to the internet, or

(ii) Provides computer processing, information storage, information content or protocol conversion, including any service applications or information service provided over such high-speed access service.

(l) The term "video services" means video programming services without regard to delivery technology, including Internet Protocol technology ("Internet Protocol television or IPTV") and video programming provided as a part of a service that enables users to access content, information, email or other services offered over the public internet. The term "video programming" means any programming as defined in 47 USCS Section 522(20).

(m) The term "Voice over Internet Protocol services" or "VoIP services" means any service that: (i) enables real-time, two-way voice communications that originate from or terminate to the user's location in Internet Protocol or any successor protocol; (ii) uses a broadband connection from the user's location; and (iii) permits users generally to receive calls that originate on the Public Switched Telephone Network and to terminate calls to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

(n) The term "commercial mobile services" means any services as defined in 47 USCS Section 332(d).

(o) The term "Internet Protocol-enabled services" or "IP-enabled services" means any service, capability, functionality, or application provided using Internet Protocol, or any successor protocol, that enables an end user to send or receive a communication in Internet Protocol format, or any successor format, regardless of whether the communications is voice, data or video.

(p) "Broadband service provider" means an entity that provides broadband services to others on a wholesale basis or to end-use customers on a retail basis.

(q) "Broadband operator" means a broadband service provider that uses the electric delivery system of any public utility of the type as defined in Section 77-3-3(d)(i) with the public utility's consent to provide broadband services.

(r) "Electric delivery system" means the poles, lines, fiber, cables, broadband system, materials, equipment, easements and other facilities or properties used by any public utility of the type as defined in Section 77-3-3(d)(i) to deliver or facilitate the delivery, sale or use of electric energy.

Nothing contained in this paragraph shall apply to retail services that are tarified by the commission.

SECTION 3. Section 77-3-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-3-44. (1) Any rate-regulated electric or natural gas public utility with certificated service area in Mississippi may undertake economic development activities, whether directly or indirectly, including activities such as providing capital, or investment in or acquisition and development of business or industrial sites and the necessary infrastructure or services needed to attract new or existing businesses or industry, to create or maintain employment opportunities, or expansion of fiber-optic infrastructure or otherwise to positively impact or in some manner promote the sale of electric energy or natural gas within its certificated service area. Any facilities developed, constructed or acquired in support of the activities described in this section, including fiber-optic

infrastructure for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity or other commission approval has been granted after July 1, 2015, as well as any capital investment in natural gas reserves made directly or indirectly by an electric or natural gas public utility to foster long-term stability in the cost of fuel, may be deemed used and useful in the provision of electric or natural gas service regardless of whether or not any end-use customers are taking service from said facilities or investment and otherwise recoverable through the utility's rates.

(2) (a) In addition, to further expand fiber-optic infrastructure in the state, any rate-regulated public utility of the type as defined in Section 77-3-3(d)(i) may grant permission to broadband service providers to use the electric delivery system, including without limitation the fiber-optic infrastructure, of the public utility to provide broadband services or other similar services as defined in Section 77-3-3(k) through (o). To the extent a rate-regulated electric public utility grants permission to any broadband service provider to use any part of the utility's electric delivery system, including, without limitation, its fiber optic infrastructure, it must grant such permission on a nonexclusive basis.

(b) The public utility shall not: (i) allow the use of its electric delivery system by a broadband operator to provide broadband services as defined above to diminish the reliability of the electric delivery system; (ii) require any person to purchase broadband services as a condition of receiving or continuing to receive electric service; or (iii) disconnect, or threaten to disconnect, electric service to any customer due to the customer's failure to pay for broadband services. Any complaint related to a public utility's permissive offer of use pursuant to this paragraph (b) shall be brought before and resolved by the Public Service Commission.

(c) In addition, to further expand fiber-optic infrastructure and economic development in the state, any public utility, including electric cooperatives, of the type as defined in Section 77-3-3(d)(i) may grant permission to a retail customer with a nonaggregated load greater than twenty (20) megawatts to construct, install, or maintain above or underground fiber-optic infrastructure on the public utility's existing right-of-way of its electric delivery system.

(d) In instances where a landowner has previously been compensated for the use of their land through a right-of-way instrument with a public utility, the use of the public utility's electric delivery system for the provision of broadband services to a broadband operator or use of the public utility's existing right-of-way on its electric delivery system by a retail customer to construct, install, or maintain above or underground fiber-optic infrastructure shall not be considered an additional burden on the real property upon which the public utility's electric delivery system is located and shall not require the public utility, the broadband operator or retail customer to obtain the consent of anyone having an interest in the real property upon which the public utility's electric delivery system is located.

(e) If a portion of a public utility's electric delivery system is used by a broadband operator for the provision of broadband services or a portion of a public utility's right-of-way is used by a retail customer to construct, install, or maintain above or underground fiber-optic infrastructure and the landowner of the real property on which such portion is located believes his property has been damaged by such use, the landowner may petition the circuit court of the county in which the property is situated for any damages to which the landowner may be entitled under this subsection:

(i) The petition allowed and damages recoverable under this subsection shall be the landowner's exclusive remedy, and the landowner shall not be entitled to assert any other theory, claims or causes of action nor recover any other damages, punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, or other relief.

(ii) The recoverable damages, if any, shall be recoverable only from the broadband operator or retail customer and not from the public utility.

(iii) The damages recoverable shall be an amount equal to the difference between 1. the fair market value of the landowner's interest in the real property immediately before the public utility's electric delivery system on the owner's property was first used by the broadband operator or retail customer for the provision of broadband services, and 2. the fair market value of the landowner's interest in the real property immediately after the public utility's electric delivery system on the landowner's property was first used by the broadband operator or retail customer for the provision of

broadband services. The before-and-after values must be established by the testimony of a qualified real estate appraiser. The damages, if any, shall be fixed and shall not be deemed to continue, accumulate, or accrue. The court shall, as part of its judgment, confirm the rights granted by the public utility to the broadband operator or retail customer and their respective successors and assigns for the placement or use of a broadband system on or as part of the electric delivery system. The judgment will have the same effect of a conveyance executed in due form of law and shall run with the land; and a certified copy of said judgment may be filed by the broadband operator retail customer in the land records of the county in which the subject property is located.

(iv) Evidence of past, current or future revenues or profits derived or to be derived by a broadband operator or retail customer from providing broadband services is not admissible for any purpose in any such proceeding.

(v) The landowner shall not be entitled to any damages or other relief relating to any broadband system or portion thereof that is located on the landowner's property or any fiber-optic infrastructure by the retail customer that is located on the landowner's property and is used or could be used by the electric public utility for its own operations.

(vi) The landowner shall not be entitled to any relief or damages if an easement has been granted to the broadband operator or retail customer, if the landowner has authorized the public utility to use or allow others to use its electric delivery system for the provision of broadband services, or if the landowner has authorized the public utility to use its existing right-of-way to construct, install, or maintain above or underground fiber-optic infrastructure.

(f) Nothing in this section shall affect, abrogate, or eliminate in any way any obligation of a rate-regulated, public utility or broadband operator to comply with any applicable safety and permitting requirements of any railroad company or any state governmental body or agency with respect to property that is held or controlled by such railroad company or state governmental body or agency, as the case may be, and in, on, over, or across which an easement is located.

(g) All costs paid by a rate-regulated public utility to acquire right-of-way shall be considered cost of service and recovered through rates, and all revenue collected by a rate-regulated public utility from third-party use of public utility right-of-way shall be credited back to customers in a comparable manner.

The Public Service Commission shall establish a mechanism for electric utility revenues deriving from the provision of competitive broadband services such that electric service customers receive an annual credit, adjusted annually, for any wholesale revenues derived from fiber optic infrastructure.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PARTICIPATION OF RATE-REGULATED ELECTRIC UTILITIES IN THE EXPANSION OF BROADBAND SERVICES IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 77-3-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DECLARE THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO SUPPORT EXPANSION OF EXISTING AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO FOSTER RELIABLE AND RESILIENT SERVICE AND CUSTOMER ACCESS TO ENHANCED SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 77-3-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE DEFINITIONS OF "BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDER," "BROADBAND OPERATOR" AND "ELECTRIC DELIVERY SYSTEM"; TO AMEND SECTION 77-3-44, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE FIBER-OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY, TO ALLOW RATE-REGULATED ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO PERMIT BROADBAND PROVIDERS USE OF THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY SYSTEM TO PROVIDE BROADBAND SERVICES, TO REGULATE EASEMENTS, TO ALLOW CERTAIN ENTITIES TO CONSTRUCT FIBER-OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES' EXISTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joel R.Carter, Jr., Rita Potts Parks, John A. Polk

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, Brent Anderson, Karl Gibbs

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2825: Transportation; revise provisions relating to motor carrier enforcement, harvest permits, and funding.

Rep. Evans (91st) moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference , which motion failed.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representatives Clark and Scott as follows:

The Conference Report for SB 2825 requires a 3/5 vote, as the conference report provides for an assessment of property.

House Rule 112 states that no revenue bill, or any bill providing for assessments of property for taxation, shall become a law except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house present and voting. On Line 204, in the conference report, the commission has the authority to implement fees, permits, carrier service, rates and charges. On Lines 206, 254, and 825, the conference report authorizes additional fees and assessments.

The conference report was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Barton called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3090: Washington County; extend the repeal date on the Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3090: Washington County; extend the repeal date on the Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on lines 129 and 142 by striking "House Bill No. 1528" and inserting "Senate Bill No. 3090" in lieu thereof.

2. That the House concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Jeff Tate, Neil S. Whaley

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Manly Barton, John W. Hines, Sr., Lataisha Jackson

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Owen, Rushing. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--71

Representative Read moved that the House table the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1393**: (Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.), which motion prevailed.

Representative Read moved that the House table the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1398**: (Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.), which motion prevailed.

Representative Beckett moved that the House table the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2910**: (Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.), which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 572**: (Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Powell moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bell (65th) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bills:

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize pilot program to authorize sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail.

At 11:42 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:59 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 12:01 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2825: Transportation; revise provisions relating to motor carrier enforcement, harvest permits, and funding.

Rep. Busby moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

At 2:05 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:45 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2795: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Hobgood-Wilkes as follows:

The Conference Report for SB 2795 amends by reference against House Rule 106, which states that No law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sections, as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length, on the following: Lines 99-100 (41-29-139). Also on Lines 173-183, it does not bring forward the DUI code section (63-11-30).

At 2:53 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 3:27 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by REPRESENTATIVE Hobgood-Wilkes.

The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

The question recurred on the motion to adopt the conference report on **S. B. No. 2795**, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Clark, Clarke,

Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLeod, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--91.

Nays--Anderson, B, Arnold, Beckett, Bounds, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Mangold, McKnight, McLean, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Pigott, Powell, Scoggin, Smith, Stamps, Tubb, Wallace, Williamson, Zuber. Total--27.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure, Ladner. Total-3.

Present--Horne. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

At 3:29 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 3:36 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 3:37 PM on motion of Rep. Bounds the House recessed until 6:00 PM.

At 6:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 796: Habitual offender; revise penalties for.

Rep. Bain moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

On request of Rep. Read, unanimous consent of the House was granted for the following:

MEMORANDUM

To: Clerk of the House of Representatives
Secretary of the Senate

Re: FY 2022 Conference Reports – Unanimous Consent Requests

Date: March 30, 2021

It is requested that unanimous consent be granted to make the following clerical corrections:

HB 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of

Amend lines 133-134 by deleting the words "Hancock County Board of Supervisors" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "South Mississippi Planning and Development District".

HB 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of

Amend line 110 by deleting the number "230,827,222" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "230,827,447"

HB 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of

Amend line 365 by inserting the words "in Kemper County" after "West" and before "between".

Amend line 375 by deleting the word "Lauderdale" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Clarke".

Amend line 380 by inserting the number "381" after the word "Turner"

Amend line 381 by deleting the word "Street" and replacing the word and inserting in lieu thereof the word "School".

Amend line 385 by deleting the words "during Hobolichitto" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "near Hobolochitto".

SB 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of

Amend line 105 by deleting the number "2956" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "2825".

Amend line 119 by deleting the number "2956" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "2825".

SB 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of

Amend line 16 by deleting the number "98,775,987" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "138,620,987"

Amend line 91 by deleting the number "\$6,549,647" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "\$6,559,057".

Amend line 400-401 by deleting the words "Fifty-seven Million Seven Hundred Twenty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof "Ninety-seven Million Five Hundred Sixty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars"

Amend line 401 by deleting the number "57,723,800.00" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "97,568,800.00".

Amend line 424 by deleting "400,000.00" and inserting "300,000.00"

Amend lines 428-429 by deleting the words "in paying the costs associated with Windows of Amory" and inserting in lieu thereof "as "The Windows"".

Amend lines 433-435 by deleting the words "To assist Rankin County and the City of Richland in paying the costs associated with Flood Control District" and inserting in lieu

thereof the words "Funding is provided to Rankin County for the purpose of advancing implementation of its comprehensive stormwater management program including, but not limited to, activities in connection with Miss. Code Ann. 51-29-1 et seq., and for related purposes."

Amend line 439 by deleting "City" and inserting in lieu thereof "Town"

Delete lines 478-480

Amend line 504 by inserting after Department "any remaining funds may be used for facility and ground improvements."

Amend line 541 by inserting after upgrades "and renovations to the community center".
Amend line 523 by inserting the word "Houston" after the word "the" and before the word "courthouse".

Delete 677-678

Amend line 679-680 by deleting "For the repair and maintenance of the Ballpark in Mathiston, Mississippi" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "To assist the Brewer Community Association, Inc. for expenses related to the improvement and operation of the community center in Brewer, Mississippi and deleting the number "\$50,000.00" and replacing with the number "\$100,000.00"

Amend line 684-685 by deleting the words "To assist George County with intersecting upgrades at Highway 98 and Old Highway 63" and inserting in lieu thereof "To assist George County and/or MDOT with the removal of the J-turn at the intersection of U.S. Highway 98 and Old Highway 63, in George County and to insert a traffic light in its place"

Amend line 697 by deleting the words "National Guard" and inserting in lieu thereof "Mississippi Military Department"

Amend line 700 by deleting the words "Clean Water" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Local Government and Rural Water"
SB 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi

Amend line 275 by deleting the word "Hanger" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Harbor"

Amend line 276 by inserting the words "flood control and/or drainage for" after the word "with".

John Read, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee

W. Briggs Hopson III, Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee

At 6:11 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 6:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On request of Rep. Lamar, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following corrections to the Conference Report on **S. B. No. 2971**:

Unanimous consent of the House and Senate is requested to make the following changes to the Conference Report on Senate Bill No. 2971:

- On Line 7826, delete language from "Vardaman" up to the period and insert in lieu thereof the following: "town streets" and amend the title to conform on line 174.
- On Line 8020, delete language from "Calhoun" up to the period and insert in lieu thereof the following: "town streets" and amend the title to conform on line 177.
- On Line 12112, change "Byram - Clinton" to "Hinds", on Line 12123, change "Byram-Clinton" to "Hinds", and amend the title to conform on Line 252.
- On Lines 14232 and 14243, insert "Reform/" before "Sturgis" and amend title to conform on Line 296.

- Below line 26697, insert the following:

SECTION 137. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The Commission on Environmental Quality, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund established in Section 49-17-85, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Commission on Environmental Quality declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Commission on Environmental Quality shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission; however, the Commission on Environmental Quality shall declare the necessity for the issuance of bonds only in the amount necessary to match projected federal funds available through the following federal fiscal year. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Two Million Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$2,870,000.00).

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 49-17-85, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and

coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. Interest and investment earnings on money in the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund shall be utilized to pay the principal and interest on such bonds as they become due. If the interest and investment earnings of the fund and any funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this section.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund created in Section 49-17-85, Mississippi Code of 1972. After the transfer of the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, any investment earnings or interest earned on the proceeds of such bonds shall be deposited to the credit of the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and shall be used only for the purposes provided in Section 49-17-85, Mississippi Code of 1972. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Commission on Environmental Quality under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the

manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 138. Section 49-17-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-17-85. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a fund to be known as the "Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund," which shall be administered by the commission acting through the department. The revolving fund may receive bond proceeds and funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source, public or private. The revolving fund shall be maintained in perpetuity for the purposes established in this section.

(2) There is established in the State Treasury a fund to be known as the "Water Pollution Control Hardship Grants Fund," which shall be administered by the commission acting through the department. The grants fund shall be maintained in perpetuity for the purposes established in this section. Any interest earned on monies in the grants fund shall be credited to that fund.

(3) The commission shall promulgate regulations for the administration of the revolving fund program, the hardship grants program and for related programs authorized under this section. The regulations shall be in accordance with the federal Water Quality Act of 1987, as amended, and regulations and guidance issued under that act. The commission may enter into capitalization grant agreements with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and may accept capitalization grant awards made under Title VI of the Water Quality Act of 1987, as amended.

(4) The commission shall establish a loan program which shall commence after October 1, 1988, to assist political subdivisions in the construction of water pollution control projects. Loans from the revolving fund may be made to political subdivisions as set forth in a loan agreement in amounts not exceeding one hundred percent (100%) of eligible project costs as established by the commission. Notwithstanding loan amount limitations set forth in Section 49-17-61, the commission may require local participation or funding from other sources, or otherwise limit the percentage of costs covered by loans

from the revolving fund. The commission may establish a maximum amount for any loan in order to provide for broad and equitable participation in the program.

(5) The commission shall establish a hardship grants program for rural communities, which shall commence after July 1, 1997, to assist severely economically disadvantaged small rural political subdivisions in the construction of water pollution control projects. The commission may receive and administer state or federal funds, or both, appropriated for the operation of this grants program and may take all actions necessary to implement the program in accordance with the federal hardship grants program. The hardship grants program shall operate in conjunction with the revolving loan program administered under this section.

(6) The commission shall act for the state in all matters and with respect to all determinations under Title VI of the federal Water Quality Act of 1987, as amended, and the federal Omnibus Appropriations and Recision Act of 1996.

(7) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the revolving fund may be used only:

(a) To make loans on the condition that:

(i) The loans are made at or below market interest rates, at terms not to exceed the maximum time allowed by federal law after project completion; the interest rate and term may vary from time to time and from loan to loan at the discretion of the commission;

(ii) Periodic principal and interest payments will commence when required by the commission but not later than one (1) year after project completion and all loans will be fully amortized when required by the commission but not later than the maximum time allowed by federal law after project completion;

(iii) The recipient of a loan will establish a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of loans;

(b) To buy or refinance the debt obligation of political subdivisions at or below market rates, where the debt obligations were incurred after March 7, 1985, and where the projects were constructed in compliance with applicable federal and state regulations;

(c) To guarantee, or purchase insurance for, obligations of political subdivisions where the action would improve credit market access or reduce interest rates;

(d) To provide loan guarantees for similar revolving funds established by municipalities or intermunicipal agencies;

(e) To earn interest on fund accounts;

(f) To establish nonpoint source pollution control management programs;

(g) To establish estuary conservation and management programs;

(h) For the reasonable costs of administering the revolving fund and conducting activities under this act, subject to the limitations established in Section 603(d)(7) of Title VI of the federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and subject to annual appropriation by the Legislature;

(i) In connection with the issuance, sale and purchase of bonds under Section 31-25-1 et seq., related to the funding of projects, to provide security or a pledge of revenues for the repayment of the bonds; and

(j) To pay the principal and interest on bonds issued pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 580, Laws of 2007, Section 1 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2008, Section 47 of Chapter 557, Laws of 2009, Section 45 of Chapter 533, Laws of 2010, Section 3 of Chapter 480, Laws of 2011, Section 36 of Chapter 569, Laws of 2013, Section 9 of Chapter 452, Laws of 2018, Section 1 of Chapter 415, Laws of 2019, * * * Section 16 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, and Section 137 of this act, as they become due; however, only interest and investment earnings on money in the fund may be utilized for this purpose.

(8) The hardship grants program shall be used only to provide hardship grants consistent with the federal hardship grants program for rural communities, regulations and guidance issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, subsections (3) and (5) of this section and regulations promulgated and guidance issued by the commission under this section.

(9) The commission shall establish by regulation a system of priorities and a priority list of projects eligible for funding with loans from the revolving fund.

(10) The commission may provide a loan from the revolving fund only with respect to a project if that project is on the priority list established by the commission.

(11) The revolving fund shall be credited with all payments of principal and interest derived from the fund uses described in subsection (7) of this section. However, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all or any portion of payments of principal and interest derived from the fund uses described in subsection (7) of this section may be designated or pledged for repayment of a loan as provided in Section 31-25-28 in connection with a loan from the Mississippi Development Bank.

(12) The commission may establish and collect fees to defray the reasonable costs of administering the revolving fund if it determines that the administrative costs will exceed the limitations established in Section 603(d)(7) of Title VI of the federal Clean Water Act, as amended. The administration fees may be included in loan amounts to political subdivisions for the purpose of facilitating payment to the commission. The fees may not exceed five percent (5%) of the loan amount.

(13) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commission may, on a case-by-case basis and to the extent allowed by federal law, renegotiate the payment of principal and interest on loans made under this section to the six (6) most southern counties of the state covered by the Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster for the State of Mississippi (FEMA-1604-DR) dated August 29, 2005, and to political subdivisions located in such counties; however, the interest on the loans shall not be forgiven for a period of more than twenty-four (24) months and the maturity of the loans shall not be extended for a period of more than forty-eight (48) months.

(14) The commission may, on a case-by-case basis and to the extent allowed by federal law, renegotiate the payment of principal and interest on loans made under this section to Hancock County as a result of coverage under the Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster for the State of Mississippi (FEMA-1604-DR) dated August 29, 2005, and to political subdivisions located in Hancock County.

· Amend the title to conform by inserting the following after the semicolon on line 545:
TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,870,000.00 TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 49-17-85, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE INTEREST AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS ON MONEY IN THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED BY THIS ACT;

· On line 26698, change "SECTION 137" to "SECTION 139"

On request of Rep. Zuber, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following corrections to the Conference Report on **H. B. No. 1091**:

On Lines 447 and 448, delete "and House Bill No. 572, 2021, Regular Session"

On Line 447, before "Senate", add "and"

On Lines 1127 and 1128, delete "and House Bill No. 572, 2021, Regular Session,"

Amend the title to conform.

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.

Rep. Summers moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference with instructions, which motion failed by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Evans, B, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Holloway, Hudson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--77.

Absent or those not voting--Faulkner, Hines, Jackson, Lancaster. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Summers unanimous consent was granted to insert the following into the Journal:

Submitted by Rep. Zakiya Summers on the Motion to Recommit the Conference Report for SB 2799 to add instructions that would provide healthcare to adults up to age 64 with increases up to 138% of the federal poverty level.

I want you to look in your pocket or your purse or ask your deskmate for a nickel. I want you to look at that nickel. Now I want you to imagine that the gap between you and going to see a doctor or nurse because you were sick or your child was sick was only 5 cents.

That's what we are facing right now in the state of Mississippi.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have an opportunity to ensure that 300,000 to 400,000 people - constituents we represent, moms and pops, sons and daughters and babies, family members and church members back home who cannot afford insurance - are able to gain access to healthcare that is affordable.

So many people lost jobs and therefore health insurance due to COVID. Many of them are still dealing with these hardships.

We can go back to our districts with a strong message that our rural hospitals can be made whole and let our folks know that they don't have to worry about health costs and access because we have answered their calls and done what they have sent us here to do - to take care of them.

Last year, we accomplished something so big and so historical. We worked together to give the Magnolia State a new image by resurrecting a beautiful flag.

We can make history again and add another chapter to our legacy book by joining the other 38 states that are providing health coverage and deciding where to spend millions of dollars in new and increased funds that will help Mississippi fix our roads and bridges, create new jobs, and so much more.

So, I ask you to support this motion for the House and the Senate to work together to provide health care coverage options for those Mississippians in the crack plus billions of dollars to our state budget.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 43-13-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-13-117. (A) Medicaid as authorized by this article shall include payment of part or all of the costs, at the discretion of the division, with approval of the Governor and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, of the following types of care and services rendered to eligible applicants who have been determined to be eligible for that care and services, within the limits of state appropriations and federal matching funds:

(1) Inpatient hospital services.

(***)a) The division is authorized to implement an All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services.

(***)b) No service benefits or reimbursement limitations in this subsection (A)(1) shall apply to payments under an APR-DRG or Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) model or a managed care program or similar model described in subsection (H) of this section unless specifically authorized by the division.

(2) Outpatient hospital services.

(a) Emergency services.

(b) Other outpatient hospital services. The division shall allow benefits for other medically necessary outpatient hospital services (such as chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and therapy), including outpatient services in a clinic or other facility that is not located inside the hospital, but that has been designated as an outpatient facility by the hospital, and that was in operation or under construction on July 1, 2009, provided that the costs and charges associated with the operation of the hospital clinic are included in the hospital's cost report. In addition, the Medicare thirty-five-mile rule will apply to those hospital clinics not located inside the hospital that are constructed after July 1, 2009. Where the same services are reimbursed as clinic services, the division may revise the rate or methodology of outpatient reimbursement to maintain consistency, efficiency, economy and quality of care.

(c) The division is authorized to implement an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) methodology for outpatient hospital services. The division *** shall give rural hospitals that have fifty (50) or fewer licensed beds the option to not be reimbursed for outpatient hospital services using the APC methodology, but reimbursement for outpatient hospital services provided by those hospitals shall be based on one hundred one percent (101%) of the rate established under Medicare for outpatient hospital services. Those hospitals choosing to not be reimbursed under the APC methodology shall remain under cost-based reimbursement for a two-year period.

(d) No service benefits or reimbursement limitations in this subsection (A)(2) shall apply to payments under an APR-DRG or APC model or a managed care program or similar model described in subsection (H) of this section unless specifically authorized by the division.

(3) Laboratory and x-ray services.

(4) Nursing facility services.

(a) The division shall make full payment to nursing facilities for each day, not exceeding forty-two (42) days per year, that a patient is absent from the facility on home leave. Payment may be made for the following home leave days in addition to the forty-two-day limitation: Christmas, the day before Christmas, the day after Christmas, Thanksgiving, the day before Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

(b) From and after July 1, 1997, the division shall implement the integrated case-mix payment and quality monitoring system, which includes the fair rental system for property costs and in which recapture of depreciation is eliminated. The division may reduce the payment for hospital leave and therapeutic home leave days to the lower of the case-mix category as computed for the resident on leave using the assessment being utilized for payment at that point in time, or a case-mix score of 1.000 for nursing facilities, and shall compute case-mix scores of residents so that only services provided at the nursing facility are considered in calculating a facility's per diem.

(c) From and after July 1, 1997, all state-owned nursing facilities shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable cost basis.

(d) On or after January 1, 2015, the division shall update the case-mix payment system resource utilization grouper and classifications and fair rental reimbursement system. The division shall develop and implement a payment add-on to reimburse nursing facilities for ventilator-dependent resident services.

(e) The division shall develop and implement, not later than January 1, 2001, a case-mix payment add-on determined by time studies and other valid statistical data that will reimburse a nursing facility for the additional cost of caring for a resident who has a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other related dementia and exhibits symptoms that require special care. Any such case-mix add-on payment shall be supported by a determination of additional cost. The division shall also develop and implement as part of the fair rental reimbursement system for nursing facility beds, an Alzheimer's resident bed depreciation enhanced reimbursement system that will provide an incentive to encourage nursing facilities to convert or construct beds for residents with Alzheimer's or other related dementia.

(f) The division shall develop and implement an assessment process for long-term care services. The division may provide the assessment and related functions directly or through contract with the area agencies on aging.

The division shall apply for necessary federal waivers to assure that additional services providing alternatives to nursing facility care are made available to applicants for nursing facility care.

(5) Periodic screening and diagnostic services for individuals under age twenty-one (21) years as are needed to identify physical and mental defects and to provide health care treatment and other measures designed to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illness and conditions discovered by the screening services, regardless of whether these services are included in the state plan. The division may include in its periodic screening and diagnostic program those discretionary services authorized under the federal regulations adopted to implement Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. The division, in obtaining physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, and services for individuals with speech, hearing and language disorders, may enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Department of Education for the provision of those services to handicapped students by public school districts using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Department of Education to obtain federal matching funds through the division. The division, in obtaining medical and mental health assessments, treatment, care and services for children who are in, or at risk of being put in, the custody of the Mississippi Department of Human Services may enter into a cooperative agreement with the Mississippi Department of Human Services for the provision of those services using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Department of Human Services to obtain federal matching funds through the division.

(6) Physician *** services. *** Fees for physician's services that are covered only by Medicaid shall be *** reimbursed at ninety percent (90%) of the rate

established on January 1, 2018, and as may be adjusted each July thereafter, under Medicare. The division may provide for a reimbursement rate for physician's services of up to one hundred percent (100%) of the rate established under Medicare for physician's services that are provided after the normal working hours of the physician, as determined in accordance with regulations of the division. The division may reimburse eligible providers, as determined by the * * * division, for certain primary care services * * * at one hundred percent (100%) of the rate established under Medicare. * * * The division shall reimburse obstetricians and gynecologists for certain primary care services as defined by the division at one hundred percent (100%) of the rate established under Medicare.

(7) (a) Home health services for eligible persons, not to exceed in cost the prevailing cost of nursing facility services. All home health visits must be precertified as required by the division. In addition to physicians, certified registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants and clinical nurse specialists are authorized to prescribe or order home health services and plans of care, sign home health plans of care, certify and recertify eligibility for home health services and conduct the required initial face-to-face visit with the recipient of the services.

(b) [Repealed]

(8) Emergency medical transportation services as determined by the division.

(9) Prescription drugs and other covered drugs and services as * * * determined by the division.

The division shall establish a mandatory preferred drug list. Drugs not on the mandatory preferred drug list shall be made available by utilizing prior authorization procedures established by the division.

The division may seek to establish relationships with other states in order to lower acquisition costs of prescription drugs to include single-source and innovator multiple-source drugs or generic drugs. In addition, if allowed by federal law or regulation, the division may seek to establish relationships with and negotiate with other countries to facilitate the acquisition of prescription drugs to include single-source and innovator multiple-source drugs or generic drugs, if that will lower the acquisition costs of those prescription drugs.

The division may allow for a combination of prescriptions for single-source and innovator multiple-source drugs and generic drugs to meet the needs of the beneficiaries.

The executive director may approve specific maintenance drugs for beneficiaries with certain medical conditions, which may be prescribed and dispensed in three-month supply increments.

Drugs prescribed for a resident of a psychiatric residential treatment facility must be provided in true unit doses when available. The division may require that drugs not covered by Medicare Part D for a resident of a long-term care facility be provided in true unit doses when available. Those drugs that were originally billed to the division but are not used by a resident in any of those facilities shall be returned to the billing pharmacy for credit to the division, in accordance with the guidelines of the State Board of Pharmacy and any requirements of federal law and regulation. Drugs shall be dispensed to a recipient and only one (1) dispensing fee per month may be charged. The division shall develop a methodology for reimbursing for restocked drugs, which shall include a restock fee as determined by the division not exceeding Seven Dollars and Eighty-two Cents (\$7.82).

Except for those specific maintenance drugs approved by the executive director, the division shall not reimburse for any portion of a prescription that exceeds a thirty-one-day supply of the drug based on the daily dosage.

The division is authorized to develop and implement a program of payment for additional pharmacist services as * * * determined by the division.

All claims for drugs for dually eligible Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries that are paid for by Medicare must be submitted to Medicare for payment before they may be processed by the division's online payment system.

The division shall develop a pharmacy policy in which drugs in tamper-resistant packaging that are prescribed for a resident of a nursing facility but are not dispensed to the resident shall be returned to the pharmacy and not billed to Medicaid, in accordance with guidelines of the State Board of Pharmacy.

The division shall develop and implement a method or methods by which the division will provide on a regular basis to Medicaid providers who are authorized to prescribe drugs, information about the costs to the Medicaid program of single-source drugs and innovator multiple-source drugs, and information about other drugs that may be prescribed as alternatives to those single-source drugs and innovator multiple-source drugs and the costs to the Medicaid program of those alternative drugs.

Notwithstanding any law or regulation, information obtained or maintained by the division regarding the prescription drug program, including trade secrets and manufacturer or labeler pricing, is confidential and not subject to disclosure except to other state agencies.

The dispensing fee for each new or refill prescription, including nonlegend or over-the-counter drugs covered by the division, shall be not less than Three Dollars and Ninety-one Cents (\$3.91), as determined by the division.

The division shall not reimburse for single-source or innovator multiple-source drugs if there are equally effective generic equivalents available and if the generic equivalents are the least expensive.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the pharmacists providers be reimbursed for the reasonable costs of filling and dispensing prescriptions for Medicaid beneficiaries.

The division * * * shall allow certain drugs, including physician-administered drugs, and implantable drug system devices, and medical supplies, with limited distribution or limited access for beneficiaries and administered in an appropriate clinical setting, to be reimbursed as either a medical claim or pharmacy claim, as determined by the division.

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It is the intent of the Legislature that the division and any managed care entity described in subsection (H) of this section encourage the use of Alpha-Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate (17P) to prevent recurrent preterm birth.

(10) Dental and orthodontic services to be determined by the division.

The division shall increase the amount of the reimbursement rate for diagnostic and preventative dental services for each of the fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024 by five percent (5%) above the amount of the reimbursement rate for the previous fiscal year. It is the intent of the Legislature that the reimbursement rate revision for preventative dental services will be an incentive to increase the number of dentists who actively provide Medicaid services. This dental services * * * reimbursement rate revision shall be known as the "James Russell Dumas Medicaid Dental Services Incentive Program."

The Medical Care Advisory Committee, assisted by the Division of Medicaid, shall annually determine the effect of this incentive by evaluating the number of dentists who are Medicaid providers, the number who and the degree to which they are actively billing Medicaid, the geographic trends of where dentists are offering what types of Medicaid services and other statistics pertinent to the goals of this legislative intent. This data shall annually be presented to the Chair of the Senate Medicaid Committee and the Chair of the House Medicaid Committee.

The division shall include dental services as a necessary component of overall health services provided to children who are eligible for services.

(11) Eyeglasses for all Medicaid beneficiaries who have (a) had surgery on the eyeball or ocular muscle that results in a vision change for which eyeglasses or a change in eyeglasses is medically indicated within six (6) months of the surgery and is in accordance with policies established by the division, or (b) one (1) pair every five (5) years and in accordance with policies established by the division. In either instance, the eyeglasses must be prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or an optometrist, whichever the beneficiary may select.

(12) Intermediate care facility services.

(a) The division shall make full payment to all intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities for each day, not exceeding sixty-three (63) days per year, that a patient is absent from the facility on home leave. Payment may be made for the following home leave days in addition to the sixty-three-day limitation: Christmas, the day before Christmas, the day after Christmas, Thanksgiving, the day before Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

(b) All state-owned intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable cost basis.

(c) Effective January 1, 2015, the division shall update the fair rental reimbursement system for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

(13) Family planning services, including drugs, supplies and devices, when those services are under the supervision of a physician or nurse practitioner.

(14) Clinic services. *** Preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative or palliative services that are furnished by a facility that is not part of a hospital but is organized and operated to provide medical care to outpatients. Clinic services include, but are not limited to:

(a) Services provided by ambulatory surgical centers (ACSS) as defined in Section 41-75-1(a); and

(b) Dialysis center services.

(15) Home- and community-based services for the elderly and disabled, as provided under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, under waivers, subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.

(16) Mental health services. Certain services provided by a psychiatrist shall be reimbursed at up to one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicare rate. Approved therapeutic and case management services (a) provided by an approved regional mental health/intellectual disability center established under Sections 41-19-31 through 41-19-39, or by another community mental health service provider meeting the requirements of the Department of Mental Health to be an approved mental health/intellectual disability center if determined necessary by the Department of Mental Health, using state funds that are provided in the appropriation to the division to match federal funds, or (b) provided by a facility that is certified by the State Department of Mental Health to provide therapeutic and case management services, to be reimbursed on a fee for service basis, or (c) provided in the community by a facility or program operated by the Department of Mental Health. Any such services provided by a facility described in subparagraph (b) must have the prior approval of the division to be reimbursable under this section.

(17) Durable medical equipment services and medical supplies. Precertification of durable medical equipment and medical supplies must be obtained as required by the division. The Division of Medicaid may require durable medical equipment providers to obtain a surety bond in the amount and to the specifications as established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

(18) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, as provided in the Medicaid state plan amendment or amendments as defined in Section 43-13-145(10), the division shall make additional reimbursement to hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of low-income patients and that meet the federal requirements for those payments as provided in Section 1923 of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable regulations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the division shall draw down all available federal funds allotted to the state for disproportionate share hospitals. However, from and after January 1, 1999, public hospitals participating in the Medicaid disproportionate share program may be required to participate in an intergovernmental transfer program as provided in Section 1903 of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable regulations.

(b) (i) The division may establish a Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program, as defined in Section 1902(a)(30) of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable federal regulations, or an allowable delivery system or provider payment initiative authorized under 42 CFR 438.6(c), for hospitals, *** nursing facilities, *** physicians employed or contracted by *** hospitals, and emergency ambulance transportation providers. ***

(ii) The division shall assess each hospital ***, *** nursing facility, and emergency ambulance transportation provider for the sole purpose of financing the state portion of the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b). The hospital

assessment shall be as provided in Section 43-13-145(4)(a), and the nursing facility * * * and the emergency ambulance transportation assessments, if established, shall be based on Medicaid utilization or other appropriate method, as determined by the division, consistent with federal regulations. The assessments will remain in effect as long as the state participates in the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b). * * * In addition to the hospital assessment provided in Section 43-13-145(4)(a), hospitals with physicians participating in the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b) shall be required to participate in an intergovernmental transfer * * * or assessment, as determined by the division, for the purpose of financing the state portion of the physician UPL payments or other payment(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b).

* * *(iii) Subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the provisions of this subsection (A)(18)(b), the division shall make additional reimbursement to hospitals * * *, * * * nursing facilities, and emergency ambulance transportation providers for the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b), and, if the program is established for physicians, shall make additional reimbursement for physicians, as defined in Section 1902(a)(30) of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable federal regulations, provided the assessment in this subsection (A)(18)(b) is in effect.

(iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, effective upon implementation of the Mississippi Hospital Access Program (MHAP) provided in subparagraph (c)(i) below, the hospital portion of the inpatient Upper Payment Limits Program shall transition into and be replaced by the MHAP program. However, the division is authorized to develop and implement an alternative fee-for-service Upper Payment Limits model in accordance with federal laws and regulations if necessary to preserve supplemental funding. Further, the division, in consultation with the * * * hospital industry shall develop alternative models for distribution of medical claims and supplemental payments for inpatient and outpatient hospital services, and such models may include, but shall not be limited to the following: increasing rates for inpatient and outpatient services; creating a low-income utilization pool of funds to reimburse hospitals for the costs of uncompensated care, charity care and bad debts as permitted and approved pursuant to federal regulations and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; supplemental payments based upon Medicaid utilization, quality, service lines and/or costs of providing such services to Medicaid beneficiaries and to uninsured patients. The goals of such payment models shall be to ensure access to inpatient and outpatient care and to maximize any federal funds that are available to reimburse hospitals for services provided. Any such documents required to achieve the goals described in this paragraph shall be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2019, to the extent possible, but in no event shall the effective date of such payment models be later than July 1, 2020. The Chairmen of the Senate and House Medicaid Committees shall be provided a copy of the proposed payment model(s) prior to submission. Effective July 1, 2018, and until such time as any payment model(s) as described above become effective, the division, in consultation with the * * * hospital industry, is authorized to implement a transitional program for inpatient and outpatient payments and/or supplemental payments (including, but not limited to, MHAP and directed payments), to redistribute available supplemental funds among hospital providers, provided that when compared to a hospital's prior year supplemental payments, supplemental payments made pursuant to any such transitional program shall not result in a decrease of more than five percent (5%) and shall not increase by more than the amount needed to maximize the distribution of the available funds.

(c) (i) Not later than December 1, 2015, the division shall, subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), establish, implement and operate a Mississippi Hospital Access Program (MHAP) for the purpose of protecting patient access to hospital care through hospital inpatient reimbursement programs provided in this section designed to maintain total hospital reimbursement for inpatient services rendered by in-state hospitals and the out-of-state hospital that is

authorized by federal law to submit intergovernmental transfers (IGTs) to the State of Mississippi and is classified as Level I trauma center located in a county contiguous to the state line at the maximum levels permissible under applicable federal statutes and regulations, at which time the current inpatient Medicare Upper Payment Limits (UPL) Program for hospital inpatient services shall transition to the MHAP.

(ii) Subject *** to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) ***, the MHAP shall provide increased inpatient capitation (PMPM) payments to managed care entities contracting with the division pursuant to subsection (H) of this section to support availability of hospital services or such other payments permissible under federal law necessary to accomplish the intent of this subsection.

(iii) The intent of this subparagraph (c) is that effective for all inpatient hospital Medicaid services during state fiscal year 2016, and so long as this provision shall remain in effect hereafter, the division shall to the fullest extent feasible replace the additional reimbursement for hospital inpatient services under the inpatient Medicare Upper Payment Limits (UPL) Program with additional reimbursement under the MHAP and other payment programs for inpatient and/or outpatient payments which may be developed under the authority of this paragraph.

(iv) The division shall assess each hospital as provided in Section 43-13-145(4)(a) for the purpose of financing the state portion of the MHAP, supplemental payments and such other purposes as specified in Section 43-13-145. The assessment will remain in effect as long as the MHAP and supplemental payments are in effect.

(19) (a) Perinatal risk management services. The division shall promulgate regulations to be effective from and after October 1, 1988, to establish a comprehensive perinatal system for risk assessment of all pregnant and infant Medicaid recipients and for management, education and follow-up for those who are determined to be at risk. Services to be performed include case management, nutrition assessment/counseling, psychosocial assessment/counseling and health education. The division shall contract with the State Department of Health to provide *** services within this paragraph (Perinatal High Risk Management/Infant Services System (PHRM/ISS)). The State Department of Health *** shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable cost basis for services provided under this subparagraph (a).

(b) Early intervention system services. The division shall cooperate with the State Department of Health, acting as lead agency, in the development and implementation of a statewide system of delivery of early intervention services, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The State Department of Health shall certify annually in writing to the executive director of the division the dollar amount of state early intervention funds available that will be utilized as a certified match for Medicaid matching funds. Those funds then shall be used to provide expanded targeted case management services for Medicaid eligible children with special needs who are eligible for the state's early intervention system. Qualifications for persons providing service coordination shall be determined by the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

(20) Home- and community-based services for physically disabled approved services as allowed by a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for home- and community-based services for physically disabled people using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department, provided that funds for these services are specifically appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(21) Nurse practitioner services. Services furnished by a registered nurse who is licensed and certified by the Mississippi Board of Nursing as a nurse practitioner, including, but not limited to, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, family nurse practitioners, family planning nurse practitioners, pediatric nurse practitioners, obstetrics-gynecology nurse practitioners and neonatal nurse practitioners, under regulations adopted by the division. Reimbursement for those services shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician. The division may provide for a reimbursement rate for nurse practitioner

services of up to one hundred percent (100%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician for nurse practitioner services that are provided after the normal working hours of the nurse practitioner, as determined in accordance with regulations of the division.

(22) Ambulatory services delivered in federally qualified health centers, rural health centers and clinics of the local health departments of the State Department of Health for individuals eligible for Medicaid under this article based on reasonable costs as determined by the division. Federally qualified health centers shall be reimbursed by the Medicaid prospective payment system as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The division shall recognize federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), rural health clinics (RHCs) and community mental health centers (CMHCs) as both an originating and distant site provider for the purposes of telehealth reimbursement. The division is further authorized and directed to reimburse FQHCs, RHCs and CMHCs for both distant site and originating site services when such services are appropriately provided by the same organization.

(23) Inpatient psychiatric services.

(a) Inpatient psychiatric services to be determined by the division for recipients under age twenty-one (21) that are provided under the direction of a physician in an inpatient program in a licensed acute care psychiatric facility or in a licensed psychiatric residential treatment facility, before the recipient reaches age twenty-one (21) or, if the recipient was receiving the services immediately before he or she reached age twenty-one (21), before the earlier of the date he or she no longer requires the services or the date he or she reaches age twenty-two (22), as provided by federal regulations. From and after January 1, 2015, the division shall update the fair rental reimbursement system for psychiatric residential treatment facilities. Precertification of inpatient days and residential treatment days must be obtained as required by the division. From and after July 1, 2009, all state-owned and state-operated facilities that provide inpatient psychiatric services to persons under age twenty-one (21) who are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement shall be reimbursed for those services on a full reasonable cost basis.

(b) The division may reimburse for services provided by a licensed freestanding psychiatric hospital to Medicaid recipients over the age of twenty-one (21) in a method and manner consistent with the provisions of Section 43-13-117.5.

(24) [Deleted]

(25) [Deleted]

(26) Hospice care. As used in this paragraph, the term "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active professional medical attention within the home and outpatient and inpatient care that treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic stresses that are experienced during the final stages of illness and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a hospice as provided in federal regulations.

(27) Group health plan premiums and cost-sharing if it is cost-effective as defined by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(28) Other health insurance premiums that are cost-effective as defined by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services. Medicare eligible must have Medicare Part B before other insurance premiums can be paid.

(29) The Division of Medicaid may apply for a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for home- and community-based services for developmentally disabled people using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Mental Health and/or funds transferred to the department by a political subdivision or instrumentality of the state and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department, provided that funds for these services are specifically appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and/or transferred to the department by a political subdivision or instrumentality of the state.

(30) Pediatric skilled nursing services * * * as determined by the division and in a manner consistent with regulations promulgated by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

(31) Targeted case management services for children with special needs, under waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Mississippi Department of Human Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department.

(32) Care and services provided in Christian Science Sanatoria listed and certified by the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc., rendered in connection with treatment by prayer or spiritual means to the extent that those services are subject to reimbursement under Section 1903 of the federal Social Security Act.

(33) Podiatrist services.

(34) Assisted living services as provided through home- and community-based services under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.

(35) Services and activities authorized in Sections 43-27-101 and 43-27-103, using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Mississippi Department of Human Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department.

(36) Nonemergency transportation services for Medicaid-eligible persons * * * as determined by the division. The PEER Committee shall conduct a performance evaluation of the nonemergency transportation program to evaluate the administration of the program and the providers of transportation services to determine the most cost-effective ways of providing nonemergency transportation services to the patients served under the program. The performance evaluation shall be completed and provided to the members of the Senate Medicaid Committee and the House Medicaid Committee not later than January 1, 2019, and every two (2) years thereafter.

(37) [Deleted]

(38) Chiropractic services. A chiropractor's manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation, if x-ray demonstrates that a subluxation exists and if the subluxation has resulted in a neuromusculoskeletal condition for which manipulation is appropriate treatment, and related spinal x-rays performed to document these conditions. Reimbursement for chiropractic services shall not exceed Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) per year per beneficiary.

(39) Dually eligible Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries. The division shall pay the Medicare deductible and coinsurance amounts for services available under Medicare, as determined by the division. From and after July 1, 2009, the division shall reimburse crossover claims for inpatient hospital services and crossover claims covered under Medicare Part B in the same manner that was in effect on January 1, 2008, unless specifically authorized by the Legislature to change this method.

(40) [Deleted]

(41) Services provided by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services for the care and rehabilitation of persons with spinal cord injuries or traumatic brain injuries, as allowed under waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, using up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds that are appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services from the Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund established under Section 37-33-261 and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department.

(42) [Deleted]

(43) The division shall provide reimbursement, according to a payment schedule developed by the division, for smoking cessation medications for pregnant women during their pregnancy and other Medicaid-eligible women who are of child-bearing age.

(44) Nursing facility services for the severely disabled.

(a) Severe disabilities include, but are not limited to, spinal cord injuries, closed-head injuries and ventilator-dependent patients.

(b) Those services must be provided in a long-term care nursing facility dedicated to the care and treatment of persons with severe disabilities.

(45) Physician assistant services. Services furnished by a physician assistant who is licensed by the State Board of Medical Licensure and is practicing with physician supervision under regulations adopted by the board, under regulations adopted by the division. Reimbursement for those services shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician. The division may provide for a reimbursement rate for physician assistant services of up to one hundred percent (100%) or the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician for physician assistant services that are provided after the normal working hours of the physician assistant, as determined in accordance with regulations of the division.

(46) The division shall make application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver to develop and provide services for children with serious emotional disturbances as defined in Section 43-14-1(1), which may include home- and community-based services, case management services or managed care services through mental health providers certified by the Department of Mental Health. The division may implement and provide services under this waived program only if funds for these services are specifically appropriated for this purpose by the Legislature, or if funds are voluntarily provided by affected agencies.

(47) (a) The division may develop and implement disease management programs for individuals with high-cost chronic diseases and conditions, including the use of grants, waivers, demonstrations or other projects as necessary.

(b) Participation in any disease management program implemented under this paragraph (47) is optional with the individual. An individual must affirmatively elect to participate in the disease management program in order to participate, and may elect to discontinue participation in the program at any time.

(48) Pediatric long-term acute care hospital services.

(a) Pediatric long-term acute care hospital services means services provided to eligible persons under twenty-one (21) years of age by a freestanding Medicare-certified hospital that has an average length of inpatient stay greater than twenty-five (25) days and that is primarily engaged in providing chronic or long-term medical care to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(b) The services under this paragraph (48) shall be reimbursed as a separate category of hospital services.

(49) The division * * * may establish copayments and/or coinsurance for * * * any Medicaid services for which copayments and/or coinsurance are allowable under federal law or regulation.

(50) Services provided by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services for the care and rehabilitation of persons who are deaf and blind, as allowed under waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to provide home- and community-based services using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services or if funds are voluntarily provided by another agency.

(51) Upon determination of Medicaid eligibility and in association with annual redetermination of Medicaid eligibility, beneficiaries shall be encouraged to undertake a physical examination that will establish a base-line level of health and identification of a usual and customary source of care (a medical home) to aid utilization of disease management tools. This physical examination and utilization of these disease management tools shall be consistent with current United States Preventive Services Task Force or other recognized authority recommendations.

For persons who are determined ineligible for Medicaid, the division will provide information and direction for accessing medical care and services in the area of their residence.

(52) Notwithstanding any provisions of this article, the division may pay enhanced reimbursement fees related to trauma care, as determined by the division in conjunction with the State Department of Health, using funds appropriated to the State Department of Health for trauma care and services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the State Department of Health. The

division, in conjunction with the State Department of Health, may use grants, waivers, demonstrations, enhanced reimbursements, Upper Payment Limits Programs, supplemental payments, or other projects as necessary in the development and implementation of this reimbursement program.

(53) Targeted case management services for high-cost beneficiaries may be developed by the division for all services under this section.

(54) [Deleted]

(55) Therapy services. The plan of care for therapy services may be developed to cover a period of treatment for up to six (6) months, but in no event shall the plan of care exceed a six-month period of treatment. The projected period of treatment must be indicated on the initial plan of care and must be updated with each subsequent revised plan of care. Based on medical necessity, the division shall approve certification periods for less than or up to six (6) months, but in no event shall the certification period exceed the period of treatment indicated on the plan of care. The appeal process for any reduction in therapy services shall be consistent with the appeal process in federal regulations.

(56) Prescribed pediatric extended care centers services for medically dependent or technologically dependent children with complex medical conditions that require continual care as prescribed by the child's attending physician, as determined by the division.

(57) No Medicaid benefit shall restrict coverage for medically appropriate treatment prescribed by a physician and agreed to by a fully informed individual, or if the individual lacks legal capacity to consent by a person who has legal authority to consent on his or her behalf, based on an individual's diagnosis with a terminal condition. As used in this paragraph (57), "terminal condition" means any aggressive malignancy, chronic end-stage cardiovascular or cerebral vascular disease, or any other disease, illness or condition which a physician diagnoses as terminal.

(58) Treatment services for persons with opioid dependency or other highly addictive substance use disorders. The division is authorized to reimburse eligible providers for treatment of opioid dependency and other highly addictive substance use disorders, as determined by the division. Treatment related to these conditions shall not count against any physician visit limit imposed under this section.

(59) The division shall allow beneficiaries between the ages of ten (10) and eighteen (18) years to receive vaccines through a pharmacy venue. The division and the State Department of Health shall coordinate and notify OB-GYN providers that the Vaccines for Children program is available to providers free of charge.

(B) *** [Deleted]

(C) The division may pay to those providers who participate in and accept patient referrals from the division's emergency room redirection program a percentage, as determined by the division, of savings achieved according to the performance measures and reduction of costs required of that program. Federally qualified health centers may participate in the emergency room redirection program, and the division may pay those centers a percentage of any savings to the Medicaid program achieved by the centers' accepting patient referrals through the program, as provided in this subsection (C).

(D) *** (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this article, except as authorized in subsection (E) of this section and in Section 43-13-139, (a) the limitations on the quantity or frequency of use of, or the fees or charges for, any of the care or services available to recipients under this section; and (b) the payments or rates of reimbursement to providers rendering care or services authorized under this section to recipients shall not be increased, decreased or otherwise changed from the levels in effect on July 1, 2021, unless they are authorized by an amendment to this section by the Legislature.

(2) When any of the changes described in paragraph (1) of this subsection are authorized by an amendment to this section by the Legislature that is effective after July 1, 2021, the changes made in the later amendment shall not be further changed from the levels in effect on the effective date of the later amendment unless those changes are authorized by another amendment to this section by the Legislature.

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of this article, no new groups or categories of recipients and new types of care and services may be added without enabling

legislation from the Mississippi Legislature, except that the division may authorize those changes without enabling legislation when the addition of recipients or services is ordered by a court of proper authority.

(F) The executive director shall keep the Governor advised on a timely basis of the funds available for expenditure and the projected expenditures. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, if current or projected expenditures of the division are reasonably anticipated to exceed the amount of funds appropriated to the division for any fiscal year, the Governor, after consultation with the executive director, shall take all appropriate measures to reduce costs, which may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Reducing or discontinuing any or all services that are deemed to be optional under Title XIX of the Social Security Act;
- (2) Reducing reimbursement rates for any or all service types;
- (3) Imposing additional assessments on health care providers; or
- (4) Any additional cost-containment measures deemed appropriate by the Governor.

To the extent allowed under federal law, any reduction to services or reimbursement rates under this subsection (F) shall be accompanied by a reduction, to the fullest allowable amount, to the profit margin and administrative fee portions of capitated payments to organizations described in paragraph (1) of this subsection (F).

Beginning in fiscal year 2010 and in fiscal years thereafter, when Medicaid expenditures are projected to exceed funds available for the fiscal year, the division shall submit the expected shortfall information to the PEER Committee not later than December 1 of the year in which the shortfall is projected to occur. PEER shall review the computations of the division and report its findings to the Legislative Budget Office not later than January 7 in any year.

(G) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, it shall be the duty of each provider participating in the Medicaid program to keep and maintain books, documents and other records as prescribed by the Division of Medicaid in *** accordance with federal laws and regulations.

(H) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the division is authorized to implement (a) a managed care program, (b) a coordinated care program, (c) a coordinated care organization program, (d) a health maintenance organization program, (e) a patient-centered medical home program, (f) an accountable care organization program, (g) provider-sponsored health plan, or (h) any combination of the above programs. *** As a condition for the approval of any program under this subsection (H)(1), the division shall require that no managed care program, coordinated care program, coordinated care organization program, health maintenance organization program, or provider-sponsored health plan may:

(a) Pay providers at a rate that is less than the Medicaid All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) reimbursement rate;

(b) Override the medical decisions of hospital physicians or staff regarding patients admitted to a hospital for an emergency medical condition as defined by 42 US Code Section 1395dd. This restriction (b) does not prohibit the retrospective review of the appropriateness of the determination that an emergency medical condition exists by chart review or coding algorithm, nor does it prohibit prior authorization for nonemergency hospital admissions;

(c) Pay providers at a rate that is less than the normal Medicaid reimbursement rate. It is the intent of the Legislature that all managed care entities described in this subsection (H), in collaboration with the division, develop and implement innovative payment models that incentivize improvements in health care quality, outcomes, or value, as determined by the division. Participation in the provider network of any managed care, coordinated care, provider-sponsored health plan, or similar contractor shall not be conditioned on the provider's agreement to accept such alternative payment models;

(d) Implement a prior authorization and utilization review program for medical services, transportation services and prescription drugs that is more stringent than the prior authorization processes used by the division in its administration of the Medicaid program. Not later than December 2, 2021, the contractors that are receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under

this subsection (H) shall submit a report to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Medicaid Committees on the status of the prior authorization and utilization review program for medical services, transportation services and prescription drugs that is required to be implemented under this subparagraph (d);

(e) [Deleted]

(f) Implement a preferred drug list that is more stringent than the mandatory preferred drug list established by the division under subsection (A)(9) of this section;

(g) Implement a policy which denies beneficiaries with hemophilia access to the federally funded hemophilia treatment centers as part of the Medicaid Managed Care network of providers. * * *

Each health maintenance organization, coordinated care organization, provider-sponsored health plan, or other organization paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section shall use a clear set of level of care guidelines in the determination of medical necessity and in all utilization management practices, including the prior authorization process, concurrent reviews, retrospective reviews and payments, that are consistent with widely accepted professional standards of care. Organizations participating in a managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division may not use any additional criteria that would result in denial of care that would be determined appropriate and, therefore, medically necessary under those levels of care guidelines.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the recipients eligible for enrollment into a Medicaid managed care program authorized under this subsection (H) may include only those categories of recipients eligible for participation in the Medicaid managed care program as of January 1, 2021, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), CMS approved Section 1115 demonstration waivers in operation as of January 1, 2021. No expansion of Medicaid managed care program contracts may be implemented by the division without enabling legislation from the Mississippi Legislature. * * *

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(3) (a) Any contractors * * * receiving capitated payments under a managed care * * * delivery system established in this section shall provide to the Legislature and the division statistical data to be shared with provider groups in order to improve patient access, appropriate utilization, cost savings and health outcomes not later than October 1 of each year. Additionally, each contractor shall disclose to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Medicaid Committees the administrative expenses costs for the prior calendar year, and the number of full-equivalent employees located in the State of Mississippi dedicated to the Medicaid and CHIP lines of business as of June 30 of the current year.

(b) The division and the contractors participating in the managed care program, a coordinated care program or a provider-sponsored health plan shall be subject to annual program reviews or audits performed by the Office of the State Auditor, the PEER Committee, the Department of Insurance and/or * * * independent third * * * parties.

(c) Those * * * reviews shall * * * include, but not be limited to, at least two (2) of the following items * * *:

(i) The financial benefit to the State of Mississippi of the managed care program,

(ii) The difference between the premiums paid to the managed care contractors and the payments made by those contractors to health care providers, * * *

(iii) Compliance with performance measures required under the contracts,

(iv) Administrative expense allocation methodologies,

(v) Whether nonprovider payments assigned as medical expenses are appropriate,

subcontractors,

- (vi) Capitated arrangements with related party
- (vii) Reasonableness of corporate allocations,
- (viii) Value-added benefits and the extent to which they are used,
- (ix) The effectiveness of subcontractor oversight, including subcontractor review,
- (x) Whether * * * health care outcomes * * * have been improved, and
- (xi) The most common claim denial codes to determine the reasons for the denials.

* * * The audit reports shall be considered * * * public documents and shall be posted in * * * their entirety on the division's website.

(4) All health maintenance organizations, coordinated care organizations, provider-sponsored health plans, or other organizations paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section shall reimburse all providers in those organizations at rates no lower than those provided under this section for beneficiaries who are not participating in those programs.

(5) No health maintenance organization, coordinated care organization, provider-sponsored health plan, or other organization paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section shall require its providers or beneficiaries to use any pharmacy that ships, mails or delivers prescription drugs or legend drugs or devices.

(6) * * * (a) Not later than December 1, 2021, the contractors who are receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall develop and implement a uniform credentialing process for providers. Under that uniform credentialing process, a provider who meets the criteria for credentialing will be credentialed with all of those contractors and no such provider will have to be separately credentialed by any individual contractor in order to receive reimbursement from the contractor. Not later than December 2, 2021, those contractors shall submit a report to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Medicaid Committees on the status of the uniform credentialing process for providers that is required under this subparagraph (a).

(b) If those contractors have not implemented a uniform credentialing process as described in subparagraph (a) by December 1, 2021, the division shall develop and implement, not later than July 1, 2022, a single, consolidated credentialing process by which all providers will be credentialed. Under the division's single, consolidated credentialing process, no such contractor shall require its providers to be separately credentialed by the * * * contractor in order to receive reimbursement from the * * * contractor, but those * * * contractors shall recognize the credentialing of the providers by the division's credentialing process.

(c) The division shall require a uniform provider credentialing application that shall be used in the credentialing process that is established under subparagraph (a) or (b). If the contractor or division, as applicable, has not approved or denied the provider credentialing application within sixty (60) days of receipt of the completed application that includes all required information necessary for credentialing, then the contractor or division, upon receipt of a written request from the applicant and within five (5) business days of its receipt, shall issue a temporary provider credential/enrollment to the applicant if the applicant has a valid Mississippi professional or occupational license to provide the health care services to which the credential/enrollment would apply. The contractor or the division shall not issue a temporary credential/enrollment if the applicant has reported on the application a history of medical or other professional or occupational malpractice claims, a history of substance abuse or mental health issues, a criminal record, or a history of medical or other licensing board, state or federal disciplinary action, including any suspension from participation in a federal or state program. The temporary credential/enrollment shall be effective upon issuance and shall remain in effect until the provider's credentialing/enrollment application

is approved or denied by the contractor or division. The contractor or division shall render a final decision regarding credentialing/enrollment of the provider within sixty (60) days from the date that the temporary provider credential/enrollment is issued to the applicant.

(d) If the contractor or division does not render a final decision regarding credentialing/enrollment of the provider within the time required in subparagraph (c), the provider shall be deemed to be credentialed by and enrolled with all of the contractors and eligible to receive reimbursement from the contractors.

(7) (a) Each contractor that is receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall provide to each provider for whom the contractor has denied the coverage of a procedure that was ordered or requested by the provider for or on behalf of a patient, a letter that provides a detailed explanation of the reasons for the denial of coverage of the procedure and the name and the credentials of the person who denied the coverage. The letter shall be sent to the provider in electronic format.

(b) After a contractor that is receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) has denied coverage for a claim submitted by a provider, the contractor shall issue to the provider within sixty (60) days a final ruling of denial of the claim that allows the provider to have a state fair hearing and/or agency appeal with the division. If a contractor does not issue a final ruling of denial within sixty (60) days as required by this subparagraph (b), the provider's claim shall be deemed to be automatically approved and the contractor shall pay the amount of the claim to the provider.

(c) After a contractor has issued a final ruling of denial of a claim submitted by a provider, the division shall conduct a state fair hearing and/or agency appeal on the matter of the disputed claim between the contractor and the provider within sixty (60) days, and shall render a decision on the matter within thirty (30) days after the date of the hearing and/or appeal.

(8) It is the intention of the Legislature that the division evaluate the feasibility of using a single vendor to administer pharmacy benefits provided under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H). Providers of pharmacy benefits shall cooperate with the division in any transition to a carve-out of pharmacy benefits under managed care.

(9) It is the intention of the Legislature that the division evaluate the feasibility of using a single vendor to administer dental benefits provided under a managed care delivery system established in this subsection (H). Providers of dental benefits shall cooperate with the division in any transition to a carve-out of dental benefits under managed care.

(10) It is the intent of the Legislature that any contractor receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established in this section shall implement innovative programs to improve the health and well-being of members diagnosed with prediabetes and diabetes.

(11) It is the intent of the Legislature that any contractors receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall work with providers of Medicaid services to improve the utilization of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). Not later than December 1, 2021, any contractors receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall provide to the chairmen of the House and Senate Medicaid Committees and House and Senate Public Health committees a report of LARC utilization for State Fiscal Years 2018 through 2020 as well as any programs, initiatives, or efforts made by the contractors and providers to increase LARC utilization. This report shall be updated annually to include information for subsequent state fiscal years.

(12) The division is authorized to make not more than one (1) emergency extension of the contracts that are in effect on the effective date of this act with contractors who are receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H), as provided in this paragraph (12). The maximum period of any such extension shall be one (1) year, and under any such extensions, the contractors shall be subject to all of the provisions of this subsection (H).

The extended contracts shall be revised to incorporate any provisions of this subsection (H).

(I) [Deleted]

(J) There shall be no cuts in inpatient and outpatient hospital payments, or allowable days or volumes, as long as the hospital assessment provided in Section 43-13-145 is in effect. This subsection (J) shall not apply to decreases in payments that are a result of: reduced hospital admissions, audits or payments under the APR-DRG or APC models, or a managed care program or similar model described in subsection (H) of this section.

(K) In the negotiation and execution of such contracts involving services performed by actuarial firms, the Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid may negotiate a limitation on liability to the state of prospective contractors.

(** *L) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, ** * 2024.

SECTION 2. Section 43-13-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-13-145. (1) (a) Upon each nursing facility licensed by the State of Mississippi, there is levied an assessment in an amount set by the division, equal to the maximum rate allowed by federal law or regulation, for each licensed and occupied bed of the facility.

(b) A nursing facility is exempt from the assessment levied under this subsection if the facility is operated under the direction and control of:

- (i) The United States Veterans Administration or other agency or department of the United States government; or
- (ii) The State Veterans Affairs Board * * *.

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(2) (a) Upon each intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities licensed by the State of Mississippi, there is levied an assessment in an amount set by the division, equal to the maximum rate allowed by federal law or regulation, for each licensed and occupied bed of the facility.

(b) An intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities is exempt from the assessment levied under this subsection if the facility is operated under the direction and control of:

- (i) The United States Veterans Administration or other agency or department of the United States government;
- (ii) The State Veterans Affairs Board; or
- (iii) The University of Mississippi Medical Center.

(3) (a) Upon each psychiatric residential treatment facility licensed by the State of Mississippi, there is levied an assessment in an amount set by the division, equal to the maximum rate allowed by federal law or regulation, for each licensed and occupied bed of the facility.

(b) A psychiatric residential treatment facility is exempt from the assessment levied under this subsection if the facility is operated under the direction and control of:

- (i) The United States Veterans Administration or other agency or department of the United States government;
- (ii) The University of Mississippi Medical Center; or
- (iii) A state agency or a state facility that either provides its own state match through intergovernmental transfer or certification of funds to the division.

(4) Hospital assessment.

(a) (i) Subject to and upon fulfillment of the requirements and conditions of paragraph (f) below, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, * * * an annual assessment on each hospital licensed in the state is imposed on each non-Medicare hospital inpatient day as defined below at a rate that is determined by dividing the sum prescribed in this subparagraph (i), plus the nonfederal share necessary to maximize the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) and Medicare Upper Payment Limits (UPL) Program payments and hospital access payments and such other supplemental payments as may be developed pursuant to Section 43-13-117(A)(18), by the total number of non-Medicare hospital inpatient days as defined below for all licensed Mississippi hospitals, except as provided in paragraph (d) below. If the state-matching

funds percentage for the Mississippi Medicaid program is sixteen percent (16%) or less, the sum used in the formula under this subparagraph (i) shall be Seventy-four Million Dollars (\$74,000,000.00). If the state-matching funds percentage for the Mississippi Medicaid program is twenty-four percent (24%) or higher, the sum used in the formula under this subparagraph (i) shall be One Hundred Four Million Dollars (\$104,000,000.00). If the state-matching funds percentage for the Mississippi Medicaid program is between sixteen percent (16%) and twenty-four percent (24%), the sum used in the formula under this subparagraph (i) shall be a pro rata amount determined as follows: the current state-matching funds percentage rate minus sixteen percent (16%) divided by eight percent (8%) multiplied by Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) and add that amount to Seventy-four Million Dollars (\$74,000,000.00). However, no assessment in a quarter under this subparagraph (i) may exceed the assessment in the previous quarter by more than Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,750,000.00) (which would be Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) on an annualized basis). The division shall publish the state-matching funds percentage rate applicable to the Mississippi Medicaid program on the tenth day of the first month of each quarter and the assessment determined under the formula prescribed above shall be applicable in the quarter following any adjustment in that state-matching funds percentage rate. The division shall notify each hospital licensed in the state as to any projected increases or decreases in the assessment determined under this subparagraph (i). However, if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) does not approve the provision in Section 43-13-117(39) requiring the division to reimburse crossover claims for inpatient hospital services and crossover claims covered under Medicare Part B for dually eligible beneficiaries in the same manner that was in effect on January 1, 2008, the sum that otherwise would have been used in the formula under this subparagraph (i) shall be reduced by Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00).

(ii) In addition to the assessment provided under subparagraph (i), *** an additional annual assessment on each hospital licensed in the state is imposed on each non-Medicare hospital inpatient day as defined below at a rate that is determined by dividing twenty-five percent (25%) of any provider reductions in the Medicaid program as authorized in Section 43-13-117(F) for that fiscal year up to the following maximum amount, plus the nonfederal share necessary to maximize the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) and inpatient Medicare Upper Payment Limits (UPL) Program payments and inpatient hospital access payments, by the total number of non-Medicare hospital inpatient days as defined below for all licensed Mississippi hospitals: in fiscal year 2010, the maximum amount shall be Twenty-four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000.00); in fiscal year 2011, the maximum amount shall be Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00); and in fiscal year 2012 and thereafter, the maximum amount shall be Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00). Any such deficit in the Medicaid program shall be reviewed by the PEER Committee as provided in Section 43-13-117(F).

(iii) In addition to the assessments provided in subparagraphs (i) and (ii), *** an additional annual assessment on each hospital licensed in the state is imposed pursuant to the provisions of Section 43-13-117(F) if the cost-containment measures described therein have been implemented and there are insufficient funds in the Health Care Trust Fund to reconcile any remaining deficit in any fiscal year. If the Governor institutes any other additional cost-containment measures on any program or programs authorized under the Medicaid program pursuant to Section 43-13-117(F), hospitals shall be responsible for twenty-five percent (25%) of any such additional imposed provider cuts, which shall be in the form of an additional assessment not to exceed the twenty-five percent (25%) of provider expenditure reductions. Such additional assessment shall be imposed on each non-Medicare hospital inpatient day in the same manner as assessments are imposed under subparagraphs (i) and (ii).

(b) *** Definitions.

(i) *** [Deleted]

(ii) *** For purposes of this subsection (4):

1. "Non-Medicare hospital inpatient day" means

total hospital inpatient days including subcomponent days less Medicare inpatient days including subcomponent days from the hospital's most recent Medicare cost report for the second calendar year preceding the beginning of the state fiscal year, on file with CMS

per the CMS HCRIS database, or cost report submitted to the Division if the HCRIS database is not available to the division, as of June 1 of each year.

a. Total hospital inpatient days shall be the sum of Worksheet S-3, Part 1, column 8 row 14, column 8 row 16, and column 8 row 17, excluding column 8 rows 5 and 6.

b. Hospital Medicare inpatient days shall be the sum of Worksheet S-3, Part 1, column 6 row 14, column 6 row 16.00, and column 6 row 17, excluding column 6 rows 5 and 6.

c. Inpatient days shall not include residential treatment or long-term care days.

2. "Subcomponent inpatient day" means the number of days of care charged to a beneficiary for inpatient hospital rehabilitation and psychiatric care services in units of full days. A day begins at midnight and ends twenty-four (24) hours later. A part of a day, including the day of admission and day on which a patient returns from leave of absence, counts as a full day. However, the day of discharge, death, or a day on which a patient begins a leave of absence is not counted as a day unless discharge or death occur on the day of admission. If admission and discharge or death occur on the same day, the day is considered a day of admission and counts as one (1) subcomponent inpatient day.

(c) The assessment provided in this subsection is intended to satisfy and not be in addition to the assessment and intergovernmental transfers provided in Section 43-13-117(A)(18). Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any state agency, division or department, or county, municipality or other local governmental unit to license for revenue, levy or impose any other tax, fee or assessment upon hospitals in this state not authorized by a specific statute.

(d) Hospitals operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and state-operated facilities that provide only inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services shall not be subject to the hospital assessment provided in this subsection.

(e) Multihospital systems, closure, merger, change of ownership and new hospitals.

(i) If a hospital conducts, operates or maintains more than one (1) hospital licensed by the State Department of Health, the provider shall pay the hospital assessment for each hospital separately.

(ii) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, if a hospital subject to this assessment operates or conducts business only for a portion of a fiscal year, the assessment for the state fiscal year shall be adjusted by multiplying the assessment by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the year during which the hospital operates, and the denominator of which is three hundred sixty-five (365). Immediately upon ceasing to operate, the hospital shall pay the assessment for the year as so adjusted (to the extent not previously paid).

(iii) The division shall determine the tax for new hospitals and hospitals that undergo a change of ownership in accordance with this section, using the best available information, as determined by the division.

(f) Applicability.

The hospital assessment imposed by this subsection shall not take effect and/or shall cease to be imposed if:

(i) The assessment is determined to be an impermissible tax under Title XIX of the Social Security Act; or

(ii) CMS revokes its approval of the division's 2009 Medicaid State Plan Amendment for the methodology for DSH payments to hospitals under Section 43-13-117(A)(18).

* * *

(5) Each health care facility that is subject to the provisions of this section shall keep and preserve such suitable books and records as may be necessary to determine the amount of assessment for which it is liable under this section. The books and records shall be kept and preserved for a period of not less than five (5) years, during which time those books and records shall be open for examination during business hours by the division, the Department of Revenue, the Office of the Attorney General and the State Department of Health.

(6) * * * [Deleted]

(7) All assessments collected under this section shall be deposited in the Medical Care Fund created by Section 43-13-143.

(8) The assessment levied under this section shall be in addition to any other assessments, taxes or fees levied by law, and the assessment shall constitute a debt due the State of Mississippi from the time the assessment is due until it is paid.

(9) (a) If a health care facility that is liable for payment of an assessment levied by the division does not pay the assessment when it is due, the division shall give written notice to the health care facility * * * demanding payment of the assessment within ten (10) days from the date of delivery of the notice. If the health care facility fails or refuses to pay the assessment after receiving the notice and demand from the division, the division shall withhold from any Medicaid reimbursement payments that are due to the health care facility the amount of the unpaid assessment and a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the assessment, plus the legal rate of interest until the assessment is paid in full. If the health care facility does not participate in the Medicaid program, the division shall turn over to the Office of the Attorney General the collection of the unpaid assessment by civil action. In any such civil action, the Office of the Attorney General shall collect the amount of the unpaid assessment and a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the assessment, plus the legal rate of interest until the assessment is paid in full.

(b) As an additional or alternative method for collecting unpaid assessments levied by the division, if a health care facility fails or refuses to pay the assessment after receiving notice and demand from the division, the division may file a notice of a tax lien with the chancery clerk of the county in which the health care facility is located, for the amount of the unpaid assessment and a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the assessment, plus the legal rate of interest until the assessment is paid in full. Immediately upon receipt of notice of the tax lien for the assessment, the chancery clerk shall forward the notice to the circuit clerk who shall enter the notice of the tax lien as a judgment upon the judgment roll and show in the appropriate columns the name of the health care facility as judgment debtor, the name of the division as judgment creditor, the amount of the unpaid assessment, and the date and time of enrollment. The judgment shall be valid as against mortgagees, pledgees, entrusters, purchasers, judgment creditors and other persons from the time of filing with the clerk. The amount of the judgment shall be a debt due the State of Mississippi and remain a lien upon the tangible property of the health care facility until the judgment is satisfied. The judgment shall be the equivalent of any enrolled judgment of a court of record and shall serve as authority for the issuance of writs of execution, writs of attachment or other remedial writs.

(10) (a) To further the provisions of Section 43-13-117(A)(18), the Division of Medicaid shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) any documents regarding the hospital assessment established under subsection (4) of this section. In addition to defining the assessment established in subsection (4) of this section if necessary, the documents shall describe any supplement payment programs and/or payment methodologies as authorized in Section 43-13-117(A)(18) if necessary.

(b) All hospitals satisfying the minimum federal DSH eligibility requirements (Section 1923(d) of the Social Security Act) may, subject to OBRA 1993 payment limitations, receive a DSH payment. This DSH payment shall expend the balance of the federal DSH allotment and associated state share not utilized in DSH payments to state-owned institutions for treatment of mental diseases. The payment to each hospital shall be calculated by applying a uniform percentage to the uninsured costs of each eligible hospital, excluding state-owned institutions for treatment of mental diseases; however, that percentage for a state-owned teaching hospital located in Hinds County shall be multiplied by a factor of two (2).

(11) The division shall implement DSH and supplemental payment calculation methodologies that result in the maximization of available federal funds.

(12) The DSH payments shall be paid on or before December 31, March 31, and June 30 of each fiscal year, in increments of one-third (1/3) of the total calculated DSH amounts. Supplemental payments developed pursuant to Section 43-13-117(A)(18) shall be paid monthly.

(13) * * * Payment.

(a) The hospital assessment as described in subsection (4) for the nonfederal share necessary to maximize the Medicare Upper Payments Limits (UPL) Program payments and hospital access payments and such other supplemental payments as may be developed pursuant to Section 43-3-117(A)(18) shall be assessed and collected monthly no later than the fifteenth calendar day of each month.

(b) The hospital assessment as described in subsection (4) for the nonfederal share necessary to maximize the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments shall be assessed and collected on December 15, March 15 and June 15.

(c) The annual hospital assessment and any additional hospital assessment as described in subsection (4) shall be assessed and collected on September 15 and on the 15th of each month from December through June.

(14) If for any reason any part of the plan for annual DSH and supplemental payment programs to hospitals provided under subsection (10) of this section and/or developed pursuant to Section 43-13-117(A)(18) is not approved by CMS, the remainder of the plan shall remain in full force and effect.

(15) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Division of Medicaid from facilitating participation in Medicaid supplemental hospital payment programs by a hospital located in a county contiguous to the State of Mississippi that is also authorized by federal law to submit intergovernmental transfers (IGTs) to the State of Mississippi to fund the state share of the hospital's supplemental and/or MHAP payments.

(16) * * * This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3. Section 41-75-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-75-5. No person as defined in Section 41-7-173, acting severally or jointly with any other person, shall establish, conduct, operate or maintain an ambulatory surgical facility or an abortion facility or a freestanding emergency room or a post-acute residential brain injury rehabilitation facility in this state without a license under this chapter.

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SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT RELATING TO THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR CARE AND SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM; TO DELETE CERTAIN OUTDATED PROVISIONS RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES; TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR FEES FOR PHYSICIAN SERVICES COVERED ONLY BY MEDICAID; TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO REIMBURSE OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS FOR CERTAIN PRIMARY CARE SERVICES AT 100% OF THE MEDICARE RATE; TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE DIVISION TO ALLOW PHYSICIAN-ADMINISTERED DRUGS TO BE BILLED AND REIMBURSED AS A MEDICAL CLAIM OR PHARMACY POINT-OF-SALE; TO PROVIDE FOR A REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASE TO DENTAL PREVENTION SERVICES; TO DEFINE CLINIC SERVICES FOR PURPOSES OF THE REIMBURSEMENTS BY MEDICAID FOR THOSE SERVICES; TO DELETE AUTHORITY FOR ADULT DAY CARE REIMBURSEMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAID MAY ESTABLISH AN UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS PROGRAM FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION AND ASSESS PROVIDERS OF SUCH SERVICE; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENTS TO PROVIDERS SUBJECT TO CMS APPROVAL AND TO REQUIRE CONSULTATION WITH THE HOSPITAL INDUSTRY; TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO RECOGNIZE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHC), RURAL HEALTH CLINICS (RHC) AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CMHC) AS BOTH AN ORIGINATING AND DISTANT SITE PROVIDER FOR THE PURPOSES OF TELEHEALTH REIMBURSEMENT; TO AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES; TO CLARIFY THE REIMBURSEMENT OF PEDIATRIC SKILLED NURSING SERVICES, INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIST SERVICES AND NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE

DIVISION MAY ESTABLISH COPAYMENTS AND COINSURANCE FOR ANY MEDICAID SERVICES; TO ALLOW THE DIVISION TO USE ENHANCED REIMBURSEMENTS AND UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT PROGRAMS FOR ITS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE VACCINES FOR CHILDREN ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE; TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES MEDICAID TO REDUCE THE RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT TO CERTAIN PROVIDERS FOR SERVICES BY 5% OF THE ALLOWED AMOUNT FOR THAT SERVICE; TO REQUIRE PROVIDERS TO MAINTAIN RECORDS AS (a) PRESCRIBED BY THE DIVISION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW; TO DELETE CERTAIN ENROLLMENT LIMITATIONS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO MANAGED CARE PROGRAMS; TO ALLOW THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO APPROVE THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MODELS FOR REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR MANAGED CARE PROGRAMS; TO CLARIFY LIMITATIONS ON MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT IN MANAGED CARE PROGRAMS; TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE COMMISSION ON EXPANDING MEDICAID MANAGED CARE; TO REQUIRE CONTRACTORS RECEIVING PAYMENTS UNDER A MANAGED CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM TO DISCLOSE TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE MEDICAID COMMITTEES THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE PRIOR YEAR, AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN MISSISSIPPI WHO ARE DEDICATED TO MEDICAID AND CHIP LINES OF BUSINESS AS OF JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR REVIEWS OF THE MANAGED CARE PROGRAMS BY THE STATE AUDITOR; TO REQUIRE ALL MANAGED CARE CONTRACTORS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT, NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2021, A UNIFORM CREDENTIALING PROCESS UNDER WHICH ALL PROVIDERS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR CREDENTIALING WILL BE CREDENTIALLED WITH ALL OF CONTRACTORS; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE CONTRACTORS HAVE NOT IMPLEMENTED A UNIFORM CREDENTIALING PROCESS BY THAT DATE, THE DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT, NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2022, A SINGLE, CONSOLIDATED CREDENTIALING PROCESS BY WHICH ALL PROVIDERS WILL BE CREDENTIALLED; TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THERE SHALL NOT BE CUTS TO INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL PAYMENTS; TO DIRECT THE DIVISION TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ADMINISTERING PHARMACY BENEFITS AND DENTAL BENEFITS UNDER MANAGED CARE; TO DIRECT MANAGED CARE CONTRACTORS TO IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS WITH PREDIABETES AND DIABETES; TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO NEGOTIATE A LIMITATION ON LIABILITY TO THE STATE OF CERTAIN PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS; TO AUTHORIZE MANAGED CARE CONTRACTORS TO IMPROVE UTILIZATION OF LONG-ACTING REVERSABLE CONTRACEPTIVES (LARCS); TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO MAKE ONE MANAGED CARE CONTRACT EXTENSION; TO PROHIBIT THE DIVISION FROM MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE SERVICES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT AN AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION BY THE LEGISLATURE; TO EXTEND THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT NURSING FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, TO DELETE CERTAIN TECHNICAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF THE HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT, TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT OF THE HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE NONFEDERAL SHARE NECESSARY FOR THE MEDICARE UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS (UPL) PROGRAM AND THE DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL (DSH) PROGRAM; TO EXTEND THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 41-75-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE RESTRICTION ON POST ACUTE RESIDENTIAL BRAIN INJURY REHABILITATION FACILITIES PARTICIPATION IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Kevin Blackwell, Brice Wiggins, Hob Bryan

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Jason White, Sam C. Mims, V

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bomgar, Brown, C, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Hudson, Karriem, Ladner, McCray, McLeod, Osborne, Owen, Summers, Taylor, Williamson, Young. Total--24.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Mims. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Representative Hood moved that the House table the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1400**: (Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.), which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 82: Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight.

H. B. No. 136: Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds.

H. B. No. 359: Municipalities with a certain population; allow to establish overdue water/sewer programs.

H. B. No. 425: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made.

H. B. No. 754: Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan.

H. B. No. 1135: Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit.

H. B. No. 1179: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create.

H. B. No. 1296: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding.

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax; revise deduction for depreciation regarding certain aircraft and equipment.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

- H. B. No. 1378:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.
- H. B. No. 1382:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.
- H. B. No. 1383:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.
- H. B. No. 1386:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1388:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.
- H. B. No. 1389:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.
- H. B. No. 1390:** Appropriation; Library Commission.
- H. B. No. 1394:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.
- H. B. No. 1397:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.
- H. B. No. 1401:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

- H. B. No. 1402:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.
- H. B. No. 1403:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.
- H. B. No. 1404:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
- H. B. No. 1408:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.
- H. B. No. 1410:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.
- H. B. No. 1446:** Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 537: Declare that March 21, 2021, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi."

S. B. No. 2294: Veteran Driver's License Designation; allow proof of military service in person.

S. B. No. 2313: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; allow athletes to be compensated for name, image and likeness.

S. B. No. 2649: Public contracts for energy efficiency; extend repeal date on use of.

S. B. No. 2824: State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Darnell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lee Edward "Bubby" Tatum, James Doddridge, and Gerald Wayne Branyan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barnett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tommy Roberts, Garrett Heath McLaughlin, Joseph Vaughn, Paul L. McCool, and Mike Crager, which motion prevailed.

Representative Thompson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara L. Ivy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ruth Stevens, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Frances Geneva Holmes, Lawrence Weatherford, and James Phillip and Rebecca Wells, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gilmore Nicholas, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Berry "J. B." Hall, which motion prevailed.

At 7:19 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 31, 2021, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021

(EIGHTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Charles Young, Jr.

Rep. Young led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail.

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.

Adopted: 03/30/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 60: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 21, 2021, as.

H. C. R. No. 61: New Site Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 109: Budget process; update various sections relating to.

H. B. No. 119: Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.

H. B. No. 374: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc.

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures.

H. B. No. 520: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements.

H. B. No. 761: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes.

H. B. No. 1091: Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law.

H. B. No. 1095: Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities.

H. B. No. 1139: Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25.

H. B. No. 1197: Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of.

Adopted: 03/30/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2062: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.

S. B. No. 2261: Perpetual cemetery law; revise notice and maintenance provisions for counties and municipalities.

S. B. No. 2474: Department of Health; allow charges between agencies for services provided under the medical marijuana program.

S. B. No. 2795: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact.

S. B. No. 2798: Broadband services; provide for the participation of rate-regulated electric utilities in the expansion of.

S. B. No. 2807: Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized.

S. B. No. 2834: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund Grant Program; establish within Department of Archives and History.

S. B. No. 2874: Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit.

S. B. No. 3090: Washington County; extend the repeal date on the Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax.

Adopted: 03/30/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

Rep. Powell called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, and House Bill No. 1091, 2021, Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-5. For the purposes of this chapter and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Alcoholic beverage" means any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, but shall not include light wine, light spirit product and beer, as defined in Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, but shall include native wines and native spirits. The words "alcoholic beverage" shall not include ethyl alcohol manufactured or distilled solely for fuel purposes or beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight if the beer is legally manufactured in this state for sale in another state.

(b) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, whatever the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol, but does not include denatured alcohol or wood alcohol.

(c) "Distilled spirits" means any beverage containing more than * * * six percent (6%) of alcohol by weight produced by distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages.

(d) "Wine" or "vinous liquor" means any product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe grapes, fruits, honey or berries and made in accordance with the revenue laws of the United States.

(e) "Person" means and includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity whatsoever.

(f) "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in manufacturing, distilling, rectifying, blending or bottling any alcoholic beverage.

(g) "Wholesaler" means any person, other than a manufacturer, engaged in distributing or selling any alcoholic beverage at wholesale for delivery within or without this state when such sale is for the purpose of resale by the purchaser.

(h) "Retailer" means any person who sells, distributes, or offers for sale or distribution, any alcoholic beverage for use or consumption by the purchaser and not for resale.

(i) "State Tax Commission," "commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, which shall create a division in its organization to be known as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. Any reference to the commission or the department hereafter means the powers and duties of the Department of Revenue with reference to supervision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(j) "Division" means the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue.

(k) "Municipality" means any incorporated city or town of this state.

(l) "Hotel" means an establishment within a municipality, or within a qualified resort area approved as such by the department, where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located at least twenty (20) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations. Hotels in towns or cities of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) population are similarly defined except that they must have fifty (50) or more sleeping rooms. Any such establishment described in this paragraph with less than fifty (50) beds shall operate one or more regular dining rooms designed to be constantly frequented by customers each day. When used in this chapter, the word "hotel" shall also be construed to include any establishment that meets the definition of "bed and breakfast inn" as provided in this section.

(m) "Restaurant" means:

(i) A place which is regularly and in a bona fide manner used and kept open for the serving of meals to guests for compensation, which has suitable seating facilities for guests, and which has suitable kitchen facilities connected therewith for cooking an assortment of foods and meals commonly ordered at various hours of the day; the service of such food as sandwiches and salads only shall not be deemed in compliance with this requirement. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, no place shall qualify as a restaurant under this chapter unless twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the revenue derived from such place shall be from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, or unless the value of food given to and consumed by customers is equal to twenty-five percent (25%) or more of total revenue; or

(ii) Any privately owned business located in a building in a historic district where the district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, where the building has a total occupancy rating of not less than one thousand (1,000) and where the business regularly utilizes ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more in the building for live entertainment, including not only the stage, lobby or area where the audience sits and/or stands, but also any other portion of the building necessary for the operation of the business, including any kitchen area, bar area, storage area and office space, but excluding any area for parking. In addition to the other requirements of this subparagraph, the business must also serve food to guests for compensation within the building and derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales to live entertainment in the building, and from the rental of all or part of the facilities of the business in the building to another party for a specific event or function.

(n) "Club" means an association or a corporation:

(i) Organized or created under the laws of this state for a period of five (5) years prior to July 1, 1966;

(ii) Organized not primarily for pecuniary profit but for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages;

(iii) Maintained by its members through the payment of annual dues;

(iv) Owning, hiring or leasing a building or space in a building of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and their guests;

(v) The affairs and management of which are conducted by a board of directors, board of governors, executive committee, or similar governing body chosen by the members at a regular meeting held at some periodic interval; and

(vi) No member, officer, agent or employee of which is paid, or directly or indirectly receives, in the form of a salary or other compensation any profit from the distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages to the club or to members or guests of the club beyond such salary or compensation as may be fixed and voted at a proper meeting by the board of directors or other governing body out of the general revenues of the club.

The department may, in its discretion, waive the five-year provision of this paragraph. In order to qualify under this paragraph, a club must file with the department, at the time of its application for a license under this chapter, two (2) copies of a list of the names and residences of its members and similarly file, within ten (10) days after the election of any additional member, his name and address. Each club applying for a license shall also file with the department at the time of the application a copy of its articles of association, charter of incorporation, bylaws or other instruments governing the business and affairs thereof.

(o) "Qualified resort area" means any area or locality outside of the limits of incorporated municipalities in this state commonly known and accepted as a place which regularly and customarily attracts tourists, vacationists and other transients because of its historical, scenic or recreational facilities or attractions, or because of other attributes which regularly and customarily appeal to and attract tourists, vacationists and other transients in substantial numbers; however, no area or locality shall so qualify as a resort area until it has been duly and properly approved as such by the department. The department may not approve an area as a qualified resort area after July 1, 2018, if any portion of such proposed area is located within two (2) miles of a convent or monastery that is located in a county traversed by Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 98. A convent or monastery may waive such distance restrictions in favor of allowing approval by the department of an area as a qualified resort area. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the convent or monastery having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(i) The department may approve an area or locality outside of the limits of an incorporated municipality that is in the process of being developed as a qualified resort area if such area or locality, when developed, can reasonably be expected to meet the requisites of the definition of the term "qualified resort area." In such a case, the status of qualified resort area shall not take effect until completion of the development.

(ii) The term includes any state park which is declared a resort area by the department; however, such declaration may only be initiated in a written request for resort area status made to the department by the Executive Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and no permit for the sale of any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this chapter, except an on-premises retailer's permit, shall be issued for a hotel, restaurant or bed and breakfast inn in such park.

(iii) The term includes:

1. The clubhouses associated with the state park golf courses at the Lefleur's Bluff State Park, the John Kyle State Park, the Percy Quin State Park and the Hugh White State Park;

2. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities where the golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities are adjacent to one or more planned residential developments and the golf course and all

such developments collectively include at least seven hundred fifty (750) acres and at least four hundred (400) residential units;

3. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) contiguous acres with no public roads and that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility;

4. Any facility located on federal property surrounding a lake and designated as a recreational area by the United States Army Corps of Engineers that consists of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) acres;

5. Any facility that is located in a municipality that is bordered by the Pearl River, traversed by Mississippi Highway 25, adjacent to the boundaries of the Jackson International Airport and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law; however, any such facility may only be located in areas designated by the governing authorities of such municipality;

6. Any municipality with a population in excess of ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census that is located in a county that is bordered by the Pearl River and is not traversed by Interstate Highway 20, with a population in excess of forty-five thousand (45,000) according to the latest federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages;

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

7. The West Pearl Restaurant Tax District as defined in Chapter 912, Local and Private Laws of 2007;

8. a. Land that is located in any county in which Mississippi Highway 43 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect and:

A. Owned by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, and/or

B. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, east of Old Fannin Road, north of Regatta Drive, south of Spillway Road, west of Hugh Ward Boulevard and accessible by Old Fannin Road, Spillway Road, Spann Drive and/or Lake Vista Place, and/or

C. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, west of Old Fannin Road, south of Spillway Road and extending to the boundary of the corporate limits of the City of Flowood, Mississippi;

b. The board of supervisors of such county, with respect to B and C of item 8.a., may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

9. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least eight hundred (800) contiguous acres with no public roads, that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility, and has accommodations for at least fifty (50) overnight guests;

10. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least six thousand (6,000) square feet being heated and cooled along with an additional adjacent area that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet regardless of whether heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events such as weddings, reunions and conventions,
c. Provides lodging accommodations regardless of whether part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility, and
d. Is located on property that consists of at least thirty (30) contiguous acres;

11. Any facility and related property:
a. Located on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty-five (125) contiguous acres and consisting of an eighteen (18) hole golf course, and/or located in a facility that consists of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,
b. Used for the purpose of providing meals and hosting events, and
c. Used for the purpose of teaching culinary arts courses and/or turf management and grounds keeping courses, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

12. Any facility and related property that:
a. Consist of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,
b. For a fee is used to host events,
c. Is used for the purpose of culinary arts courses, and/or live entertainment courses and art performances, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

13. The clubhouse and associated golf course where the golf course is adjacent to one or more residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least two hundred (200) acres and at least one hundred fifty (150) residential units and are located a. in a county that has voted against coming out from under the dry law; and b. outside of but in close proximity to a municipality in such county which has voted under Section 67-1-14, after January 1, 2013, to come out from under the dry law;

14. The clubhouse and associated eighteen (18) hole golf course located in a municipality traversed by Interstate Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 51 that has voted to come out from under the dry law;

15. a. Land that is planned for mixed use development and consists of at least two hundred (200) contiguous acres with one or more planned residential developments collectively planned to include at least two hundred (200) residential units when completed, and also including a facility that consists of at least four thousand (4,000) square feet that is not part of such land but is located adjacent to or in close proximity thereto, and which land is located:

*** A. In a county that has voted to come out from under the dry law,

*** B. Outside the corporate limits of any municipality in such county and adjacent to or in close proximity to a golf course located in a municipality in such county, and

*** C. Within one (1) mile of a state institution of higher learning;

b. The board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

16. Any facility with a capacity of five hundred (500) people or more, to be used as a venue for private events, on a tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 7 East, of a county where

U.S. Highway 45 and U.S. Highway 72 intersect and that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

17. One hundred five (105) contiguous acres, more or less, located in Hinds County, Mississippi, and in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, whereon are constructed a variety of buildings, improvements, grounds or objects for the purpose of holding events thereon to promote agricultural and industrial development in Mississippi;

18. Land that is owned by a state institution of higher learning and:

a. Located entirely within a county that has elected by majority vote not to permit the transportation, storage, sale, distribution, receipt and/or manufacture of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-7, and

b. Adjacent to but outside the incorporated limits of a municipality that has elected by majority vote to permit the sale, receipt, storage and transportation of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-9.

If any portion of the land described in this item 18 has been declared a qualified resort area by the department before July 1, 2020, then that qualified resort area shall be incorporated into the qualified resort area created by this item 18;

19. Any facility and related property:

a. Used as a flea market or similar venue during a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) immediately preceding the first Monday of a month and having an annual average of at least one thousand (1,000) visitors for each such weekend and five hundred (500) vendors for Saturday of each such weekend, and

b. Located in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law and outside of but in close proximity to a municipality located in such county and which municipality has voted to come out from under the dry law;

20. Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and

b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

21. Any municipality with a population in excess of two thousand (2,000) according to the latest federal decennial census and in which is located a part of White's Creek Lake and in which U.S. Highway 82 intersects with Mississippi Highway 9 and located in a county that is partially bordered on one (1) side by the Big Black River; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located * * *;

22. A restaurant located on a two-acre tract adjacent to a five-hundred-fifty-acre lake in the northeast corner of a county traversed by U.S. Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84 * * *;

23. Any tracts of land in Oktibbeha County, situated * * * north of Bailey Howell Drive, Lee Boulevard and Old Mayhew Road, east of George Perry Street and south of Mississippi Highway 182, and not located on the property of a state institution of higher learning * * *; however, the board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

24. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 27 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

25. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 35 and Interstate 20; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

26. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 16 and Mississippi Highway 35 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

27. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Old Highway 61 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

28. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 8 meets Mississippi Highway 1; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

29. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 1 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

30. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 50 meets Mississippi Highway 9; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

31. An area bounded on the north by Pearl Street, on the east by West Street, on the south by Court Street and on the west by Farish Street, within a municipality bordered on the east by the Pearl River and through which run Interstate 20 and Interstate 55; however, the governing authorities of the municipality in which such area is located may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

32. Any facility and related property that:

a. Is contracted for mixed-use development improvements consisting of office and residential space and a restaurant and lounge, partially occupying the renovated space of a four-story commercial building which previously served as a financial institution; and adjacent property to the west consisting of a single-story office building that was originally occupied by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of American Local Number 569; and

b. Is situated on a tract of land consisting of approximately one and one-tenth (1.10) acres, and the adjacent property to the west consisting of approximately 0.5 acres, located in a municipality which is the seat of county government, situated south of Interstate 10, traversed by U.S. Highway 90, partially bordered on one (1) side by the Pascagoula River and having its most southern boundary bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, with a population greater than twenty-two thousand (22,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

C. Designate the areas within the facilities in which alcoholic beverages may be offered for sale;

33. Any facility with a maximum capacity of one hundred twenty (120) people that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) square feet being heated and cooled, has a commercial kitchen, has a pavilion that consists of at least nine thousand (9,000) square feet and is located on land more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi, that lies

South of Mississippi State Highway 348 right-of-way and containing 19.48 acres, more or less.

ALSO,

The Northeast 38 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi.

ALSO,

The South 81 1/2 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi; and

34. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 16 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located.

The status of these municipalities, districts, clubhouses, facilities, golf courses and areas described in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) as qualified resort areas does not require any declaration of same by the department.

(p) "Native wine" means any product, produced in Mississippi for sale, having an alcohol content not to exceed twenty-one percent (21%) by weight and made in accordance with revenue laws of the United States, which shall be obtained primarily from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of ripe grapes, fruits, berries, honey or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi; provided that bulk, concentrated or fortified wines used for blending may be produced without this state and used in producing native wines. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to permit a producer to import such bulk and/or fortified wines into this state for use in blending with native wines without payment of any excise tax that would otherwise accrue thereon.

(q) "Native winery" means any place or establishment within the State of Mississippi where native wine is produced, in whole or in part, for sale.

(r) "Bed and breakfast inn" means an establishment within a municipality where in consideration of payment, breakfast and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located not less than eight (8) and not more than nineteen (19) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities, that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations; however, such restriction on the minimum number of sleeping rooms shall not apply to establishments on the National Register of Historic Places. No place shall qualify as a bed and breakfast inn under this chapter unless on the date of the initial application for a license under this chapter more than fifty percent (50%) of the sleeping rooms are located in a structure formerly used as a residence.

(s) "Board" shall refer to the Board of Tax Appeals of the State of Mississippi.

(t) "Spa facility" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a hotel where, in consideration of payment, patrons receive from licensed professionals a variety of private personal care treatments such as massages, facials, waxes, exfoliation and hairstyling.

(u) "Art studio or gallery" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area that is in the sole business of allowing patrons to view and/or purchase paintings and other creative artwork.

(v) "Cooking school" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a nationally recognized company that offers an established culinary education curriculum and program where, in consideration of payment, patrons are given scheduled professional group instruction on culinary techniques. For purposes of this paragraph, the definition of cooking school shall not include schools or classes offered by grocery stores, convenience stores or drugstores.

(w) "Campus" means property owned by a public school district, community or junior college, college or university in this state where educational courses

are taught, school functions are held, tests and examinations are administered or academic course credits are awarded; however, the term shall not include any "restaurant" or "hotel" that is located on property owned by a community or junior college, college or university in this state, and is operated by a third party who receives all revenue generated from food and alcoholic beverage sales.

(x) "Native spirit" shall mean any beverage, produced in Mississippi for sale, manufactured primarily by the distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar produced in Mississippi, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages. In order to be classified as "native spirit" under the provisions of this chapter, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the finished product by volume shall have been obtained from distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar grown and produced in Mississippi.

(y) "Native distillery" shall mean any place or establishment within this state where native spirit is produced in whole or in part for sale.

SECTION 2. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1135, 2021 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1288, 2021 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2606, 2021 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2435, 2021 Regular Session and House Bill No. 1091, 2021 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department shall be as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to manufacturers holding permits under this chapter in this state and to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase the same, and to sell as provided by this chapter.

Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the production of distilled spirits by distillation or redistillation and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining, mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.

Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and store wine or vinous liquor.

Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native wines.

Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native spirits.

(b) Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his employees at the permitted place of business so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this chapter and applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers and other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold.

(c) On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is placed in a bag that is secured

in a manner so that it will be visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees ordered. Such a permit shall be issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, small craft breweries, microbreweries, and to common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to such establishments as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.

(d) Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1) principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler or manufacturer in the state.

(e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native wine retailer is located.

(f) Temporary retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement

provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70) days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the application or statement, the applicant shall never again be eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject to prosecution for perjury.

Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail establishment at an open house or promotional event, for consumption only on the premises described in the temporary permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that it meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued under paragraph (l) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine or beer.

(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit. When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made only for consumption at the catered location. The location being catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic beverages are being sold

pursuant to the permit issued under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.

(i) Alcohol processing permit. An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

(j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

(k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.

(l) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the holder of a package retailer's permit.

(m) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit. A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a qualifying charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages sold, stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the premises immediately following the auction, and may not be consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may only be issued for venues that can accommodate two hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along with all other documents required to be provided for an on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the majority of its revenue from

event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and productions on the premises of the facility described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p), "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.

(q) Distillery retailer's permit. The holder of a Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages to consumers for on-premises consumption, or to consumers by the sealed and unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in the permit. However, when selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a distillery retailer's permit may add other beverages, alcoholic or not, so long as the total volume of other beverage components containing alcohol does not exceed twenty percent (20%). Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the distillery retailer is located.

The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this chapter. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by

the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats, glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(r) Festival Wine Permit. Any wine manufacturer or native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed, unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this permit may provide samples at no charge to participants. "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and returns as prescribed by the department. This permit is issued per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2) consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises permittees' sales in that county or city. The holder of the permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2023.

(s) Charter vessel operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit. For the purposes of this paragraph (s), "charter vessel operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate-10 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties, and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters as provided in this paragraph (s).

(* * *t) Native spirit retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

(u) Delivery service permit. Any individual, limited liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 1 of House Bill No. 1135, 2021 Regular Session, this permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to

the premises of a location with a permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product. The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege separate from its existing retail permit.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail permit, at the discretion of the department.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this chapter within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school, kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet.

(b) A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(c) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

(d) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)32.

(e) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building formerly owned by a municipality and formerly leased by the municipality to a municipal school district and used by the municipal school district as a district bus shop facility.

(f) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building consisting of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet and located approximately six hundred (600) feet from the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4.

(g) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located at the southeast corner of Ward and Tate Streets in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

(4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit.

(5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the leisure and recreation district while in possession of the alcoholic beverage or wine.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this chapter.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "QUALIFIED RESORT AREA" UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MANUFACTURING, SALE OR STORAGE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS WITHIN CERTAIN DISTANCES OF CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND FUNERAL HOMES SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OR STORAGE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III, Brent Powell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Joel R. Carter, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, Darnell, Evans, B, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Mangold, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Turner. Total--18.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Karriem, Wright. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Stamps. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Powell unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the conference report.

Rep. Busby called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2825: Transportation; revise provisions relating to motor carrier enforcement, harvest permits, and funding.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2825: Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) From and after July 1, 2021, the department, through the division, shall have jurisdiction over all matters of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter on the roads, streets and highways of this state and shall prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary therefor. The jurisdiction and authority of the department under this section shall be in addition to any other jurisdiction and authority provided to the department under any other law. The powers and duties related to the administration of this chapter which do not concern enforcement on the roads, streets and highways of this state shall remain with the commission.

(2) On July 1, 2021, the Mississippi Department of Transportation and/or the commission shall transfer to the department the employees, equipment, inventory, size and weights, computer systems, IFTA, grants, stationary and portable weigh stations, support staff, weigh-in-motion scales and vehicles, state and federal funding, and resources used to enforce the provisions of this chapter on the roads, streets and highways of this state. The department shall consult and work with the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property of the Department of Finance and Administration for the effective transfer to the department of any office space that was assigned for the use of the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter on the roads, streets and highways of this state, except the office space used by the Enforcement Division of the Department of Transportation located within the Billy McCoy Office Building in Jackson, Mississippi.

(3) Any reference in any statute, rule or regulation to law enforcement duties being performed by the commission or the Mississippi Department of Transportation requiring the use of vehicles to enforce shall be construed to mean law enforcement duties being performed by the division.

(4) The Mississippi State Personnel Board PIN numbers the Mississippi Department of Transportation has assigned to persons in law enforcement and support of enforcement of this chapter at the time of the transfer shall be transferred over to the department. The transfer of personnel shall be commensurate with the number and classification of positions allocated to that law enforcement. All salaries and benefits shall remain the same until further agreement. Rank and structure shall be revised through the division as is practical for proper supervision. All transferred personnel shall possess the same state service protections with the Mississippi State Personnel Board that they possessed before the transfer.

(5) All accrued personal leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-93, accrued major medical leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-95, accrued state compensatory leave balances earned pursuant to Section 25-3-92, and compensatory leave earned pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall transfer from the Mississippi Department of Transportation to the Department of Public Safety for all employees transferred to the department under this act.

SECTION 2. There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury, to be known as the "DPS Motor Carrier Enforcement Fund." The fund shall consist of monies appropriated by act of the Legislature and monies transferred from the Mississippi Department of Transportation. Money in the fund shall only be utilized by the Department of Public Safety's Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division to defray expenses for officers' salaries and other costs to implement and enforce the provisions of this act. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 3. Section 77-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
77-7-7. Whenever used in this chapter unless expressly stated otherwise:

(a) The term "person" means individual, firm, copartnership, corporation, company, association or joint-stock association, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or personal representative thereof.

(b) The term "commission" means the Mississippi Transportation Commission.

(c) The term "highway" means every public highway or place of whatever nature open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicle travel in this state, including the streets and alleys in towns and cities.

(d) The term "motor vehicle" and "vehicle" means any vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer or semitrailer propelled or drawn by mechanical power and used upon the highways in the transportation of passengers or property; such term, however, does not include any vehicle, locomotive or car operated exclusively on a rail or rails.

(e) The term "common carrier by motor vehicle" means any person who or which undertakes, whether directly or by a lease or any other arrangement, to transport passengers or household goods.

(f) The term "contract carrier by motor vehicle" means any person, not included under * * * paragraph (e) of this section, who or which, under special and individual contracts or agreements, and whether directly or by a lease or any other arrangement, transports passengers or household goods.

(g) The term "restricted motor carrier" means all carriers of property, except household goods, by motor vehicle for compensation.

(h) The "services" and "transportation" to which this chapter applies include all vehicles operated by, for or in the interest of any motor carrier irrespective of ownership or contract, express or implied, together with all facilities and property operated or controlled by any such carrier or carriers and used in the transportation of passengers or property or in the performance of any service in connection therewith.

(i) The term "certificate" means a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the commission to common carriers by motor vehicle and restricted common carriers by motor vehicle under this chapter.

(j) The term "permit" means a permit issued by the commission to contract carriers by motor vehicle under this chapter.

(k) The term "interstate permit" means a permit issued under the terms of this chapter to the holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, a permit, or other operating authority from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

(l) The term "owner" or "operator" and "owner and operator" means any individual, firm, copartnership, corporation, company, association or joint-stock association, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or personal representative thereof, to whom or to which a certificate of convenience and necessity or permit or interstate permit has been issued by the commission.

(m) The term "vanpooling" means a nonprofit arrangement entered into to provide for the transportation of persons to and from their places of employment utilizing a motor vehicle manufactured primarily for the transporting of not less than eight (8) nor more than fifteen (15) people, and where the costs of operating said vehicle, including reasonable vehicle depreciation costs, are paid for by those people utilizing such arrangement.

(n) The term "gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR)" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single motor vehicle.

(o) The term "gross combination weight rating (GCWR)" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a combination (articulated) motor vehicle. In the absence of a value specified by the manufacturer, GCWR will be determined by adding the GVWR of the power unit and the total weight of the towed unit and any load thereon.

(p) The term "department" means the Department of Public Safety.

(q) The term "division" means the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division within the department.

SECTION 4. Section 77-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-7-11. No motor carrier shall operate any motor vehicle for the transportation of passengers or property for compensation on any highway in this state, except in

accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and every such motor carrier is hereby declared to be subject to control, supervision and regulation by the commission for permitting purposes and by the department, through the division, for enforcement purposes. Nothing in this chapter shall confer any proprietary or property rights in the use of the public highways.

SECTION 5. Section 77-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-7-13. (1) It shall be the duty of the commission and the commission shall have the power:

(a) To regulate common carriers by motor vehicle and contract carriers by motor vehicle not exempted in this chapter, doing business in this state, and to that end, the commission may establish reasonable requirements with respect to continuous and adequate service, transportation of baggage and express, uniform system of accounts, records and reports, preservation of records, and safety of operation and equipment, including maximum hours of service of employees.

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(* * *b) To administer * * * the provisions of this chapter concerning certificates of public convenience and necessity, permits, performance bond, insurance, statutorily prescribed fees, identification plates and trip permits, and carrier service, rates and charges, to make necessary orders in connection therewith, and to prescribe rules, regulations and procedure for such administration; however, the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter on the roads, streets and highways of this state shall fall under the jurisdiction of the department, through the division.

(* * *c) To inquire into the organization of motor carriers, and into the management of their businesses, to keep itself informed as to the manner and method in which the same is conducted, and to transmit to the Legislature, from time to time, such recommendations as to additional legislation relating to such carriers as the commission may deem necessary.

(2) The commission may from time to time establish such just and reasonable classifications of groups of carriers included in the terms "common carrier by motor vehicle" and "contract carrier by motor vehicle," as the special nature of the services performed by such carriers shall require, and the commission may from time to time establish such just and reasonable rules, regulations and requirements, consistent with the provisions of this chapter, to be observed by the carriers so classified or grouped, as the commission deems necessary or desirable in the public interest.

(3) The commission may from time to time enter into joint and cooperative agreements with other governmental agencies in regard to safety, forms, operating procedures and regulatory jurisdiction.

(4) The rules, regulations, requirements and classifications adopted in pursuance to the power and duty of the commission by this section granted and imposed shall conform as nearly as practicable to the rules, regulations, requirements and classifications promulgated by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the United States Department of Transportation, or any other appropriate governmental agency.

(5) The commission shall not have the duty nor the power to regulate the rates of common carriers by motor vehicle which undertake, whether directly or by a lease or any other arrangement, to transport household goods.

(6) The commission shall not have the duty nor the power to regulate the rates of contract carriers by motor vehicle, who or which, under special and individual contract or agreements, and whether directly or by a lease or any other arrangement, transport household goods.

SECTION 6. Section 77-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-7-15. The commission shall prescribe, issue, amend and rescind such reasonable rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this chapter concerning certificates of public convenience and necessity, permits, performance bond, insurance, statutorily prescribed fees, identification plates and trip permits, and carrier duties, service, rates and charges; however, the prescription, issuance, amendment and rescission of reasonable rules and regulations concerning the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter on the roads, streets and

highways of this state shall fall under the jurisdiction of the department, through the division, and shall not be subject to this section.

No rule or regulation shall be effective until thirty (30) days after copies of the proposed rule or regulation have been mailed to intrastate motor carriers affected thereby and until a notice, setting forth the terms or substance thereof and the time and place of a hearing thereon, has been published in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the state and filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law. Such hearing may be held at any time after twenty (20) days following the date of publication of such notice, but such rules or regulations shall not become effective until a hearing thereon. The commission may make its initial set of rules and regulations effective at the end of such thirty-day period, subject to review thereof. All rules and regulations of the commission shall be filed with its secretary and shall be readily available for public inspection and examination during reasonable business hours. Any interested person shall have the right to petition the commission for issuance, amendment or repeal of a rule or regulation.

SECTION 7. Section 77-7-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-7-16. (1) Supervision and inspection of the safe operation and the safe use of equipment of motor vehicles operating in the state shall be a specified duty of * * * the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. * * * The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall promulgate as its own the rules, regulations, requirements and classifications of the United States Department of Transportation or any successor federal agency thereof charged with the regulation of motor vehicle safety * * *. The * * * department shall enforce such rules, regulations, requirements and classifications. * * * The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall establish a system of reciprocity with other states to facilitate the inspection of motor vehicles provided for in this subsection.

(2) The * * * Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall have the authority to inspect for safe operation and safe use of equipment the following motor vehicles:

(a) Each holder of a certificate of convenience and necessity, a permit to operate as a contract carrier or interstate permit;

(b) Any individual, corporation or partnership engaged in a commercial enterprise operating a single motor vehicle or those in combination with a manufacturer's gross vehicle rating of more than ten thousand (10,000) pounds; and

(c) Any individual, corporation or partnership operating a motor vehicle of any gross weight transporting hazardous material that requires placarding under the Federal Hazardous Material Regulations.

(3) This section shall not apply to the following:

(a) Motor vehicles employed to transport school children and teachers;

(b) Motor vehicles owned and operated by the United States, District of Columbia or any state or any municipality or any other political subdivision of this state;

(c) Motor vehicles engaged in the occasional transportation of personal property without compensation by individuals which is not in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise;

(d) Motor vehicles engaged in the transportation of human corpses or sick or injured persons;

(e) Motor vehicles engaged in emergency or related operations;

(f) Motor vehicles engaged in the private transportation of passengers;

(g) Motor vehicles, including pickup trucks, that have a GVWR or GCWR of twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds or less, operating intrastate only, provided that such vehicle does not:

(i) Transport hazardous material requiring a placard; or

(ii) Transport sixteen (16) or more passengers, including the driver.

(h) Motor vehicles owned and operated by any farmer who:

(i) Is using the vehicle to transport agricultural products from a farm owned by the farmer, or to transport farm machinery or farm supplies to or from a farm owned by the farmer;

(ii) Is not using the vehicle to transport hazardous materials of a type or quantity that requires the vehicle to be placarded in accordance with the Federal Hazardous Material Regulations in CFR 49 part 177.823; and

(iii) Is using the vehicle within one hundred fifty (150) air miles of the farmer's farm, and the vehicle is a private motor carrier of property.

(i) Motor vehicles engaged in the transportation of logs and pulpwood between the point of harvest and the first point of processing the harvested product;

(j) Motor vehicles engaged exclusively in hauling gravel, soil or other unmanufactured road building materials;

(k) As to hours of service only, utility service vehicles owned or operated by public utilities subject to regulation by the commission, while in intrastate commerce within this state, with a manufacturer's gross vehicle rating of less than twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds, unless the vehicle:

(i) Transports hazardous materials requiring a placard; or

(ii) Is designed or used to transport sixteen (16) or more people, including the driver.

(4) Anyone who violates or fails to comply with this section shall be subject to the penalties as provided for in Section 77-7-311, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. Section 77-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 77-7-17. No member of the commission or the department, and no employee of the commission or the department appointed or employed in the administration of this chapter, shall in any manner have pecuniary interest in, own any securities of, or hold any position with any motor carrier.

SECTION 9. Section 77-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-7-21. No restricted motor carrier not exempted in this chapter shall engage in intrastate operation on any highway within the state unless such carrier is in compliance with the requirements of the laws and regulations of the commission and the department.

SECTION 10. Section 77-7-127, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-7-127. All funds collected by the commission under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the commission's regulation fund for use by the commission for the administration * * * of the laws of this state relative to the inspection, control and supervision of the business, * * * service or accounts of motor carriers subject to this chapter.

From and after July 1, 2016, the expenses of this agency shall be defrayed by appropriation from the State General Fund and all user charges and fees authorized under this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund as authorized by law.

From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent or other charge for services or resources received by authority of this section.

SECTION 11. Section 77-7-311, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-7-311. (1) Any person violating any provisions of this chapter, or any rule, regulation, requirement or order thereunder, or any term or condition of any certificate or permit, for which a penalty is not otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense and not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each subsequent offense. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(2) Any person, whether carrier, shipper, consignee, or any officer, employee, agent or representative thereof, who shall knowingly offer, grant or give, or solicit, accept or receive any rebate, concession or discrimination in violation of any provision of this chapter, or who by means of any false statement or representation, or by the use of any false or fictitious bill, bill of lading, receipt, voucher, roll, account, claim, certificate, affidavit, deposition, lease or bill of sale, or by any other means or device, shall knowingly and willfully assist, suffer or permit any person or persons, natural or artificial, to obtain transportation of passengers or property subject to this chapter for less than the applicable

rate, fare or charge, or who shall knowingly and willfully, by any such means or otherwise, fraudulently seek to evade or defeat regulation as in this chapter provided for motor carriers, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense and not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for any subsequent offense.

(3) Any owner, operator or driver of any vehicle, who is required by any law or by any rule or regulation of the commission or the department to stop at any inspection station or submit to an inspection, who willfully fails or refuses to do so, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00), or by confinement in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both fine and jail sentence.

(4) Any individual, corporation or partnership operating a motor vehicle transporting hazardous material that is found to be in violation of any rule, regulation or requirement as provided by Section 77-7-16 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense, and not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each subsequent offense. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(5) Any person operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle which has been placed out of service by a motor carrier inspector shall be fined One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 12. Section 77-7-331, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-7-331. The chief enforcement officer and the inspectors, employed pursuant to the authority granted in Section 77-1-21, shall be responsible for enforcing and investigating all alleged violations of this chapter, and the rules, regulations and general orders of the commission promulgated thereunder; however, beginning July 1, 2021, the enforcement and investigation of alleged violations of this chapter, and the rules, regulations and general orders promulgated thereunder, shall fall under the jurisdiction of the department, through the division. In the performance of their duties such employees shall give particular attention to the enforcement of the commission's or the department's safety rules and regulations; the provisions of this chapter applicable to rates, charges and practices of motor carriers; the provisions prohibiting unlawful preference, concession, rebate, or discrimination; the adequacy of service, equipment and facilities of motor carriers; and the requirements respecting certificate of public convenience and necessity or permits as set forth in this chapter.

SECTION 13. Section 77-7-333, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 77-7-333. After selection, the * * * enforcement officers and the inspectors of the division shall go through thirty (30) days of intensive instruction of the laws of this state pertaining to the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety, together with the rules and regulations of * * * both of these * * * agencies, and the laws of this state pertaining to arrest. The expenses of attending such school shall be paid out of the * * * monies appropriated by the Legislature to the department.

From and after July 1, 2016, the expenses of this agency shall be defrayed by appropriation from the State General Fund and all user charges and fees authorized under this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund as authorized by law.

From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent or other charge for services or resources received by authority of this section.

SECTION 14. Section 77-7-335, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 77-7-335. (1) All division inspectors on duty shall wear uniforms, shall have the right to bear arms, and shall have the authority to make arrests and hold and impound any vehicle and the contents thereof which is being operated in violation of this chapter or the commission's or the department's rules, regulations or general orders promulgated thereunder.

(2) All inspectors shall have the authority to enforce all of the laws, rules and regulations of the commission and the department under this chapter upon all highways in the state and the rights-of-way of such highways and other properties as defined in Section 77-7-261; except that if any person commits an offense in violation of this chapter or the rules and regulations of *** the commission or the department upon a highway in the state and be pursued by *** an enforcement officer or inspector of the *** division, such *** enforcement officer or inspector may pursue and apprehend such offender upon any of the highways in this state, or to any other place to which such offender may flee.

(3) All inspectors shall have the authority to aid and assist any law enforcement officer whose life or safety is in jeopardy and may arrest without warrant any fugitive from justice who has escaped or who is using the highways in the state in an attempt to flee. *** Inspectors of the *** division may assist other law enforcement agencies in searching for convicted felons who have escaped or for alleged felons where there is probable cause to believe that the person being sought committed the felony and a felony had actually been committed.

(4) Upon request of *** a sheriff of any county or the chief of police of any community *** , all division inspectors have the authority to assist in traffic control during time of natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornados or floods.

SECTION 15. Section 77-7-337, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 77-7-337. The *** division is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase all necessary equipment to enforce the provisions of this chapter ***.

From and after July 1, 2016, the expenses of this agency shall be defrayed by appropriation from the State General Fund and all user charges and fees authorized under this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund as authorized by law.

From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent or other charge for services or resources received by authority of this section.

SECTION 16. Section 77-7-339, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 77-7-339. The *** reasonable and necessary expenses of *** the administration of the duties imposed on the commission by this chapter, shall be paid out of the special fund in the State Treasury designated as the commission's regulation fund, upon requisition and warrants in the same manner provided by law for the disbursements of appropriations for the commission. An itemized account shall be kept of all receipts and expenditures and shall be reported to the Legislature by the commission.

From and after July 1, 2016, the expenses of this agency shall be defrayed by appropriation from the State General Fund and all user charges and fees authorized under this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund as authorized by law.

From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent or other charge for services or resources received by authority of this section.

SECTION 17. Section 77-7-341, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 77-7-341. For the purpose of administering *** the provisions of this chapter, the commission *** is directed to cooperate with and use the services of the *** enforcement officers and inspectors of the *** department, and the commission shall utilize the facilities and equipment of the inspection stations maintained by the *** division. However, in utilizing these personnel and facilities, the commission shall not interfere with or impede the performance by the personnel of the duties and responsibilities otherwise assigned to them.

SECTION 18. Section 45-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 45-3-21. (1) The powers and duties of the Highway Safety Patrol shall be, in addition to all others prescribed by law, as follows:

(a) To enforce all of the traffic laws, rules and regulations of the State of Mississippi upon all highways of the state highway system and the rights-of-way of such highways; provided, however, that if any person commits an offense upon the state highway system and be pursued by a member of the Highway Safety Patrol, such patrol officer may pursue and apprehend such offender upon any of the highways or public roads of this state, or to any other place to which such offender may flee.

(b) To enforce all rules and regulations of the commissioner promulgated pursuant to legal authority.

(c) When so directed by the Governor, to enforce any of the laws of this state upon any of the highways or public roads thereof.

(d) Upon the request of the * * * Department of Revenue, and with the approval of the Governor, to enforce all of the provisions of law with reference to the registration, license and taxation of vehicles using the highways of this state, and relative to the sizes, weights and load limits of such vehicles, and to enforce the provisions of all other laws administered by the * * * Department of Revenue upon any of the highways or public roads of this state; and for such purpose the Highway Safety Patrol shall have the authority to collect and receive all taxes which may be due under any of such laws, and to report and remit same to the * * * Department of Revenue in the manner required by law, or the rules and regulations of the * * * Department of Revenue.

(e) * * * Upon request of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division within the Department of Public Safety, and when so instructed by the commissioner, to enforce * * * the Mississippi Motor Carrier Regulatory Law of 1938 and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(f) To arrest without warrant any person or persons committing or attempting to commit any misdemeanor, felony or breach of the peace within their presence or view, and to pursue and so arrest any person committing such an offense to and at any place in the State of Mississippi where he may go or be. Nothing herein shall be construed as granting the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol general police powers.

(g) To aid and assist any law enforcement officer whose life or safety is in jeopardy. Additionally, officers of the Highway Safety Patrol may arrest without warrant any fugitive from justice who has escaped or who is using the highways of the state in an attempt to flee. With the approval of the commissioner or his designee, officers of the Highway Safety Patrol may assist other law enforcement agencies in manhunts for convicted felons who have escaped and/or for alleged felons where there is probable cause to believe that the person being sought committed the felony and a felony had actually been committed.

(h) To cooperate with the State Forest Service by reporting all forest fires.

(i) Upon request of the sheriff or his designee, or board of supervisors of any county or the chief of police or mayor of any municipality, and when so instructed by the commissioner or his designee, to respond to calls for assistance in a law enforcement incident; such request and action shall be noted and clearly reflected on the radio logs of both the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol district substation and that of the requesting agency, entered on the local NCIC terminal, if available, and a request in writing shall follow within forty-eight (48) hours. Additionally, the time of commencement and termination of the specific law enforcement incident shall be clearly noted on the radio logs of both law enforcement agencies.

(2) The Legislature declares that the primary law enforcement officer in any county in the State of Mississippi is the duly qualified and elected sheriff thereof, but for the purposes of this subsection there is hereby vested in the Department of Public Safety, in addition to the powers hereinabove mentioned and the other provisions of this section under the terms and limitations hereinafter mentioned and for the purpose of insuring domestic tranquility and for the purpose of preventing or suppressing, or both, crimes of violence, acts and conduct calculated to, or which may, provoke or lead to violence and/or incite riots, mobs, mob violence, a breach of the peace, and acts of intimidation or terror, the powers and duties to include the enforcement of all the laws of the State of Mississippi relating to such purposes, to investigate any violation of the laws of the State of Mississippi and to aid in the arrest and prosecution of persons charged with violating the laws of the State of Mississippi which relate to such purposes. Investigators of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Public Safety shall have general police powers to enforce all the laws of the State of Mississippi. All officers of the Department of Public Safety charged with the enforcement of the laws administered by that agency, for the purposes herein set forth, shall have full power to investigate, prevent, apprehend and arrest law violators anywhere in the state, and shall be vested with the power of general police officers in the performance of their duties. The officers of the Department of Public

Safety are authorized and empowered to carry and use firearms and other weapons deemed necessary in the discharge of their duties as such and are also empowered to serve warrants and subpoenas issued under the authority of the State of Mississippi. The Governor shall be authorized to offer and pay suitable rewards to persons aiding in the investigation, apprehension and conviction of persons charged with acts of violence, or threats of violence or intimidation or acts of terrorism. The additional powers herein granted to or vested in the Department of Public Safety or any of its officers or employees by this section, excepting investigating powers, and those powers of investigators who shall have general police power, being the investigators in the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Public Safety, shall not be exercised by the Department of Public Safety, or any of its officers or employees, except upon authority and direction of the Governor or Acting Governor, by proclamation duly signed, in the following instances, to wit:

(a) When requested by the sheriff or board of supervisors of any county or the mayor of any municipality on the grounds that mob violence, crimes of violence, acts and conduct of terrorism, riots or acts of intimidation, or either, calculated to or which may provoke violence or incite riots, mobs, mob violence, violence, or lead to any breach of the peace, or either, and acts of intimidation or terror are anticipated, and when such acts or conduct in the opinion of the Governor or Acting Governor would provoke violence or any of the foregoing acts or conduct set out in this subsection, and the sheriff or mayor, as the case may be, lacks adequate police force to prevent or suppress the same.

(b) Acting upon evidence submitted to him by the Department of Public Safety, or other investigating agency authorized by the Governor or Acting Governor to make such investigations, because of the failure or refusal of the sheriff of any county or mayor of any municipality to take action or employ such means at his disposal, to prevent or suppress the acts, conduct or offenses provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Governor or Acting Governor deems it necessary to invoke the powers and authority vested in the Department of Public Safety.

(c) The Governor or Acting Governor is hereby authorized and empowered to issue his proclamation invoking the powers and authority vested by this paragraph, as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, and when the Governor or Acting Governor issues said proclamation in accordance herewith, said proclamation shall become effective upon the signing thereof and shall continue in full force and effect for a period of ninety (90) days, or for a shorter period if otherwise ordered by the Governor or Acting Governor. At the signing of the proclamation by the Governor or Acting Governor, the Department of Public Safety and its officers and employees shall thereupon be authorized to exercise the additional power and authority vested in them by this paragraph. The Governor and Acting Governor may issue additional proclamations for periods of ninety (90) days each under the authority of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection (2).

(3) All proclamations issued by the Governor or Acting Governor shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on the next succeeding business day.

(4) It is not the intention of this section to vest the wide powers and authority herein provided for, as general powers of the Department of Public Safety, and the same are not hereby so vested, but to limit these general powers to cases and incidents wherein it is deemed necessary to prevent or suppress the offenses and conditions herein mentioned in this and other subsections of this section, and under the terms and conditions hereinabove enumerated, it being the sense of the Legislature that the prime duties of the Department of Public Safety are to patrol the highways of this state and enforce the highway safety laws.

(5) Patrol officers shall have no interest in any costs in the prosecution of any case through any court; nor shall any patrol officer receive any fee as a witness in any court held in this state, whether a state or federal court.

(6) Provided, however, that the general police power vested by virtue of the terms of subsection (2) of this section is solely for the purposes set out in said subsection.

SECTION 19. Section 27-19-89, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Through June 30, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

27-19-89. (a) If any nonresident owner or operator or other nonresident person eligible for a temporary permit as provided in Section 27-19-79, who has not elected to register and pay the annual privilege taxes prescribed, shall enter or go upon the public highways of the state and shall fail or refuse to obtain the permit required by Section 27-19-79, such person shall be liable, for the first such offense, for the full amount of the permit fee required, plus a penalty thereon of five hundred percent (500%). For the second and all subsequent offenses, such person who fails or refuses to obtain such permits shall be liable for the pro rata part of the annual tax for the balance of the tag year for the maximum legal gross weight of the vehicle plus a penalty thereon of twenty-five percent (25%). Any weight in excess of the maximum legal gross weight of the vehicle, or in excess of the maximum highway weight limit, shall be penalized according to subsection (c) of this section. In either case the excess weight shall be removed by the operator before the vehicle can be allowed to proceed. In order to constitute a "second or subsequent offense" under the provisions hereof, it shall not be necessary that the same or identical vehicle be involved, it being the declared purpose hereof to provide that such penalties shall run against the owner or operator rather than against the specified vehicle. It is further provided that, in order for such owner or operator to become liable for the penalties herein provided, it shall not be necessary to show that such owner or operator was guilty of willfulness, gross negligence or wantonness, but the offense shall be complete upon the failure or refusal to obtain the required permit.

(b) If any person who has registered his vehicle in Mississippi shall operate such vehicle upon the public highways, having a gross weight greater than the licensed gross weight of such vehicle, and shall fail or refuse to obtain a permit therefor as required by Section 27-19-79, or if any person shall operate any such registered vehicle upon the public highways in a higher classification than that for which it is registered, and shall fail or refuse to obtain a permit therefor as required by Section 27-19-79, then such person shall be liable for the pro rata part of the annual tax for the balance of the tag year for the legal gross weight of such vehicle and in the classification in which same is being operated, plus a penalty thereon of twenty-five percent (25%), after having been given credit for the unexpired part of the privilege tax paid, as provided in Section 27-19-75. In order that such owner or operator shall become liable for the penalties herein provided, it shall not be necessary to show that such owner or operator was guilty of willfulness, gross negligence or wantonness, but the offense shall be complete upon the failure or refusal to obtain the required permit.

(c) If any person shall operate upon a highway of this state a vehicle which has a greater vehicle gross weight than the maximum gross weight limit established by law for that highway and shall have failed to obtain an overload permit as required by Section 27-19-81, or if any person shall operate a vehicle with a greater load on any axle or axle grouping than allowed by law, then such person, owner or operator shall be assessed a penalty on such axle load weight or vehicle gross weight as exceeds the legal limit in accordance with the following schedule:

AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF LEGAL HIGHWAY WEIGHT LIMITS IN POUNDS		PENALTY
1 to 999		\$10.00 minimum penalty
1,000 to 1,999		1¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
2,000 to 2,999		2¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
3,000 to 3,999		3¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
4,000 to 4,999		4¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
5,000 to 5,999		5¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
6,000 to 6,999		6¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
7,000 to 7,999		7¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
8,000 to 8,999		8¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
9,000 to 9,999		9¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
10,000 to 10,999	10¢ per pound in excess of legal limit	
11,000 or more		11¢ per pound in excess of legal limit

Any vehicle in violation of the tolerance allowed pursuant to Section 63-5-33(3) shall be fined pursuant to this subsection (c) for all weight in excess of the legal highway gross weight limit authorized for such vehicle or for all weight in excess of the legal tandem

axle load weight limit of forty thousand (40,000) pounds and the legal single axle load limit of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds, whichever the case may be.

The penalty to be assessed for operations of a vehicle with a greater load on any axle or axle grouping than the legal axle load weight limits shall be one-half (1/2) the penalty for operation in excess of the legal gross weight limit.

In instances where both the legal highway gross weight limit and the legal axle load weight limit(s) are exceeded, the fine that shall be levied shall be either the penalty amount for the excess vehicle gross weight or the total of the penalty amounts of all overloaded axles, whichever is the larger amount.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, the fine assessed against the holder of a harvest permit for exceeding a gross vehicle weight of eighty-four thousand (84,000) pounds, but not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of ninety thousand (90,000) pounds, shall be Five Cents (5¢) per pound * * *. The fine for exceeding a gross vehicle weight of ninety thousand (90,000) pounds, but not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds, shall be One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). The fine for exceeding a gross vehicle weight of one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for a first violation during any twelve-month period and Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for a second violation during any twelve-month period. Any subsequent violation of exceeding a gross vehicle weight of one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds during any twelve-month period shall result in the suspension of the permit holder's harvest permit for thirty (30) days from the date of violation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection (c) to the contrary, upon an appeal to the Appeals Board of the * * * Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety by an owner or operator of a vehicle hauling without a harvest permit any of the products or materials described in subsection (3) of Section 63-5-33 and upon whom a penalty has been assessed under this subsection (c) for exceeding the legal weight limit(s) on a highway having a legal weight limit of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds or less, the appeals board shall reduce the penalty assessed against such owner/operator to an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount which would otherwise be due without the reduction authorized under this paragraph. A reduction shall not be authorized under this paragraph if the gross weight of the vehicle for which an owner/operator has been charged with a violation of this section exceeds eighty-four thousand (84,000) pounds; and, in any event, no reduction shall be authorized under this paragraph unless a penalty assessed under this section is appealed to the appeals board and unless the board determines, based upon its records, that such owner/operator has not been granted a penalty reduction under this paragraph within a period of twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of filing an appeal with the board for a penalty reduction under this paragraph.

(d) If any nonresident owner or operator who has not registered his vehicle and paid the annual privilege taxes prescribed shall operate his vehicle upon the highways of this state when such vehicle has a greater gross weight than permitted by law for the highway traveled upon, and for which such excess gross weight a permit was not or could not be procured from the transportation department as required by Section 27-19-81, such person shall be liable upon his second and all subsequent offenses for the pro rata part of the annual tax for the balance of the tag year for the legal gross weight of the vehicle, and in addition thereto the penalty fee on the excess weight as specified in subsection (c) of this section. In order that such owner or operator shall become liable for the penalties herein provided, it shall not be necessary that the same or identical vehicle be involved, it being the declared purpose hereof to provide that such penalties shall run against the owner or operator rather than against the specific vehicle.

(e) All fines and penalties imposed and collected by the Mississippi Department of * * * Public Safety for violations of the maximum legal vehicle weight limits authorized on the highways of this state shall be deposited into a special fund that is created in the State Treasury. Monies in the fund shall be allocated and distributed quarterly, beginning September 30, 1994, to each county of the state based on the amount of such fines and penalties imposed and collected in the county during the immediately preceding three (3) months. Monies distributed to the counties under this subsection shall be deposited in

each county's road and bridge fund and may be expended, upon approval of the board of supervisors, for any purpose for which county road and bridge fund monies lawfully may be expended.

[From and after July 1, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

27-19-89. (a) If any nonresident owner or operator or other nonresident person eligible for a temporary permit as provided in Section 27-19-79, who has not elected to register and pay the annual privilege taxes prescribed, shall enter or go upon the public highways of the state and shall fail or refuse to obtain the permit required by Section 27-19-79, such person shall be liable, for the first such offense, for the full amount of the permit fee required, plus a penalty thereon of five hundred percent (500%). For the second and all subsequent offenses, such person who fails or refuses to obtain such permits shall be liable for the pro rata part of the annual tax for the balance of the tag year for the maximum legal gross weight of the vehicle plus a penalty thereon of twenty-five percent (25%). Any weight in excess of the maximum legal gross weight of the vehicle, or in excess of the maximum highway weight limit, shall be penalized according to subsection (c) of this section. In either case the excess weight shall be removed by the operator before the vehicle can be allowed to proceed. In order to constitute a "second or subsequent offense" under the provisions hereof, it shall not be necessary that the same or identical vehicle be involved, it being the declared purpose hereof to provide that such penalties shall run against the owner or operator rather than against the specified vehicle. It is further provided that, in order for such owner or operator to become liable for the penalties herein provided, it shall not be necessary to show that such owner or operator was guilty of willfulness, gross negligence or wantonness, but the offense shall be complete upon the failure or refusal to obtain the required permit.

(b) If any person who has registered his vehicle in Mississippi shall operate such vehicle upon the public highways, having a gross weight greater than the licensed gross weight of such vehicle, and shall fail or refuse to obtain a permit therefor as required by Section 27-19-79, or if any person shall operate any such registered vehicle upon the public highways in a higher classification than that for which it is registered, and shall fail or refuse to obtain a permit therefor as required by Section 27-19-79, then such person shall be liable for the pro rata part of the annual tax for the balance of the tag year for the legal gross weight of such vehicle and in the classification in which same is being operated, plus a penalty thereon of twenty-five percent (25%), after having been given credit for the unexpired part of the privilege tax paid, as provided in Section 27-19-75. In order that such owner or operator shall become liable for the penalties herein provided, it shall not be necessary to show that such owner or operator was guilty of willfulness, gross negligence or wantonness, but the offense shall be complete upon the failure or refusal to obtain the required permit.

(c) If any person shall operate upon a highway of this state a vehicle which has a greater vehicle gross weight than the maximum gross weight limit established by law for that highway and shall have failed to obtain an overload permit as required by Section 27-19-81, or if any person shall operate a vehicle with a greater load on any axle or axle grouping than allowed by law, then such person, owner or operator shall be assessed a penalty on such axle load weight or vehicle gross weight as exceeds the legal limit in accordance with the following schedule:

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4,000 to 4,999		4¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
5,000 to 5,999		5¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
6,000 to 6,999		6¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
7,000 to 7,999		7¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
8,000 to 8,999		8¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
9,000 to 9,999		9¢ per pound in excess of legal limit
10,000 to 10,999	10¢ per pound in excess of legal limit	

11,000 or more 11¢ per pound in excess of legal limit

Any vehicle in violation of the tolerance allowed pursuant to Section 63-5-33(3) shall be fined pursuant to this subsection (c) for all weight in excess of the legal highway gross weight limit authorized for such vehicle or for all weight in excess of the legal tandem axle load weight limit of forty thousand (40,000) pounds and the legal single axle load limit of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds, whichever the case may be.

The penalty to be assessed for operations of a vehicle with a greater load on any axle or axle grouping than the legal axle load weight limits shall be one-half (1/2) the penalty for operation in excess of the legal gross weight limit.

In instances where both the legal highway gross weight limit and the legal axle load weight limit(s) are exceeded, the fine that shall be levied shall be either the penalty amount for the excess vehicle gross weight or the total of the penalty amounts of all overloaded axles, whichever is the larger amount.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, the fine assessed against the holder of a harvest permit for exceeding a gross vehicle weight of * * * eighty-eight thousand (88,000) pounds * * * shall be broken down as follows:

WEIGHT IN POUNDS	PENALTY
88,001 to 89,999	5¢ per pound
90,000 to 90,999	\$ 500.00
91,000 to 91,999	\$1,000.00
92,000 to 100,000	\$1,500.00

For a weight of over one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds, the penalty shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for a first violation within any twelve-month period, Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for a second violation within any twelve-month period, and the loss of the harvest permit for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the violation for a third violation within any twelve-month period.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection (c) to the contrary, upon an appeal to the Appeals Board of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety, by an owner or operator of a vehicle hauling without a harvest permit any of the products or materials described in subsection (3) of Section 63-5-33 and upon whom a penalty has been assessed under this subsection (c) for exceeding the legal weight limit(s) on a highway having a legal weight limit of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds or less, the appeals board shall reduce the penalty assessed against such owner/operator to an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount which would otherwise be due without the reduction authorized under this paragraph. A reduction shall not be authorized under this paragraph if the gross weight of the vehicle for which an owner/operator has been charged with a violation of this section exceeds * * * eighty-eight thousand (88,000) pounds; and, in any event, no reduction shall be authorized under this paragraph unless a penalty assessed under this section is appealed to the appeals board and unless the board determines, based upon its records, that such owner/operator has not been granted a penalty reduction under this paragraph within a period of twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of filing an appeal with the board for a penalty reduction under this paragraph.

(d) If any nonresident owner or operator who has not registered his vehicle and paid the annual privilege taxes prescribed shall operate his vehicle upon the highways of this state when such vehicle has a greater gross weight than permitted by law for the highway traveled upon, and for which such excess gross weight a permit was not or could not be procured from the transportation department as required by Section 27-19-81, such person shall be liable upon his second and all subsequent offenses for the pro rata part of the annual tax for the balance of the tag year for the legal gross weight of the vehicle, and in addition thereto the penalty fee on the excess weight as specified in subsection (c) of this section. In order that such owner or operator shall become liable for the penalties herein provided, it shall not be necessary that the same or identical vehicle be involved, it being the declared purpose hereof to provide that such penalties shall run against the owner or operator rather than against the specific vehicle.

(e) All fines and penalties imposed and collected by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, for violations of the maximum legal vehicle weight limits authorized on the highways of this state shall be deposited into a special fund that is created in the State Treasury. Monies in the fund shall be allocated and distributed quarterly, beginning

September 30, 1994, to each county of the state based on the amount of such fines and penalties imposed and collected in the county during the immediately preceding three (3) months. Monies distributed to the counties under this subsection shall be deposited in each county's road and bridge fund and may be expended, upon approval of the board of supervisors, for any purpose for which county road and bridge fund monies lawfully may be expended.

SECTION 20. Section 19-11-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-11-27. No board of supervisors of any county shall expend from, or contract an obligation against, the budget estimates for road and bridge construction, maintenance and equipment, made and published by it during the last year of the term of office of such board, between the first day of October and the first day of the following January, a sum exceeding one-fourth (1/4) of such item of the budget made and published by it, except in cases of emergency. The clerk of any county is prohibited from issuing any warrant contrary to the provisions of this section. No board of supervisors nor any member thereof shall buy any machinery or equipment in the last six (6) months of their or his term unless or until he has been elected at the general election of that year. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) until January 1, 2020, projects of any type that receive monies from the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program, the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund, the 2018 Transportation and Infrastructure Improvement Fund or the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund and (ii) to expenditures during calendar year 2019 on deficient bridges in the State Aid Road System or the Local System Road Program that have a sufficiency rating of less than fifty (50) or to a contract, lease or lease-purchase contract executed pursuant to the bidding requirements in Section 31-7-13 and approved by a unanimous vote of the board. Such unanimous vote shall include a statement indicating the board's proclamation that the award of the contract is essential to the efficiency and economy of the operation of the county government. On and after July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, the provisions of this section shall not apply to projects of any type that receive monies from the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund.

SECTION 21. Section 63-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-5-33. (1) Subject to the limitations imposed on wheel and axle loads by Section 63-5-27, and to the further limitations hereinafter specified, the total combined weight (vehicles plus load) on any group of axles of a vehicle or a combination of vehicles shall not exceed the value given in the following table (Table III) corresponding to the distance in feet between the extreme axles of the group, measured longitudinally to the nearest foot, on those highways or parts of highways designated by the Mississippi Transportation Commission as being capable of carrying the maximum load limits and, in addition thereto, such other highways or parts of highways found by the commission to be suitable to carry the maximum load limits from an engineering standpoint, and so designated as such by order of the commission entered upon its minutes and published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a daily newspaper published in this state and having a general circulation therein. The maximum total combined weight carried on any group of two (2) or more consecutive axles shall be determined by the formula contained in the Federal Weight Law enacted January 4, 1975, as follows: $W=500(L/N-1+12N+36)$ where W=maximum weight in pounds carried on any group of two (2) or more axles computed to the nearest five hundred (500) pounds, L=distance in feet between the extremes of any group of two (2) or more consecutive axles, and N=number of axles in any group under consideration.

TABLE III

DISTANCE IN FEET BETWEEN THE EXTREMES OF ANY GROUP OF 2 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE AXLES	MAXIMUM LOAD IN POUNDS CARRIED ON ANY GROUP OF 2 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE AXLES
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	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles
4	34,000					
5	34,000					
6	34,000					
7	34,000					
8 and						
less 34,000	34,000	these spacings				
More						
than						
8	38,000	42,000				
9	39,000	42,500				
10	40,000	43,500	impractical			
11			44,000			
12			45,000	50,000		
13			45,500	50,500		
14			46,500	51,500		
15			47,000	52,000		
16			48,000	52,500	58,000	
17			48,500	53,500	58,500	
18			49,500	54,000	59,000	
19			50,000	54,500	60,000	
20			51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
21			51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
22			52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
23			53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
24			54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500 74,000
25			54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000 74,500
26			55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500 75,000
27			56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000 75,500
28			57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000 76,500
29			57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500 77,000
30			58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000 77,500
31			59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500 78,000
32			60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000 78,500
33					64,000	68,500 74,000 79,000
34					64,500	69,000 74,500 80,000
35					65,500	70,000 75,000 80,000
36					66,000	70,500 75,500 80,000
37					66,500	71,000 76,000 80,000
38					67,500	71,500 77,000 80,000
39					68,000	72,500 77,500 80,000
40					68,500	73,000 78,000 80,000
41					69,500	73,500 78,500 80,000
42					70,000	74,000 79,000 80,000
43					70,500	75,000 80,000 80,000
44					71,500	75,500 80,000 80,000
45					72,000	76,000 80,000 80,000
46					72,500	76,500 80,000 80,000
47					73,500	77,500 80,000 80,000
48					74,000	78,000 80,000 80,000
49					74,500	78,500 80,000 80,000
50					75,500	79,000 80,000 80,000
51					76,000	80,000 80,000 80,000
52					76,500	80,000 80,000 80,000
53					77,500	80,000 80,000 80,000
54					78,000	80,000 80,000 80,000
55					78,500	80,000 80,000 80,000
56					79,500	80,000 80,000 80,000
57					80,000	80,000 80,000 80,000

(2) Moreover, in addition to the per axle weight limitations specified by Section 63-5-27, two (2) consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds each, providing that the overall distance between the first and last axles of such consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-six (36) feet or more, except that, until September 1, 1989, the axle distance for tank trailers, dump trailers and ocean transport container haulers may be thirty (30) feet or more. Such overall gross weight may not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds, except as provided by this section.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 63-5-27 and/or Section 63-5-29 to the contrary, vehicles hauling products in the manner set forth in this subsection, whether or not such vehicles are operating with a harvest permit, shall be allowed a gross weight of not to exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds on any tandem. Vehicles operating without a harvest permit shall be allowed a tolerance not to exceed five percent (5%) above their authorized gross vehicle weight, tandem or axle weight; except that the maximum gross vehicle weight of any such vehicle shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds plus a tolerance thereon of not more than two percent (2%). Vehicles operating without a harvest permit loading at a point of origin having scales available for weighing the vehicle shall not be eligible for any tolerance over the gross weight limit of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. Vehicles operating with a harvest permit shall be allowed a tolerance not to exceed ten percent (10%) above their authorized gross vehicle weight, tandem or axle weight, but the maximum gross vehicle weight of any such vehicle shall not exceed * * * eighty-eight thousand (88,000) pounds. However, neither the increased weights in this subsection nor any tolerance shall be allowed on federal interstate highways or on other highways where a tolerance is specifically prohibited by the Transportation Commission, the county board of supervisors or the municipal governing authorities as provided for in Section 63-5-27. The tolerance allowed by this subsection shall only apply to the operation of vehicles from the point of loading to the point of unloading for processing, and to the operation of vehicles hauling sand, gravel, woodchips, wood shavings, sawdust, fill dirt, and agricultural products, and products for recycling or materials for the construction or repair of highways. The range of such operation shall not exceed a radius of one hundred (100) miles except where the products are being transported for processing within this state.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 63-5-27 and/or Section 63-5-29 to the contrary, vehicles hauling prepackaged products, unloaded at a state port or to be loaded at a state port, which are containerized in such a manner as to make subdivision thereof impractical shall be allowed a gross weight of not to exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds on any tandem, and a tolerance not to exceed ten percent (10%) above their authorized gross weight, tandem or axle weight; except that the maximum weight of any vehicle shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds plus a tolerance thereon of not more than two percent (2%); however, neither the increased weights in this subsection nor any tolerance shall be allowed on federal interstate highways or on other highways where a tolerance is specifically prohibited by the Transportation Commission, the county board of supervisors or the municipal governing authorities as provided for in Section 63-5-27.

(5) (a) Vehicles for which a harvest permit has been issued pursuant to Section 27-19-81(4) shall be allowed a gross vehicle weight tolerance of ten percent (10%), not to exceed * * * eighty-eight thousand (88,000) pounds. However, the board of supervisors of any county and the governing authorities of any municipality may designate the roads, streets and highways under their respective jurisdiction on and along which vehicles for which a harvest permit has been issued may travel. This subsection shall not apply to the federal interstate system.

(b) Any owner or operator who has been issued a harvest permit and who wishes to operate a vehicle on the roads, streets or highways under the jurisdiction of a county or municipality at a gross vehicle weight greater than the weight allowed by law or greater than the maximum weight established for such roads, streets or highways by the board of supervisors or municipal governing authorities, shall notify, in writing, the board of supervisors or the governing authorities, as the case may be, before operating such vehicle on the roads, streets or highways of such county or municipality. In his notice, the permit holder shall identify the routes over which he intends to operate vehicles for which the permit has been issued and the dates or time period during which he will be

operating such vehicles. The board of supervisors or the governing authorities, as the case may be, shall have two (2) working days to respond in writing to the permit holder to notify the permit holder of the routes on and along which the permit holder may operate vehicles for which a harvest permit has been issued. Failure of the board of supervisors or the governing authorities timely to notify the permit holder and to designate the routes on and along which the permit holder may operate shall be considered as authorizing the permit holder to operate on any of the roads, streets or highways of the county or municipality in accordance with the authority granted to the permit holder by the harvest permit.

(c) Any time a timber deed is filed with the chancery clerk, the grantee, at that time, may make a written request of the board of supervisors of the county or the governing authorities of the municipality, as the case may be, for the purpose of providing to the grantee, within three (3) working days of the filing of the request, a designated and approved route over the roads, streets or highways under the jurisdiction of the county or city, as the case may be, that the grantee may travel for the purpose of transporting harvested timber. Upon providing such route designation, the county or city, as the case may be, shall also provide to the grantee a map designating the approved route. An approved route designation provided to a grantee under the provisions of this paragraph shall be valid for a period of six (6) months from its date of issue. The permit authorized to be issued under paragraph (b) of this subsection shall not be required for any person who obtains a permit issued under this paragraph.

(d) This subsection (5) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2022.

(6) Nothing in this section or subsections (1) through (4) of Section 63-5-27 shall be construed to deny the operation of any vehicle or combination of vehicles that could be lawfully operated upon the interstate highway system of this state on January 4, 1975.

(7) (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of Section 63-5-27 to the contrary, a vehicle that is operated by an engine fueled primarily by compressed or liquefied natural gas may exceed the gross vehicle weight limits by an amount, not to exceed a maximum of two thousand (2,000) pounds, that is equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by the vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system.

(b) The weight exception provided in this subsection shall apply to all interstate highways per the exemption expressly permitted by 23 USC Section 127.

SECTION 22. Section 65-1-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Through June 30, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

65-1-46. (1) There is created an Appeals Board of the Mississippi Transportation Commission. If any person feels aggrieved by a penalty for excess weight assessed against him by an agent or employee of the Mississippi Department of Transportation pursuant to Section 27-19-89, he may apply to the appeals board. Beginning July 1, 2021, the Appeals Board shall be administratively located within the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and shall receive appeals with respect to penalties for excess weight assessed by agents or employees of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division.

(2) The members serving on the appeals board on April 7, 1995, shall continue to serve until July 1, 1995. On July 1, 1995, the appeals board shall be reconstituted to be composed of five (5) qualified people. The initial appointments to the reconstituted board shall be made no later than June 30, 1995, for terms to begin July 1, 1995, as follows: One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor for a term ending on June 30, 1996, one (1) member shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor for a term ending on June 30, 1997, one (1) member shall be appointed by the Attorney General for a term ending on June 30, 1998, one (1) member shall be appointed by the Chairman of the State Tax Commission for a term ending on June 30, 1999, and one (1) member shall be appointed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation for a term ending on June 30, 2000. After the expiration of the initial terms of the members of the reconstituted board, all subsequent appointments shall be made for terms of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. Any member serving on the

appeals board before July 1, 1995, may be reappointed to the reconstituted appeals board. Appointments to the board shall be with the advice and consent of the Senate; however, the advice and consent of the Senate shall not be required for the appointment of a person to the reconstituted appeals board for a term beginning on July 1, 1995, if such person was serving as a member of the appeals board on June 30, 1995, and such person received the advice and consent of the Senate for that appointment. The term of the member appointed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall end on June 30, 2021, and the vacancy shall be filled by a member appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety for a term ending on June 30, 2024, after which the position shall be for a four-year term.

(3) There shall be a chairman and vice chairman of the board who shall be elected by and from the membership of the board. Any member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the board shall be subject to removal by a majority vote of the board. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. The chairman, or a majority of the members of the board, may call meetings as may be required for the proper discharge of the board's duties. Members of the board, except a member who is an officer or employee of the Mississippi Department of Transportation or, beginning July 1, 2021, is an officer or employee of the Department of Public Safety, shall receive per diem in the amount authorized by Section 25-3-69, for each day spent in the actual discharge of their duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-3-41.

Application shall be made by petition in writing, within thirty (30) days after assessment of the penalty, for a hearing and a review of the amount of the assessment. At the hearing the appeals board shall try the issues presented according to the law and the facts and within guidelines set by the Transportation Commission or, beginning July 1, 2021, by the Department of Public Safety. Upon due consideration of all the facts relating to the assessment of the penalty, the appeals board, except as otherwise provided under this section or under Section 27-19-89, may require payment of the full amount of the assessment, may reduce the amount of the assessment or may dismiss imposition of the penalty entirely. The appeals board shall dismiss in its entirety the imposition of any penalty imposed against the holder of a harvest permit if the permittee proves to the appeals board, by clear and convincing evidence, that the average load transported by the permittee during the permittee's last five (5) haul days immediately preceding the day upon which the penalty appealed from was assessed did not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. The appeals board shall reduce the penalty assessed against the holder of a harvest permit to a maximum of Two Cents (2¢) per pound of overweight if the permittee proves to the appeals board, by clear and convincing evidence, that the average load transported by the permittee during the permittee's last five (5) haul days immediately preceding the day upon which the penalty appealed from was assessed exceeded seventy-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (79,999) pounds but did not exceed eighty-four thousand (84,000) pounds. The board shall make such orders in the matter as appear to it just and lawful and shall furnish copies thereof to the petitioner. If the appeals board orders the payment of the penalty, the petitioner shall pay the penalty, damages and interest, if any, within ten (10) days after the order is issued unless there is an application for appeal from the decision of the board as provided in the succeeding paragraph. Interest shall accrue on the penalty at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, or part of a month, beginning immediately after the expiration of the ten-day period.

If any person feels aggrieved by the decision of the appeals board, he may appeal the decision to the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County.

[From and after July 1, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

65-1-46. (1) There is created an Appeals Board of the Mississippi Transportation Commission. If any person feels aggrieved by a penalty for excess weight assessed against him by an agent or employee of the Mississippi Department of Transportation pursuant to Section 27-19-89, he may apply to the appeals board. Beginning July 1, 2021, the Appeals Board shall be administratively located within the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and shall receive appeals with respect to penalties for excess weight assessed by agents or employees of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division.

(2) The members serving on the appeals board on April 7, 1995, shall continue to serve until July 1, 1995. On July 1, 1995, the appeals board shall be reconstituted to be composed of five (5) qualified people. The initial appointments to the reconstituted board shall be made no later than June 30, 1995, for terms to begin July 1, 1995, as follows: One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor for a term ending on June 30, 1996, one (1) member shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor for a term ending on June 30, 1997, one (1) member shall be appointed by the Attorney General for a term ending on June 30, 1998, one (1) member shall be appointed by the Chairman of the State Tax Commission for a term ending on June 30, 1999, and one (1) member shall be appointed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation for a term ending on June 30, 2000. After the expiration of the initial terms of the members of the reconstituted board, all subsequent appointments shall be made for terms of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. Any member serving on the appeals board before July 1, 1995, may be reappointed to the reconstituted appeals board. Appointments to the board shall be with the advice and consent of the Senate; however, the advice and consent of the Senate shall not be required for the appointment of a person to the reconstituted appeals board for a term beginning on July 1, 1995, if such person was serving as a member of the appeals board on June 30, 1995, and such person received the advice and consent of the Senate for that appointment. The term of the member appointed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall end on June 30, 2021, and the vacancy shall be filled by a member appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety for a term ending on June 30, 2024, after which the position shall be for a four-year term.

(3) There shall be a chairman and vice chairman of the board who shall be elected by and from the membership of the board. Any member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the board shall be subject to removal by a majority vote of the board. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. The chairman, or a majority of the members of the board, may call meetings as may be required for the proper discharge of the board's duties. Members of the board, except a member who is an officer or employee of the Mississippi Department of Transportation or, beginning July 1, 2021, is an officer or employee of the Department of Public Safety, shall receive per diem in the amount authorized by Section 25-3-69, for each day spent in the actual discharge of their duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-3-41.

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the decision of the board as provided in the succeeding paragraph. Interest shall accrue on the penalty at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, or part of a month, beginning immediately after the expiration of the ten-day period.

If any person feels aggrieved by the decision of the appeals board, he may appeal the decision to the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County.

SECTION 23. (1) There is established the Harvest Permit Transportation Stewardship Council to advise the Legislature on policy and to make best practices recommendations to harvest permit holders and receiving facilities for the purpose of deterring overweight hauling and protecting the state's infrastructure system.

(2) The council shall meet annually with the chairs of the Senate Agriculture Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, the Senate Forestry Committee, the House Forestry Committee, the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee, and the House Transportation Committee. In addition, the council shall provide reports and testimony to the Legislature upon request, which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, baseline estimates of average weights hauled, content of commodities hauled, and estimated delivery period of the same.

(3) The council shall be composed of the following members:

- (a) The Lieutenant Governor, or his designee;
- (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee;
- (c) The Commissioner of Public Safety, or his designee;
- (d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation, or her designee;
- (e) The State Aid Engineer;
- (f) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, or his designee;
- (g) The President of the Mississippi Forestry Association, or his designee;
- (h) The President of the Mississippi Poultry Association, or his designee;
- (i) The President of the Mississippi Farm Bureau, or his designee;
- (j) The President of the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, or his designee;
- (k) The President of the Mississippi Loggers Association, or his designee;
- (l) The President of the Mississippi Feed and Grain Association, or his designee;
- (m) The Chairman of the Mississippi Trucking Association Board of Directors, or his designee;
- (n) The President of the Delta Council, or his designee;
- (o) The President of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or his designee;
- (p) The President of the Mississippi Municipal League, or his designee;
- (q) The Chairs of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee and of the House Transportation Committee; and
- (r) Two at-large members, one appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and one appointed by the Speaker of the House.

(4) Appointments to the council shall be made by August 1, 2021. At the first meeting, the council shall elect from among its membership a chairman, a vice chairman and any other officers determined to be necessary, and shall adopt rules for transacting business and keeping records.

(5) A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum. In the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, and in the election of a chairman, vice chairman and any other officers determined to be necessary, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be required.

(6) The Department of Public Safety shall provide the staff and other support necessary for the council to perform its duties.

(7) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any department, division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the state, or any political subdivision thereof,

shall, at the request of the chairman of the council, provide the facilities, assistance, information and data needed to enable the council to carry out its duties.

(8) The council shall be dissolved on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 24. On July 1, 2021, Eighty-nine Million Dollars (\$89,000,000.00) of Highway Infrastructure Program funds received by the state pursuant to the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 shall be transferred to the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund created in Section 65-1-179.

SECTION 25. Section 1 of this act shall be codified in Title 77, Chapter 7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 26. Section 21 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023, and the remaining sections of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO TRANSFER, ON JULY 1, 2021, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO THE MOTOR CARRIER REGULATORY LAW OF 1938 TO THE COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO CREATE THE DPS MOTOR CARRIER ENFORCEMENT FUND AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES FOR OFFICERS' SALARIES AND OTHER COSTS TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 77-7-7, 77-7-11, 77-7-13, 77-7-15, 77-7-16, 77-7-17, 77-7-21, 77-7-127, 77-7-311, 77-7-331, 77-7-333, 77-7-335, 77-7-337, 77-7-339, 77-7-341 AND 45-3-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-89, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADJUST THE PENALTIES FOR HARVEST PERMIT HOLDERS FOR WEIGHT LIMIT VIOLATIONS; TO CONFORM TO AN INCREASE IN THE WEIGHT TOLERANCE FOR HARVEST PERMITS, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, FROM 84,000 POUNDS TO 88,000 POUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 19-11-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT, FROM JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023, PROJECTS RECEIVING MONIES FROM THE EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR FUND FROM LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE LAST YEAR OF THE TERM OF A COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, THE MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT TOLERANCE, FROM 84,000 POUNDS TO 88,000 POUNDS, WHICH IS FROM 5% TO 10% OF THE AUTHORIZED 80,000 POUNDS, FOR A VEHICLE OPERATING UNDER A HARVEST PERMIT; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-46, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO TRANSFER THE APPEALS BOARD OF THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO THE COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO ESTABLISH THE HARVEST PERMIT TRANSPORTATION STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL TO ADVISE THE LEGISLATURE ON POLICY AND TO MAKE BEST PRACTICES RECOMMENDATIONS TO HARVEST PERMIT HOLDERS AND RECEIVING FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERRING OVERWEIGHT HAULING AND PROTECTING THE STATE'S INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL SHALL BE DISSOLVED ON JULY 1, 2023; TO TRANSFER \$89,000,000.00 OF HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE PURSUANT TO THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021 TO THE EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Mike Thompson, W. Briggs Hopson III

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Ronnie C. Crudup
(No signature)

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--87.

Nays--Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horne, Hudson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates. Total--33.

Absent or those not voting--Denton, Williams-Barnes. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Busby unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the conference report.

Representative Horan moved that the House table the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 928**: (Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.), which motion prevailed.

Representative Horan moved that the House table the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 747**: (Work release program; authorize pilot program to authorize sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail.), which motion prevailed.

Rep. Charles Busby requested a Point of Personal Privilege, which was granted.

At 10:13 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:40 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On request of Rep. Read, unanimous consent of the House was granted the following:

MEMORANDUM

To: Clerk of the House of Representatives
Secretary of the Senate

Re: FY 2022 Conference Reports – Unanimous Consent Requests

Date: March 31, 2021

It is requested that unanimous consent be granted to make the following clerical corrections:

HB 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and trial judge services

Amend line 114 deleting the number "4,493,144.00" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "4,493,141.00".

HB 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of

Amend line 108 by deleting the number "111,828,225.00" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "111,828,255.00".

Amend line 110 by deleting the number "230,827,222.00" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "230,827,477.00"

HB 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy

Delete lines 149-152.

HB 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of

Amend line 607 by deleting the words "Five-nine" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Fifty-nine".

HB 1392 Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of

Amend line 18 by deleting the number "257,296,241.00" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "258,296,241.00".

SB 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of

Amend line 427 by deleting the word "Old" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "First".

John Read, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee

W. Briggs Hopson III, Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee

At 10:55 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 12:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2267: Teacher license; allow reciprocity if teacher possesses standard license from other state and passes background check.

S. B. No. 2850: Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership.

S. B. No. 2909: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 2915: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 2955: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2024: Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities.

S. B. No. 2121: Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of.

S. B. No. 2434: Department of Public Safety; authorize contract with counties for custody of certain offenders.

S. B. No. 2816: Public officials and employees; allow Department of Revenue appraisers to receive same pay increases as county tax assessors.

S. B. No. 2799: Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration.

S. B. No. 3086: Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission.

S. B. No. 3088: City of Baldwin; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 60: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 21, 2021, as.

H. C. R. No. 61: New Site Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Howard Dale Smith, Chelsie McQueen, and Estus "Buddy" Triggs, which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ricky Dill, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Karriem, McLean and Wright moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Coy Mitchell, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Karriem, McLean, Mickens, Roberson, Taylor and Wright moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles "Charlie" Haskell Jackson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of State Trooper, Tony Max Smith, Sr. , and Kenneth Joe Jones, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy "Bill" Maxwell Thompson, and Robert Todd Gale, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Melanie Morehead, Christeen Robbins Callahan, Cheryl Denson, and Dan "Yank" Colvin, which motion prevailed.

At 12:25 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Thursday, April 1, 2021.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FIFTH DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

(EIGHTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Ronnie Crudup.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Turner. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Turner.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Pigott and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

S. B. No. 2825: Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021; create.

Adopted: 03/31/21

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1333: Town of Wesson; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads.

H. B. No. 1334: Town of Georgetown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2569: Urine; create the crime of selling or tampering with urine.

S. B. No. 2598: Department of Public Safety; revise licensing.

S. B. No. 2638: Electronic documents; provide recording procedure for counties without electronic-recording capability.

S. B. No. 2832: Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026.

S. B. No. 2839: SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate.

S. B. No. 2872: Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area.

S. B. No. 2895: Ad valorem taxation; allow county to exempt up to 50% of assessed value of renewable energy project property from.

S. B. No. 2916: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 2952: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 2954: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2062: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.

S. B. No. 2807: Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized.

S. B. No. 2874: Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit.

S. B. No. 2910: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 2927: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

S. B. No. 2946: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 3090: Washington County; extend the repeal date on the Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 374: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations.

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures.

H. B. No. 1091: Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law.

H. B. No. 1333: Town of Wesson; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads.

H. B. No. 1334: Town of Georgetown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads.

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2905: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 2906: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

S. B. No. 2911: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 2912: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 2913: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 2917: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 2918: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 2922: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 2923: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 2937: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 2944: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2945: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce - Dixie National Livestock Shows and County Livestock Shows.

S. B. No. 2947: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

S. B. No. 2950: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 2951: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2261: Perpetual care cemeteries; authorize counties and cities to clean property of those not properly maintained and seek reimbursement.

S. B. No. 2623: Motor vehicle insurance; extend repealer on Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act.

S. B. No. 2624: MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish pilot program using administrative hearing officers.

S. B. No. 2795: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact.

S. B. No. 2834: Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund; create and provide for administration by Department of Archives and History.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

H. B. No. 1139: Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25.

H. B. No. 1197: Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of.

H. B. No. 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 104: Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county.

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse; expand immunity for good faith reports.

H. B. No. 631: Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours.

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize pilot program to authorize sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail.

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to.

H. B. No. 1245: MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population.

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1502: MS Coast Transportation Authority; authorize to bear the full cost of processing electronic payments.

H. B. No. 1520: Suffrage; restore to J.W. Jackson of Panola County.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 109: State budget; enact and revise various provisions relating to.

H. B. No. 119: Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.

H. B. No. 520: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements.

H. B. No. 594: Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark".

H. B. No. 761: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes.

H. B. No. 1095: Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities.

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1504: City of Forest; authorize a tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

H. B. No. 1515: Suffrage; restore to Debra Denise Thomas of Hinds County.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2825: Transportation; revise provisions relating to motor carrier enforcement, harvest permits, and funding.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Manning, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Henry Young, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hood moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles D. "Smokey" Oswalt, and Dyanne Rigby, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Henry Hill, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mitzi Ferrell Smith, Charles Mark Hampton, Laura Catherine "Cathy" Williams, Myrtle Ellen Baucum, Arrie Sibley Godwin, Jr., Barbara Pearson Grantham, Donald "Donnie" Vernon Barnes, Lindy Garrard, Mary Anne Watts Dalton, Verna LaMunyon, Colleen M. Buckley, and Thomas "Sonny" Henry Mardis, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes and Ladner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Stephen Douglas Fleming, Reverend Gerald Russell Harris, and Emily Louise Burks Harris, which motion prevailed.

At 9:05 AM on motion of Rep. White the House adjourned Sine Die.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

The House did not convene on Monday, April 5, 2021, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, April 5, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 550: Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:00 AM

H. B. No. 887: Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway." Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:01 AM

H. B. No. 1335: Lincoln County; include food sold at county's civic center as retail merchandise when processing electronic payments for such merchandise. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:02 AM

H. B. No. 1350: City of Ripley; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tax. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:03 AM

H. B. No. 1402: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:40 AM

H. B. No. 1404: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:41 AM

H. B. No. 1433: Yalobusha County; authorize to loan funds to Oakland Yalobusha Natural Gas District to help pay off certain district debt. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:04 AM

H. B. No. 1434: Tallahatchie County; authorize contributions to Mid-State Opportunity, Inc. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:05 AM

H. B. No. 1436: Caledonia Natural Gas District; authorize to enter into agreement with Mississippi Development Bank. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:06 AM

H. B. No. 1437: Town of Byhalia; authorize transfer of certain funds for infrastructure improvements. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:17 AM

H. B. No. 1438: City of Petal; authorize a tax on hotels, motels, bars and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:08 AM

H. B. No. 1479: City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:09 AM

H. B. No. 1481: Town of Shannon; authorize expansion of its gas distribution system. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:10 AM

H. B. No. 1487: City of Vicksburg; authorize to execute certain agreement to make contributions to Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Foundation. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:11 AM

H. B. No. 1490: Coahoma County; authorize contributions to Tri-County Workforce Alliance. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:12 AM

H. B. No. 1491: Coahoma County; authorize contributions to the Family and Youth Opportunities, Inc. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:13 AM

H. B. No. 1494: Walnut Grove; authorize Walnut Grove Correctional Authority to contract with the state to operate correctional facility. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:15 AM

H. B. No. 1495: Tallahatchie County; authorize leasing of certain water well to City of Charleston. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:43 AM

H. B. No. 1497: Jackson County; direct contributions to Management and Operations for the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts and Education. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:16 AM

H. B. No. 1498: Holmes County; authorize contributions to P.E.A.R.L.S. Mentoring for Girls, Inc. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:17 AM

H. B. No. 1499: Holmes County; authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:17 AM

H. B. No. 1509: Hancock County; extend the date of repeal on the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and hotel/motel tax. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:18 AM

H. B. No. 1529: Town of Como; extend repealer on authority to impose tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Monday, April 5, 2021, 9:44 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2435: Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries.

S. B. No. 2474: Health department; authorize certain charges for services with other agencies for operation of medical marijuana program.

S. B. No. 2798: Public utilities; authorize rate-regulated electric utilities to permit broadband provider use of the electric delivery system.

S. B. No. 2908: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 2920: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 2921: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 2924: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 2942: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 2948: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 2953: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2621: Task Force; establish to study domestic law matters.

S. B. No. 2914: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 2919: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 2925: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2971: Bonds; authorize for various purposes.

S. B. No. 2907: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2904: Appropriation; IHL - general support.

S. B. No. 2928: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

S. B. No. 2949: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 2956: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1395: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

The House did not convene on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Tuesday, April 6, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 87: MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:00 AM

H. B. No. 136: Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:24 AM

H. B. No. 425: Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:22 AM

H. B. No. 1356: Income tax; revise deduction for depreciation regarding certain aircraft and equipment. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:20 AM

H. B. No. 1378: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:32 AM

H. B. No. 1380: Appropriation; Fire Academy. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:25 AM

H. B. No. 1382: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:27 AM

H. B. No. 1383: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:29 AM

H. B. No. 1408: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:30 AM

H. B. No. 1418: Oakland/Yalobusha Natural Gas District; authorize expansion of natural gas distribution system. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:01 AM

H. B. No. 1453: City of Booneville; extend date of repeal on city's hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:04 AM

H. B. No. 1465: Town of Mize; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:05 AM

H. B. No. 1466: Oxford Municipal Reserve and Trust Fund; make technical correction concerning certain internal reference within. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:06 AM

H. B. No. 1482: City of Indianola; extend repeal date on tourism commission and hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:08 AM

H. B. No. 1493: Jackson County; revise duties of civil service commission for sheriff's department relating to certain personnel matters. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:11 AM

H. B. No. 1500: Holmes County; authorize transfer of funds/property from defunct county economic development authority to county economic development district. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 9:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

The House did not convene on Friday, April 9, 2021, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, April 9, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 82: Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:15 PM

H. B. No. 104: Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:36 PM

H. B. No. 119: Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:40 PM

H. B. No. 382: Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:28 PM

H. B. No. 747: Work release program; authorize pilot program to authorize sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:50 PM

H. B. No. 754: Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:17 PM

H. B. No. 928: Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:52 PM

H. B. No. 1245: MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:56 PM

H. B. No. 1312: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:58 PM

H. B. No. 1333: Town of Wesson; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads. Friday, April 9, 2021, 2:48 PM

H. B. No. 1334: Town of Georgetown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads. Friday, April 9, 2021, 2:49 PM

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H. B. No. 1388: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:27 PM

H. B. No. 1389: Appropriation; Arts Commission. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:30 PM

H. B. No. 1390: Appropriation; Library Commission. Friday, April 9, 2021, 1:35 PM

H. B. No. 1392: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Friday, April 9, 2021, 2:07 PM

H. B. No. 1399: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Friday, April 9, 2021, 2:08 PM

H. B. No. 1502: MS Coast Transportation Authority; authorize to bear the full cost of processing electronic payments. Friday, April 9, 2021, 2:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

The House did not convene on Monday, April 12, 2021, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, April 12, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 1504: City of Forest; authorize a tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Friday, April 9, 2021, 2:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, April 12, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the following House Bills were purposely left unsigned, and will become a part of the laws of Mississippi, without the approval signature of the Governor:

H. B. No. 1515: Suffrage; restore to Debra Denise Thomas of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 1520: Suffrage; restore to J.W. Jackson of Panola County.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

The House did not convene on Thursday, April 15, 2021, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, April 15, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 196: "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 1:31 PM

H. B. No. 424: Memorial highways; designate. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 1:32 PM

H. B. No. 1135: Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 1:45 PM

H. B. No. 1386: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 2:10 PM

H. B. No. 1394: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 2:15 PM

H. B. No. 1397: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 2:16 PM

H. B. No. 1401: Appropriation; Health, Department of. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 2:20 PM

H. B. No. 1403: Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 2:21 PM

H. B. No. 1410: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 1:50 PM

H. B. No. 1446: Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 2:25 PM

H. B. No. 1483: City of Senatobia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel tourism tax. Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 1:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, April 16, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 356: Child abuse; expand immunity for good faith reports. Friday, April 16, 2021, 2:32 PM

H. B. No. 374: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations. Friday, April 16, 2021, 11:28 AM

H. B. No. 520: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements. Friday, April 16, 2021, 11:15 AM

H. B. No. 572: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Friday, April 16, 2021, 11:31 AM

H. B. No. 594: Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark". Friday, April 16, 2021, 2:36 PM

H. B. No. 761: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes. Friday, April 16, 2021, 2:38 PM

H. B. No. 1091: Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law. Friday, April 16, 2021, 11:32 AM

H. B. No. 1095: Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities. Friday, April 16, 2021, 2:39 PM

H. B. No. 1179: William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create. Friday, April 16, 2021, 10:57 AM

H. B. No. 1197: Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of. Friday, April 16, 2021, 11:35 AM

H. B. No. 1296: Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding. Friday, April 16, 2021, 3:32 PM

H. B. No. 1379: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Friday, April 16, 2021, 2:41 PM

H. B. No. 1385: Appropriation; Attorney General. Friday, April 16, 2021, 11:20 AM

H. B. No. 1391: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21. Friday, April 16, 2021, 2:44 PM

H. B. No. 1396: Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Friday, April 16, 2021, 2:45 PM

H. B. No. 1398: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Friday, April 16, 2021, 2:46 PM

H. B. No. 1400: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Friday, April 16, 2021, 2:48 PM

H. B. No. 1412: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Friday, April 16, 2021, 2:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Stanley, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, April 16, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the following House Bills were purposely left unsigned, and will become a part of the laws of Mississippi, without the approval signature of the Governor:

H. B. No. 95: Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks.

H. B. No. 359: Municipalities with a certain population; allow to establish overdue water/sewer programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Stanley, Legislative Aide

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021

The House did not convene on Monday, April 19, 2021, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, April 19, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 109: State budget; enact and revise various provisions relating to. Monday, April 19, 2021, 3:45 PM

H. B. No. 631: Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours. Monday, April 19, 2021, 3:50 PM

H. B. No. 1381: Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Monday, April 19, 2021, 3:55 PM

H. B. No. 1387: Appropriation; Education, Department of. Monday, April 19, 2021, 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Stanley, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, April 19, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the following House Bill was purposely left unsigned, and will become a part of the laws of Mississippi, without the approval signature of the Governor:

H. B. No. 1384: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

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TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

The House did not convene on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 1139: Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25. Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 10:01 AM

H. B. No. 1395: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 10:02 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021

The House did not convene on Thursday, April 22, 2021, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
April 22, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR'S PARTIAL VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 1413

I am returning House Bill 1413: "AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" partly approved and partly not approved pursuant to Article IV, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution as an "exercise of the authority endowed the office of the Governor by the people of Mississippi in our Constitution." Governor Reeves v. Representative Gunn and Representative White, 307 So.3d 436, 439-442 (Miss. 2020).

I am vetoing Section 24(2) (Lines 311-315) providing a \$4,500,000 appropriation to assist in paying costs for right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, design and construction necessary to 4-lane that portion of Mississippi Highway 12 from the City of Durant in Holmes County, Mississippi, to the City of Kosciusko in Attala County, Mississippi.

Article IV, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution states: "The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill, and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law." The removal of this separate, distinct and complete appropriation does not affect any other appropriations in House Bill 1413. See Reeves, 307 So.3d at 442.

Respectfully submitted,
//ORIGINAL SIGNED//
TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR
8:14 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, April 22, 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 1393: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.
Thursday, April 22, 2021, 7:12 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Carney, Legislative Aide

PART I**History of Actions on All Legislative
Matters Considered by the House**

Titles of all House bills in this part of the index are condensed and appear in numerical order, showing the authors and the committees to which they were referred. House bills with more than two authors will reflect only the first recorded author. Senate bill numbers begin at 2001, so as to prevent duplication of House bill numbers.

Titles of all Senate bills which reached the House are condensed and appear in numerical order in this part of the index, showing the committees to which they were referred.

Following these titles are abbreviations indicating actions on the bills, followed by figures showing the pages in the Journal where such actions will be found. Explanations of these abbreviations are shown below. The chapter in the General Laws or in the Local and Private Laws, as the case may be, is shown for each bill which became law. The General Laws and the Local and Private Laws are published in separate volumes.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

AA	- Author added	MRL	- Motion to reconsider lost
AD	- Adopted without record vote	MRT	- Motion to reconsider tabled
AP	- Approved by Governor	MRCL	- Motion to recommit lost
BLWS	- Became law without Governor's signature	MRWD	- Motion to reconsider withdrew
CE	- Consent to correct error	MTL	- Motion to table lost
CR	- Committee Report	MSL	- Motion to suspend rules lost
CU	- Called up	PO	- Point of order
EV	- Explanation of Vote	PV	- Partial veto by Governor
F	- Failed	R	- Reconsidered
HC	- House concurred in Senate amendment	RC	- Recommitted
HCA	- House conferees appointed	RF	- Referred to committee
HCRA	- House conference report adopted	RR	- Recalled an re-referred
HRC	- House refused to concur and requested conference	RRB	- Request return of bill
HRFC	- House recommitted for further conference	RS	- Received from Senate
I	- Introduced	RTT	- Read for the third time
LT	- Laid on table	SC	- Senate concurred in House amendment
LTSC	- Laid on table subject to call	SCA	- Senate conferees appointed
MAC	- Motion to advance on calendar	SCRA	- Senate conference report adopted
MHC	- Moved to heel of General calendar	SR	- Speaker's ruling
ML	- Motion lost	SRC	- Senate refused to concur and requested conference
MR	- Motion to reconsider entered	SRFC	- Senate recommitted for further conference
		SS	- Signed by the Speaker
		V	- Yea and Nay vote on bill
		Veto	- Vetoed by Governor

A. HOUSE BILLS

H. B. No.

1 - (Rules) State flag; shall be the design recommended by the Commission to Redesign the State Flag and approved in the November 2020 election. Gunn. I1. CR6. CU6. V6. RS9. SS10. AP23.

2 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for costs incurred by certain taxpayers storm shelter/safe house construction. Powell. I2.

3 - (Transportation) Outdoor advertisement signs; revise height requirements for. Powell. I2. CR117. CU183. V183.

4 - (Apportionment and Elections) Statewide Elections Management System; remove voters who fail to respond to notice and who fail to vote after certain period of time. Powell. I2. CR1312.

5 - (Judiciary B) Hazing; increase penalties for. Powell. I2. CR136. CU240. V240.

6 - (Universities and Colleges) University and colleges anti-hazing policy; require Board of Trustees of IHL to develop policy against hazing and prescribe penalties. Powell. I2. CR128. CU220. V220.

7 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise provisions regarding designation of certain locations as qualified resort areas. Powell. I2.

8 - (Public Property) UMMC property; revise leasing authority by removing certain minimum requirements of improvements to development. Gunn. I2. CR117. CU200. V200. RS625. SS654. AP804.

9 - (Public Property) MS Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy; name firing range as the "Lieutenant Colonel Pat Cronin Firing Range." Gunn. I2. CR117. CU200. V201. RS625. AP805.

10 - (Transportation) Driver's licenses; allow online renewal any time after expiration regardless of time transpired. Gunn. I2.

11 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) County annual budget; require to be published on county's official website. Scoggin. I2.

12 - (Universities and Colleges) Universities and colleges; require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. Massengill. I2.

13 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require coverage for hearing aids and services for children under 21. Massengill. I2.

14 - (Public Health and Human Services) Regional food banks; DHS establish grant program to provide annual grant funding to. Massengill. I2.

15 - (Judiciary B) Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise membership of. Massengill. I2.

16 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Highway Patrol and MBN officers; increase salaries of. Massengill. I2.

17 - (Youth and Family Affairs) Child Care For Working Families Study Committee; create. Hines. I2.

18 - (Universities and Colleges) Medical marijuana; authorize Alcorn State University to enter into MOU for local farmers to grow for out-of-state vendors. Hines. I2.

19 - (Judiciary B) HIV crimes; increase penalties for intentional exposure or contact with blood or seminal fluid. Hines. I3.

20 - (Education) School board members; authorize excused absences from board meeting in the event of family emergency. Hines. I3.

21 - (Public Health and Human Services) Appropriation; UMMC to support a medical residency program at Delta Regional Medical Center. Hines. I3.

22 - (Public Health and Human Services) "Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act"; enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. Hines. I3.

23 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi River Delta Promise Zone Act of 2021; create. Hines. I3.

24 - (Municipalities) Community and Police Safety Act; create. Hines. I3.

25 - (Public Health and Human Services) Chronic Diseases; direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs to reduce incidence of. Hines. I3.

26 - (Insurance) Workers' Compensation Law; increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. Hines. I3.

27 - (Youth and Family Affairs) Interpretation language assistance services; provide for certain youth at juvenile detention centers. Hines. I3.

28 - (Ways and Means) Legislative Public Project Grant Program; create. Hines. I3.

29 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact. Hines. I3.

30 - (Banking and Financial Services) Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program; create. Hines. I3.

31 - (Youth and Family Affairs) "Mississippi Youthbuild Act"; create. Hines. I3.

32 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health; State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender and racial groups. Hines. I3.

33 - (Education) Dating violence; require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. Hines. I3.

34 - (Judiciary A) Medical records; persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. Hines. I3.

35 - (Education) Compulsory-school-age child; revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. Hines. I3.

36 - (Judiciary B) Domestic abuse court program; establish. Hines. I3.

37 - (Youth and Family Affairs) Youth and Community Safety Act; create. Hines. I4.

38 - (Public Health and Human Services) Appropriation; Health Department for support of Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Hines. I4.

- 39 - (Public Health and Human Services) Appropriation; Department of Health to establish and operate two STD/HIV specialty clinics. Hines. I4.
- 40 - (Judiciary B) Purchase of automatic weapon; place certain restrictions on. Hines. I4.
- 41 - (Gaming) Video lottery terminals; authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. Hines. I4.
- 42 - (Public Health and Human Services) Appropriation; Department of Health for a grant to the Southern Health Commission in Washington County. Hines. I4.
- 43 - (Universities and Colleges) Universities and colleges; require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. Hines. I4.
- 44 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund; establish and authorize Mississippi Home Corporation to administer. Hines. I4.
- 45 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Commission on Wage Review; create. Hines. I4.
- 46 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Department of Human Services employees; remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. Hines. I4.
- 47 - (Public Health and Human Services) Long-term care facilities; require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. Hines. I4.
- 48 - (Universities and Colleges) Military education credits and certifications; require IHL, MCCB and SWIB to develop policy for acceptance of toward academic credit. Hines. I4.
- 49 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child support enforcement and collection; terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. Hines. I4.
- 50 - (Public Utilities) Electric Power Association Law; bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. Hines. I4.
- 51 - (Education) School board members; establish annual salary based on student enrollment. Hines. I4.
- 52 - (Education) Mississippi History and United States Government; require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. Hines. I4.
- 53 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Employment Security for youthbuild programs eligible for grants under Youthbuild Act. Hines. I5.
- 54 - (Judiciary B) Malicious prosecution; require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. Hines. I5.
- 55 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Human Services for youthbuild programs eligible for grants under Youthbuild Act. Hines. I5.
- 56 - (Workforce Development) Unemployment compensation; revise weekly benefit amount for. Hines. I5.
- 57 - (Ways and Means) Businesses; require laws and regulations affecting must allow existing businesses to continue operating under previous laws or regulations. Hines. I5.
- 58 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Human Services; require a board of directors to be created within. Hines. I5.

59 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child Care Advisory Council; require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on. Hines. I5.

60 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child care facilities; require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. Hines. I5.

61 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Health; limit any increase in fees by to not more than five percent. Hines. I5.

62 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State agencies; prohibit disclosure of identifying information received from program applicants. Hines. I5.

63 - (Corrections) Regional correctional facilities; prohibit from operating as a private correctional facility. Hines. I5.

64 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Employees terminated from certain agencies, departments, institutions or nonprofits; prohibit from receiving similar employment. Hines. I5.

65 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; shall not require cooperation with child support enforcement to receive federal CCDF assistance. Hines. I5.

66 - (Insurance) Health insurers; require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. Hines. I5.

67 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Board of Human Services; create. Hines. I5.

68 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DFA for purchases of new state flags for state buildings and offices. Read. I5. CR6. CU7. 7.

69 - (Appropriations) State Veterans Affairs Board; provide that certain employees of are nonstate service employees under state personnel system. Carpenter. I11. CR14. CU14. V15. RS106. HC107. SS109. AP130.

70 - (Judiciary B) Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions. Bain. I11. CR126. CU206. V207. MR221. MRT228. RS622. HC668. SS827. AP859.

71 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Natchez Children's Services. Mims. I11.

72 - (Public Health and Human Services) Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services. Mims. I11. CR137. CU305. V305. MR340. MRT343. RS621. SS654. AP805.

73 - (Public Health and Human Services) Chiropractors; extend repealer on licensure law. Mims. I11. CR116. CU187. V187. RS524. SS525. AP591.

74 - (Public Utilities) Emergency Telecommunications Services (911); extend repealer on. Turner. I12. CR127. CU215. V215. RS625. SS654. AP805.

75 - (Judiciary B) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Shanks. I12.

76 - (Judiciary B) Terroristic threats; revise provisions. Shanks. I12.

77 - (Judiciary B) Criminal investigators; increase salary of. Shanks. I12.

- 78 - (Judiciary B) Interlocutory appeal; authorize for criminal prosecutors. Shanks. I12.
- 79 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize for completion of drug court. Bain. I12.
- 80 - (Judiciary B) Dogs; regulate and provide penalties for those with a history of biting. Bain. I12. CR126. CU233.
- 81 - (Judiciary B) Voyeurism; revise sentencing options. Shanks. I12.
- 82 - (Universities and Colleges) Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight. Scoggin. I12. CR127. CU218. V218. RS626. HRC657. SCA860. HCRA1079. SCRA1153. SS1928. AP1985.
- 83 - (Judiciary B) The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. Mims. I12.
- 84 - (Judiciary B) Radar; authorize county supervisors to authorize county sheriff and deputies to use on county roads. Massengill. I12.
- 85 - (Public Health and Human Services) Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; create board to license and regulate. Massengill. I12.
- 86 - (Public Utilities) Broadband services; provide for certain participation of investor owned electric utilities in the expansion of in the state. Anderson (122nd). I12.
- 87 - (Judiciary B) MDHS fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers. Bain. I12. CR135. CU236. V236. RS541. HRC597. SCA846. HCRA878. SCRA893. SS1148. AP1984.
- 88 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, governing authorities and universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Owen. I12.
- 89 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at state parks. Bounds. I12.
- 90 - (Appropriations) ABC Division officers; compensation shall be determined by special plan approved by Personnel Board. Bounds. I12.
- 91 - (Public Utilities) Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Bounds. I13. CR148. CU334. V334.
- 92 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Police officers; require to maintain liability insurance with base rate paid by employer. Bell (65th). I13.
- 93 - (Ways and Means) Smart State Act; create. Bell (65th). I13.
- 94 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental Health Treatment Facility; revise hearing and commitment procedures. Bell (65th). I13.
- 95 - (Public Health and Human Services) Nursing home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks. Turner. I13. CR116. CU187. 188. RS656. HRC669. SCA846. HCRA880. SCRA893. SS1148. BLWS1989.

96 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; extend repealer on. Turner. I13.

97 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; extend repealers on list of covered services and assessments on certain health care facilities. Turner. I13.

98 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospice; extend repealer on authority of medical director to prescribe controlled substances for terminal patients without visit. Turner. I13.

99 - (Insurance) Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on. Turner. I13.

100 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on requirement that fees be deposited into State General Fund. Turner. I13. CR144. CU340. RTT340. CU413. V413. RS625. SS654. AP805.

101 - (Judiciary A) Bad faith assertions of patent infringement; extend repealer on prohibitions against. Turner. I13.

102 - (Judiciary A) Amusement rides; provide inspection and incident reporting requirements for. Bell (65th). I13.

103 - (Agriculture) Mississippi Seafood Marketing Law of 2021; enact to require certain consumer notice and country of origin labeling. Anderson (122nd). I13.

104 - (County Affairs) Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county. Anderson (122nd). I13. CR115. CU201. V201. RS656. HRC662. SCA846. SCRA1726. SS1978. AP1985.

105 - (Education) National board certified school nurses; remove cap on number of eligible for annual salary supplement. Read. I13.

106 - (Appropriations) State budget; revise provisions in several FY21 appropriation bills. Read. I13. CR101. CU108. V108. RS626. HC657. SS663. AP833.

107 - (Drug Policy) Pseudoephedrine; require pharmacies to keep records of over the counter sales of. Read. I13.

108 - (Public Utilities) Wireless Communication Commission; remove ITS control over. Read. I14. CR149. CU334. V334. RS624. HRC872.

109 - (Appropriations) Budget process; update various sections relating to. Read. I14. CR132. CU156. V156. RS626. HRC657. SCA841. HCRA1738. SCRA1931. SS1979. AP1989.

110 - (Education) Computer science; require to be taught in all public schools. Creekmore IV. I14.

111 - (Universities and Colleges) Community and junior colleges; authorize boards of trustees to approve policies permitting waiver of out-of-state tuition. Bain. I14. CR151. CU335. 335.

112 - (Public Utilities) Telecommunications Fraud Prevention and Utility Infrastructure Protection Act; create. Bain. I14.

113 - (Universities and Colleges) Community College Boards of Trustees; revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges. Bain. I14. CR127. CU219. V219.

114 - (Education) Districts of Innovations; require SDE to recognize use of Cambridge Assessment or other nationally recognized assessment for accountability ratings. Bain. I14.

115 - (Public Health and Human Services) Farmers markets; DHS provide grants to entity to incentivize purchases of healthy foods from with SNAP benefits. Currie. I16.

116 - (County Affairs) "Mississippi Police Funding Protection Act"; create. Currie. I16.

117 - (Public Health and Human Services) Autopsies; require to include inquiry about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy. Currie. I16.

118 - (Public Health and Human Services) Medical examiners and pathologists; extend repealer on fees for death investigations and autopsies. Turner. I16.

119 - (Judiciary B) Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes. Turner. I16. CR126. CU205. V205. RS656. HRC817. SCA859. HCRA1874. SCRA1932. SS1979. AP1985.

120 - (Public Property) Monuments on public property; prohibit the removal or relocation unless authorized by legislation. Currie. I17.

121 - (Appropriations) Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from. Beckett. I17.

122 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize up to three felony convictions to be expunged after 15 years. Owen. I17. CR126. CU204. V204. MR221. MRT233.

123 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Owen. I17.

124 - (Ways and Means) MS Home Corporation; extend reverter on authority to issue a certain amount of bonds. Turner. I17.

125 - (Ways and Means) Municipal annexation; restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. Horne. I17.

126 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Horne. I17.

127 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt certain business personal property from. Horne. I17.

128 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Horne. I17.

129 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. Horne. I17.

130 - (Judiciary B) Utility worker; include the killing of as capital murder. Horne. I17.

131 - (Judiciary A) Fireworks; authorize sale of year-round. Horne. I17.

132 - (Judiciary A) Fireworks; require to be located within a permanent structure. Horne. I17.

133 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Horne. I17.

134 - (Judiciary B) Sexual Harassment Settlements; require counties, municipalities and state agencies to post on website. Owen. I17.

135 - (Education) MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on. Turner. I17. CR133. CU311. V311. RS625. AP805.

136 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds. Turner. I17. CR123. CU211. V211. RS623. HRC801. SCA860. HCRA905. SCRA1153. SS1928. AP1984.

137 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Saltillo with repair and renovation of community center. Turner. I17.

138 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with installation of outdoor emergency warning systems at Wheeler Attendance Center in Prentiss County. Turner. I18.

139 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at campground at Lake Lamar Bruce in Lee County. Turner. I18.

140 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwyn with improvements to natural gas system. Turner. I18.

141 - (Judiciary A) Public records; extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to. Turner. I18.

142 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Rotary International. Turner. I18.

143 - (Education) Abstinence and sex-related education; extend repelaer on public school requirements for. Turner. I18.

144 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require director and investigators to be law enforcement officers. Mims. I18.

145 - (Energy) Chancery clerk fee; reduce for recording each oil and gas assignment. Beckett. I18.

146 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of perishable food items to certain charitable organizations. Miles. I18.

147 - (Judiciary B) Registry, person committing offense against peace officer; create to include offenses including terrorism. Currie. I18.

148 - (Tourism) Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise state parks. Currie. I18. CR150. CU336. V336.

149 - (Judiciary B) Female genital mutilation; create crime of. Currie. I18.

150 - (Municipalities) Municipalities; prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. Currie. I18.

151 - (Judiciary A) Stop Social Media Censorship Act; create. Currie. I18.

152 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) State Parks; provide funding from net proceeds of the Mississippi Lottery Corporation. Currie. I18.

153 - (Workforce Development) E-verify program; transfer responsibility of administering to the Commission of Agriculture and Commerce. Currie. I18.

154 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. Currie. I18.

155 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; nonresident admitted to pediatric skilled nursing facility in MS not eligible for MS Medicaid coverage. Currie. I19.

156 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require managed care companies to provide detailed, signed explanation for denial of coverage of procedure. Currie. I19.

157 - (Ways and Means) Use tax; enhance enforcement of collection on all-terrain vehicles purchased out of state. Currie. I19.

158 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June liability for the tax on or before June 25. Currie. I19.

159 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or service to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. Currie. I19.

160 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on. Turner. I19. CR116. CU188. V188. RS623. HC667. SS828. AP864.

161 - (Education) Critical Needs Teacher Forgivable Loan Program; extend repealer on. Turner. I19.

162 - (Energy) Public contracts of energy efficiency services; extend repealer on authority and certain requirements for. Turner. I19. CR125. CU217. V217.

163 - (Judiciary B) Judicial districts; create Twenty-fourth Circuit Court. Bain. I19. CR136. CU241. F241. MR241.

164 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alcorn County with repair and renovation of county courthouse. Bain. I19.

165 - (Education) Wireless learning environments; require school districts to develop and implement within two years. Young. I19.

166 - (Education) Mississippi Statewide Assessment System; remove criminal penalties and establish maximum time educator's license may be suspended or revoked. Young. I19.

167 - (Education) School district efficiency; conduct feasibility study on the administration of. Young. I19.

168 - (Education) School districts; provide strategy to promote holistic educational efficiency and opportunities for all students. Young. I19.

169 - (Education) Appropriation; MDE to assist parents in paying school districts for cost of lost/damaged electronic devices assigned to students. Young. I19.

170 - (Education) Teachers; revise duties and responsibilities relating to student assessment and achievement before promotion. Young. I19.

171 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Tuition Subsidy Forgivable Loan; create. Young. I19.

172 - (Transportation) Window tint; increase inspection fee and use a portion for Trooper training expenses. Young. I19.

173 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voting registration; require by anyone who receives public assistance benefits. Young. I20.

174 - (Public Health and Human Services) Board of Nursing; revise penalties in disciplinary proceedings and authorize recovery of reasonable costs. Scoggin. I20.

175 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County and municipalities of Verona, Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. Thompson. I20.

176 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and renovation of building. Thompson. I20.

177 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Lee and Monroe Counties for funding National Resource Camp pilot program. Thompson. I20.

178 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Natural Resource Camp; establish pilot program for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. Thompson. I20.

179 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Open Meetings Law; authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. Carpenter. I20.

180 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Open Meeting Law; revise reasons for executive sessions to include discussions by boards of trustees of public hospitals. Carpenter. I20.

181 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation of War Memorial Building. Carpenter. I20.

182 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motorcycle license tag; authorize issuance to certain disabled veterans. Carpenter. I20.

183 - (Appropriations) PERS; all public safety employees vest in 4 years and are entitled to allowance with 25 years of service. Carpenter. I20.

184 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of new Mississippi State Veterans Home in Jackson Metropolitan area. Carpenter. I20.

185 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election Commissioners; revise the qualifying deadline for. Carpenter. I20.

186 - (Military Affairs) Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge. Carpenter. I20. CR116. CU181. V181.

187 - (Military Affairs) County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements. Carpenter. I20. CR116. CU182. V182.

188 - (Judiciary B) Required uniform designations for offenders; exempt offenders in Mississippi Statewide Incarcerated Veterans Program. Carpenter. I20. CR135. CU237. V237.

189 - (Military Affairs) Mississippi Persian Gulf War Memorial; authorize MSVA to move to another appropriate location. Carpenter. I21. CR116. CU181. V181. RS625. AP805.

190 - (Judiciary A) Adoptees; authorize those 21 years of age or older to have unrestricted access to information. Yancey. I21.

191 - (Public Health and Human Services) Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. Yancey. I21.

192 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alcorn County with purchase of land and building to house county offices. Bain. I21.

193 - (Education) Missing children; require compilation of by Department of Education and day care facilities. Turner. I21.

194 - (Appropriations) State Oil and Gas Board; extend repealer on authority to use Capital Expense funds for emergency plugging of orphaned wells. Turner. I21.

195 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipalities; authorize those of certain size to conduct special elections at one polling place. Rushing. I28. CR144. CU341. RTT341. CU417. V417.

196 - (Judiciary B) "Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act"; create. Bain. I28. CR136. CU240. V240. RS622. HRC668. SCA846. HCRA871. SCRA874. SS946. AP1987.

197 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. Bounds. I28.

198 - (Public Utilities) Wireless communication devices and plans; revise provisions regulating by personnel of state agencies. Bounds. I28.

199 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021. Read. I28. CR101. CU108. V109.

200 - (Public Health and Human Services) Remote patient monitoring services; delete requirement of 2 recent hospitalizations to qualify for. Mims. I29. CR116. CU190. V190. RS524. SS525. AP591.

201 - (Insurance) Telemedicine; revise definition in section providing insurance coverage for. Mims. I29.

202 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Development Authority; bring forward various sections of law relating to. Lamar. I29. CR128. CU165. V165.

203 - (Apportionment and Elections) Legislature; prohibit a person from being an elected officer of a county or municipality and a member of. Newman. I30.

204 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Dangerous Dog Control Act; create to establish misdemeanor offense of failure to control a dangerous dog. Newman. I30.

205 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; revise reimbursement rate for durable medical equipment (DME) and exempt DME from 5% reduction. Clark. I30.

206 - (Appropriations) Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS. Haney. I30.

207 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal health care reform law. Clark. I30.

208 - (Public Health and Human Services) Psychologists; extend repealer on licensure law and remove postdoctoral training requirements for licensure. McGee. I30. CR116. CU190. V190. RS524. SS525. AP591.

209 - (Judiciary A) Gestational agreements; authorize gestational mother and intended parents to create and seek court's validation of. Owen. I30.

210 - (Banking and Financial Services) Credit reporting agency; prohibit including information from judicial action unless there is a verified outstanding judgement. Ford (73rd). I30.

211 - (Appropriations) Insurance Department; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Read. I30. CR132. CU156. V156.

212 - (Appropriations) State Fire Marshal and Fire Academy; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Read. I30. CR132. CU157. V157.

213 - (Public Property) DFA; authorize Office of Surplus Property to administer the Federal Donation Program. Weathersby. I31. CR117. CU201. V201.

214 - (Judiciary B) Mental examinations of those in felony criminal actions; prohibit transport and require examination where person is held. Wallace. I31.

215 - (Judiciary B) Littering; increase fines and deposit certain assessments into Keep Mississippi Beautiful and law enforcement funds. Newman. I31.

216 - (Public Health and Human Services) Families First Unpaid Leave Time Act; enact to require employers to provide unpaid leave to employees for certain situations. Summers. I31.

217 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; allow for first time registrants. Summers. I31.

218 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Solid waste; require landlords to deliver items too large for garbage containers to disposal facility. Summers. I31.

219 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Local governments; prohibit from imposing penalties or fines on security companies when false security alarm occurs. Powell. I31. CR123. CU212. V212.

220 - (Transportation) Gas prices on signs and gas pumps; regulate when a difference exists. Summers. I31.

221 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. Clark. I32.

222 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$8.25 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Clark. I32.

223 - (Municipalities) "Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act"; create. Clark. I32.

224 - (Judiciary B) Criminal investigators; add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. Clark. I32.

225 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. Clark. I32.

226 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Tchula with road improvements. Clark. I32.

227 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act; create. Clark. I32.

228 - (Education) Appropriation; Holmes County Consolidated School District for expenses of consolidation. Clark. I32.

229 - (Corrections) Appropriation; MDOC to pay regional facilities \$34.00 per day for each state inmate. Clark. I32.

230 - (Judiciary B) Department of Human Services; authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to child support. Clark. I33.

231 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with construction of a football stadium. Clark. I33.

232 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with repair and renovation of county courthouse. Clark. I33.

233 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with construction of a park. Clark. I33.

234 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offenders; revise regulations for. Clark. I33.

235 - (County Affairs) Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector; remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. Clark. I33.

236 - (Public Health and Human Services) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for additional funding for crisis centers and outpatient services. Clark. I33.

237 - (Appropriations) PERS; allow retirees to teach in critical needs areas and work full time and receive full salary for three years. Clark. I33.

238 - (Education) "Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2021"; enact. Clark. I33.

239 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads and buildings. Clark. I33.

240 - (Judiciary B) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Clark. I33.

241 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Yazoo County with renovation of county courthouse. Clark. I33.

242 - (Corrections) Joint state-county work program; require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. Clark. I33.

243 - (Corrections) Regional correctional facilities; increase daily amount paid to certain facilities for the housing of state offenders. Clark. I33.

244 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require coverage for certain obesity treatments. Clark. I33.

245 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2021; create. Clark. I33.

246 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Archives and History for Church of God in Christ historical markers in Holmes County. Clark. I33.

247 - (Judiciary A) Sexual harassment; create a state cause of action. Clark. I33.

248 - (Apportionment and Elections) Counties; authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. Clark. I34.

249 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. Clark. I34.

250 - (Ways and Means) Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program; create and authorize bonds to provide funds for. Clark. I34.

251 - (Universities and Colleges) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. Clark. I34.

252 - (Rules) Juneteenth Freedom Day; designate June 19 as. Clark. I34.

253 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Skill Standards Board; create as an advisory board on industry standards. Clark. I34.

254 - (Judiciary B) Life jackets; increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. Clark. I34.

255 - (Ways and Means) Housing Repair Grant Fund; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low income individuals for home repair. Clark. I34.

256 - (Education) School curriculum; require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. Clark. I34.

257 - (Education) MAEP; define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Clark. I34.

258 - (Public Property) Historic Courthouse Fund; create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic courthouses. Clark. I34.

259 - (Education) Trimester School Year Pilot Program; establish. Clark. I34.

260 - (Education) School social workers and psychologists; authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. Clark. I34.

261 - (Education) MAEP; increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. Clark. I34.

262 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for public school capital improvements. Clark. I34.

263 - (Transportation) All-terrain vehicles; create voluntary certificate of number system, mandatory for public lands, with Mississippi Department of WF&P. Clark. I34.

264 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Holmes County State Park; Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may lease land in and contract for services to operate. Clark. I34.

265 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Special Needs Housing Steering Council; create. Clark. I35.

266 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exclude overtime compensation from gross income. Clark. I35.

267 - (Insurance) Salvage or abandoned vehicles; authorize disposition by auction firms on behalf of insurers. Ford (54th). I35.

268 - (Public Health and Human Services) Disabilities, persons with; modernize terminology used to refer to. Clark. I35.

269 - (Interstate Cooperation) Daylight savings time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. Zuber. I35.

270 - (Education) Compulsory school attendance; revise to remove certain excused absences. Zuber. I35.

271 - (Judiciary A) Life estates; authorize grantor to revoke at any time before his or her death. Zuber. I35.

272 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Zuber. I35.

273 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Lobbying; revise definition of. Zuber. I35.

274 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Law enforcement officers; allow certain use of uniform, weapon, vehicle and equipment for disaster relief when off-duty. Zuber. I35. CR123. CU212. V212.

275 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public employees; exempt from bad check fees caused by error in direct deposit made by their employer or retirement system. Young. I35.

276 - (Education) The Digital Access Learning and Virtual Instruction Program Act of 2021; create. Young. I35.

277 - (Judiciary A) Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification. Bounds. I35. CR135. CU245. V245. RS621. SS659. AP804.

278 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; divert certain sales tax revenue to special fund for state park improvements. Bounds. I35.

279 - (Insurance) Property and casualty insurance; require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pays insured more than one-fourth of damages. Crudup. I35.

280 - (Education) Statewide Assessment Program; require SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. Miles. I35.

281 - (Education) End-of-course assessments; remove mandatory requirement of passing score as a condition of graduation. Miles. I35.

282 - (Education) Statewide testing program; require the SBE to cease administration of for the 2020-2021 school year. Miles. I36.

283 - (Education) End-of-course subject area tests; discontinue and require minimum score on the ACT for graduation. Miles. I36.

284 - (Agriculture) Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating. Pigott. I36. CR115.

285 - (Ways and Means) Certificate of title; remove requirement for applicant to file a bond or deposit of cash as a condition of issuance. Newman. I36.

286 - (Judiciary B) Cemeteries; authorize to disinter and reinter dead human remains for next of kin instructions. Bain. I36. CR136. CU241. V241. RS621. AP805.

287 - (Judiciary B) Drug Intervention Courts; standardize and revise circuit districts. Bain. I36. CR126. CU208. LTSC208. CU404. V404. RS622. HRC668. SCA846.

288 - (Judiciary B) Criminal investigators; increase salary of. Bain. I36.

289 - (Judiciary B) State assessments; deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund. Bain. I36.

290 - (Judiciary B) Pre-trial Intervention; prohibit certain amount of public embezzlement for. Bain. I36. CR136. CU238. V238.

291 - (Judiciary B) "Mississippi Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act of 2021"; create. Bain. I36.

292 - (Judiciary B) Asset forfeiture proceeds; clarify use is for increase in law enforcement budget. Bain. I36.

293 - (Judiciary B) Indigent appeals; revise certain provisions. Bain. I36.

294 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospices; delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient. Currie. I36. CR116. CU191. V191. RS541. HC633. MR633. MRT662. SS792. AP833.

295 - (Public Health and Human Services) Home health services; authorize nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order and certify. Currie. I36.

296 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospice licensure; extend moratorium on and authorize issuance of 2 pediatric palliative care licenses. Currie. I36. CR116. CU191. V191.

297 - (Public Health and Human Services) Dialysis facilities; nursing homes shall allow to provide mobile services on site to their patients. Boyd. I36.

298 - (Judiciary B) "The Lonnie Blue Safety Act"; create to regulate vehicular pursuits. Summers. I36.

299 - (Judiciary A) Property interest; conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship. Reynolds. I37. CR135. CU246. V246.

300 - (Judiciary B) Bail procedures; bring forward provisions for purposes of amendment. Newman. I37. CR136. CU238. V239.

301 - (Public Health and Human Services) EMTs; authorize to deny service to nonemergency when needed for an emergency. Hobgood-Wilkes. I37.

302 - (Education) Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation. Cockerham. I37. CR133. CU311. V311.

303 - (Ways and Means) Citizens for Economic Development Act; create. Rushing. I37.

304 - (Public Health and Human Services) Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services. Ford (73rd). I37.

305 - (Judiciary B) Texting or engaging in call while driving; make a misdemeanor when not using voice-operated or hands-free device. Ford (73rd). I37.

306 - (Public Health and Human Services) Human Services, Department of; authorize to use a simplified reporting system for economic assistance payments. Mims. I37.

307 - (Appropriations) Health department; authorize certain charges for services with other agencies for operation of medical marijuana program. Mims. I37. CR132. CU157. V157.

308 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pike County with repair and renovation of Pike County Courthouse Complex. Mims. I37.

309 - (Marine Resources) Department of Marine Resources Enforcement Officers' Reserve Unit; revise provisions regulating. Felsher. I37.

310 - (Public Health and Human Services) Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility; revise certain provisions applicable to. Felsher. I37.

311 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt certain transfers of motor vehicles involving partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations. Scoggin. I37. CR434. CU442. RTT442. CU469. V469.

312 - (Agriculture) Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions of to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Pigott. I37. CR115. CU180. V180. RS591. SS653. AP793.

313 - (Education) Student club funds; clarify use and accounting practices by school districts. Bennett. I37.

314 - (Education) State Department of Education; permit to receive various contributions from public or private donors. Bennett. I37. CR133.

315 - (Education) Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8. Bennett. I38.

316 - (Education) Kindergarten-age children; require mandatory attendance under compulsory school attendance laws. Bennett. I38.

317 - (Education) National board certification annual salary supplement; remove cap on number of nurses and speech-language pathologists eligible for. Bennett. I38.

318 - (Public Health and Human Services) Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. Currie. I38.

319 - (Transportation) DPS; make revision to gun permit residency requirement and certain driver's license petitions for review. Busby. I38. CR117. CU183. V183. MR192. R198. V199.

320 - (County Affairs) Perpetual care cemeteries; authorize counties and cities to clean property of those not properly maintained. McGee. I38. CR115. CU202. V202.

321 - (Education) Student residency requirements; require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. Clark. I38.

322 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. Clark. I38.

- 323 - (Insurance) Travel Insurance Act of 2021; create. Ford (54th). I38.
- 324 - (Insurance) Counties; authorize to offer Medicare eligible county employees supplemental benefits if employees secure Medicare in lieu of using county insurance. Ford (54th). I38.
- 325 - (Insurance) Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on and revise distribution of. Ford (54th). I38.
- 326 - (Insurance) Mississippi Surplus Lines Association; authorize Commissioner of Insurance to have excess funds of transferred to the State General Fund. Ford (54th). I38.
- 327 - (Insurance) Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on. Ford (54th). I38. CR146. CU340. RTT340. CU411. V411.
- 328 - (Transportation) State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain. Ford (54th). I38. CR150. CU418. V418.
- 329 - (Insurance) Rural fire truck acquisition assistance programs; bring forward code sections for possible amendment. Ford (54th). I38.
- 330 - (Insurance) Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such. Ford (54th). I38. CR146. CU340. RTT340. CU412. V412. RS623. HC802. R819. HRC820. SCA865. HCRA1080.
- 331 - (Insurance) Professional employer organizations; provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department. Ford (54th). I39. CR146. CU321. V321.
- 332 - (Insurance) Nonadmitted policy fee; revise distribution of and delete repealer on. Ford (54th). I39.
- 333 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Statutory Thresholds for Settlement Involving Minors Act; create. Ford (54th). I39.
- 334 - (Appropriations) PERS; no retiree shall receive allowance from while under contract with state agency as a consultant or advisor. Boyd. I39.
- 335 - (Transportation) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Holloway. I39.
- 336 - (Transportation) Motor fuel taxes; bring forward certain sections. Busby. I39.
- 337 - (Judiciary A) Property lien; burden placed on third party whose fraudulent activity related to the incurring of debt without the knowledge of the property owner resulted in. Turner. I39.
- 338 - (Judiciary B) Abortion; provide that inducing or performing is unlawful. Eubanks. I39.
- 339 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State employees; provide for 3% increase in compensation for each of the next 4 fiscal years. Porter. I39.
- 340 - (Insurance) Patient Choice Act of 2021; create. Turner. I39.
- 341 - (Transportation) Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of deployment of in determining an individual's employment status with motor carrier. Busby. I39. CR117. CU184. V184. RS623. SS659. AP805.

342 - (Education) MAEP; determine cost of using average daily membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA. Summers. I39.

343 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish and provide for increases in. Summers. I39.

344 - (Education) Nonlicensed teachers; authorize local school districts to employ certain number to fill core subject area positions. Summers. I39.

345 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize for 20 days before the election. Summers. I39.

346 - (Education) Prohibition against bullying in schools; revise definitions and include cyberbullying. Summers. I39.

347 - (Judiciary B) Sentencing review; authorize upon petition of a district attorney. Summers. I39.

348 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voter registration application; require to be processed within ten days of deadline and give applicant opportunity to cure. Summers. I39.

349 - (Apportionment and Elections) No-excuse absentee voting; authorize for any qualified voter who votes in person at the office of the registrar. Summers. I40.

350 - (Judiciary B) Certificate of rehabilitation; authorize those convicted in another state to apply for a. Sanford. I40. CR126. CU203. V203.

351 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement; provide for and amend various laws regarding. Sanford. I40.

352 - (Judiciary A) Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks. Deweese. I40. CR134. CU242. V242. RS541. SS620. AP793.

353 - (Judiciary B) Hate crimes; revise delineation of victim. McGee. I40.

354 - (Judiciary A) Municipal judges; authorize to order a defendant to remedy real property ordinance violations within a reasonable time period. McGee. I40. CR147. CU332. V332. RS541. SS620. AP793.

355 - (Ways and Means) Department of Health; give authority to levy and collect fee on sales of medical marijuana. Mims. I40.

356 - (Judiciary B) Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations. Mims. I40. CR142. CU332. V332. RS622. HRC668. SCA846. SRFC892. HRFC895. SCRA1726. SS1978. AP1987.

357 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Bonding requirement for county purchase clerk; increase. Boyd. I40. CR123. CU213. V213. RS622. SS654. AP805.

358 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Bonding requirement for school purchasing agents; increase. Boyd. I40. CR124. CU213. V213.

359 - (Municipalities) Municipalities with a certain population; allow to establish overdue water/sewer bill programs. Bell (65th). I40. CR137. CU327. CU407. V410. RS656. HRC801. SCA865. HCRA1084. SCRA1153. SS1928. BLWS1989.

360 - (Public Health and Human Services) Nursing facilities; require initial assessment of patients by a physician within 10 days after admission. Straughter. I40.

361 - (Education) MS Achievement School District; specify use of funds for the benefit of local school district of funds' origin. Straughter. I40.

362 - (Transportation) Railroad crossings; require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. Holloway. I40.

363 - (Judiciary B) Marijuana possession; revise as civil penalty. Holloway. I40.

364 - (Education) Schools in district transformation; prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. Holloway. I40.

365 - (Tourism) Blue; designate as the state color. Holloway. I41.

366 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Mickens. I41.

367 - (Education) Statewide Assessment Program; require the SBE to use ACT as summative assessment. Mickens. I41.

368 - (Public Health and Human Services) Newborn screening program; include spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) in those conditions covered in. Bennett. I41.

369 - (Public Utilities) Mississippi Emergency Communications Act; create. Bennett. I41.

370 - (Education) Public purchasing laws; exempt purchase of nonadopted and adopted textbooks by MDE for nonpublic schools. Bennett. I41. CR133. CU312. V312.

371 - (Education) Licensed school employees and administrators; suspend license for one year for breach of contract or abandonment of employment. Bennett. I41.

372 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Edwards for funding the town Youth Enrichment Program. Foster. I41.

373 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Utica for establishing a senior day care center. Foster. I41.

374 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc. Zuber. I41. CR102. CU161. V161. RS524. HRC799. SCA860. HCRA1778. SCRA1932. SS1976. AP1988.

375 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of gold, silver, platinum and palladium bullion. Zuber. I41.

376 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of precious metals bullion. Zuber. I41.

377 - (Banking and Financial Services) Pawnbroker transactions; define transactional information for purposes of. Zuber. I41. CR145. CU319. MTL319. V319. MR339.

378 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of headquarters building for Department of Public Safety. Weathersby. I41.

379 - (Judiciary B) Certificate of Rehabilitation; expand authorization to other groups. Horan. I41.

380 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to the Pete Brown Golf Course. Bell (65th). I41.

381 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a multi-user airstrip at Stennis International Airport in Hancock County. Anderson (122nd). I41.

382 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures. Bounds. I41. CR139. CU305. V305. RS622. HRC801. SCA846. SRFC952. HRFC1084. HCRA1878. SCRA1932. SS1976. AP1985.

383 - (Education) National Board Certified teachers; provide additional annual salary supplement to those employed in Walthall County. Porter. I42.

384 - (Education) School bus drivers; require to be first aid and CPR trained and certified. Porter. I42.

385 - (Judiciary A) Arbitration clause; considered nonbinding in certain contracts. Banks. I42.

386 - (Education) Boards of Education; require those in districts having a mayor-council form of government to be elected. Banks. I42.

387 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of building for School of Public Health at Jackson State University. Banks. I42.

388 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds to assist JSU with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. Banks. I42.

389 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. Banks. I42.

390 - (Insurance) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. Banks. I42.

391 - (Public Health and Human Services) Breastfeeding; authorize distribution of statewide info to support breastfeeding in public places. Banks. I42.

392 - (Education) Exceptional children; require school districts to develop policy for the discipline of. Banks. I42.

393 - (Judiciary A) Seventh Circuit Court District; authorize additional judges. Banks. I42.

394 - (Education) Scholastic year; increase number of days for schools with an accountability rating of "D" or "F." Banks. I42.

395 - (Transportation) Disabled person's vehicle tag; remove requirement for physician's certification for annual renewal. Banks. I42.

396 - (Corrections) Conjugal visits; require Department of Corrections to provide for married inmates. Banks. I42.

397 - (Judiciary B) Public schools; clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. Banks. I42.

398 - (Corrections) Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. I42.

- 399 - (Corrections) Case plans for nonviolent inmates; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. I42.
- 400 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with purchasing fire service equipment. Banks. I43.
- 401 - (Corrections) Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders; revise which offenders are eligible for. Banks. I43.
- 402 - (Public Health and Human Services) Country of Origin Labels; clarify labeling of covered commodities. Banks. I43.
- 403 - (Banking and Financial Services) Credit reports; prohibit release of information unless authorized by the consumer. Banks. I43.
- 404 - (Judiciary B) Body-worn cameras; prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. Banks. I43.
- 405 - (Apportionment and Elections) Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public Act; create. Banks. I43.
- 406 - (Transportation) License plates for disabled individuals; revise various provisions relating to. Banks. I43.
- 407 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voting systems; require those purchased to be able to scan actual ballot. Banks. I43.
- 408 - (Corrections) Mississippi Prison Industries; require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. Banks. I43.
- 409 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; require implementation of an Extended Family Visitation Program for eligible offenders. Banks. I43.
- 410 - (Insurance) Auto insurance; not invalidated by intentional acts of insured. Hood. I43.
- 411 - (Education) Irlen Syndrome; require screening for and districts to provide reasonable accommodations for students with. Hood. I43.
- 412 - (Public Health and Human Services) Autopsies; create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiring about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy. Hood. I43.
- 413 - (Tourism) Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for. Hood. I43. CR138. CU310. V310.
- 414 - (Education) School transportation; authorize motor vehicles other than buses for small groups of students traveling to school activities. Hood. I43.
- 415 - (Education) Compulsory School Attendance Law; rename as the "Kindergarten Increases Diplomas (KIDs) Act," and lower compulsory age to five years. Gibbs (72nd). I43.
- 416 - (Education) Charter school payments; require school districts to pay local funds due on a monthly basis. Gibbs (72nd). I43.
- 417 - (Education) National Board Certified teachers; include those employed in Hinds County as eligible for additional supplement. Gibbs (72nd). I44.

418 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; delete requirement for physician referral before performing services. Currie. I44.

419 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapy practice laws; revise various provisions of. Currie. I44.

420 - (Corrections) Conditions of probation; clarify that courts may provide certain treatment for veterans when placed on probation. Mickens. I44.

421 - (Judiciary B) Fresh Start Act; revise certain portions of and authorize practice of medicine of dentistry after certain expungement. Mickens. I44.

422 - (Education) Corporal punishment; prohibit administration of in public and charter schools for disciplinary matters. Mickens. I44.

423 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Harvest reporting program; require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Morgan. I44.

424 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate entire segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway." Morgan. I44. CR138. CU309. V309. R343. V344. RS623. HRC799. SCA845. SCRA893. HCRA896. SS1148. AP1987.

425 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made. Morgan. I44. CR102. CU161. V161. RS656. HRC801. SCA860. HCRA1109. SCRA1153. SS1928. AP1984.

426 - (Education) "MS Educator Dyslexia Awareness Act of 2021"; enact to require certain instruction and training for license renewal. Byrd. I44.

427 - (Education) "Trauma-Informed Discipline Practices Act; enact to establish procedures to assess and mediate effects of traumatic events in schools. Calvert. I44. CR134.

428 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Columbus with certain road and street improvements. Wright. I44.

429 - (Judiciary A) Contracts; authorize persons eighteen years of age or older to enter into for the purpose of investing in mutual funds. Bennett. I44. CR147. CU340. RTT340. CU411. V411. RS622. SS659. AP805.

430 - (County Affairs) Delinquent county garbage fees; provide nonrenewal of driver's licenses for nonpayment. Boyd. I44.

431 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting regulation changes; require Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to provide notice. Boyd. I44.

432 - (Education) End-of-course tests; eliminate passing score as graduation requirement and exempt from accountability ratings for four years. Boyd. I45.

433 - (Education) Public and private schools; require all employees to annually receive flu vaccine. Faulkner. I45.

434 - (Education) Public and private schools; require all employees to be tested annually for tuberculosis. Faulkner. I45.

435 - (Universities and Colleges) Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty; provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. Faulkner. I45.

436 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. Faulkner. I45.

437 - (Education) Public and private schools; require proper hand washing materials in all restrooms. Faulkner. I45.

438 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with construction of a wellness and aquatics center. Faulkner. I45.

439 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. Faulkner. I45.

440 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with restoration of former Holly Springs Water and Light Plant Building. Faulkner. I45.

441 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. Faulkner. I45.

442 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; divert an additional amount to municipalities to be used to fund infrastructure projects. Faulkner. I45.

443 - (Municipalities) Code-charter municipality governing authorities; may delegate duties related to personnel actions. Faulkner. I45.

444 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; establish procedure for automatic registration of voters. Faulkner. I45.

445 - (Corrections) Private correctional facilities contractor; must have ability to use local vendors when providing services to offenders. Faulkner. I45.

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668 - (Public Health and Human Services) Solemn covenant of the states to award prizes for Curing Diseases Compact; enact. Currie. I58.

669 - (Youth and Family Affairs) Youth court hearings, certain; allow family members to attend. Ladner. I58.

670 - (Judiciary B) The Sexual Assault Survivors' DNA Bill of Rights; create. McLean. I59.

671 - (Education) Lottery Proceeds Fund; provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for school improvements. Williams-Barnes. I59.

672 - (Education) Lottery Proceeds Fund; provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for the purposes of funding teacher pay raises. Williams-Barnes. I59.

673 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State agency and governing authority contracts; require 30% of to be set-aside for certain businesses. Williams-Barnes. I59.

674 - (Judiciary B) Domestic violence; prohibit those convicted of from carrying weapons. Williams-Barnes. I59.

675 - (Corrections) Parole Board; revise notifications time frame given to victim when the offender is to be released by. Williams-Barnes. I59.

676 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; revise notification period given to local law enforcement when offender is to be released. Williams-Barnes. I59.

677 - (Public Health and Human Services) Death certificate; time for filing with Office of Vital Records shall be within 7 business days after the death occurs. Williams-Barnes. I59.

678 - (Apportionment and Elections) Armed Services Absentee Voting Law; expand definition of "absent voter" to include those working in federal waters of United States. Denton. I59.

679 - (Education) Teacher education program and licensure requirements; remove the option for a 21 ACT score (or SAT equivalent) for eligibility. Williams-Barnes. I59.

680 - (Judiciary B) Concealed firearms; clarify prohibition for mentally incompetent. Denton. I59.

- 681 - (Judiciary A) Child support; revise factors for award of. Denton. I59.
- 682 - (Education) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. Denton. I59.
- 683 - (Appropriations) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made. Denton. I59.
- 684 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Caledonia for purchasing and installing a splash pad in Ola J. Pickett Park. McLean. I59.
- 685 - (Judiciary B) Stolen property; create crime for the sale of and require refund to purchaser of, under certain conditions. Ladner. I59.
- 686 - (Workforce Development) Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc.; establish funding for. Walker. I60.
- 687 - (Apportionment and Elections) Automatic voter registration; authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. Walker. I60.
- 688 - (Judiciary A) Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death. McLean. I60.
- 689 - (Constitution) "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act"; establish. Hobgood-Wilkes. I60.
- 690 - (Apportionment and Elections) Automatic voter registration; authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of a driver's license. Williams-Barnes. I60.
- 691 - (Public Health and Human Services) Unclaimed dead bodies; coroner shall cause to be entrusted to funeral homes in county on a rotation basis. Williams-Barnes. I60.
- 692 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental Health Courts; clarify chancery court participation for certification of. Williams-Barnes. I60.
- 693 - (Judiciary B) Photograph identification; require for persons 12 years of age or older. Young. I60.
- 694 - (Education) Home rule improvement; enact for local school districts. Young. I60.
- 695 - (Judiciary A) State Domestic Violence Fund; remove the matching funds requirement for. Cockerham. I60. CR135. CU245. V245. RS540. SS589. AP664.
- 696 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize. Paden. I60.
- 697 - (Judiciary B) Firearms licensed; require proof of mental health evaluation. Paden. I60.
- 698 - (Workforce Development) Day and Temporary Labor Services Act; create. Paden. I60.
- 699 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of hotel under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Paden. I60.
- 700 - (Universities and Colleges) "Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2020"; establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community and junior college attendance. Paden. I60.

701 - (Education) Public school curriculum; require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. Paden. I60.

702 - (Education) Assistant teachers; require school districts to notify of nonreemployment within 10 days after adopting budget. Paden. I60. CR134.

703 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act; create. Paden. I61.

704 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Secure Choice Savings Program; establish. Paden. I61.

705 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Paden. I61.

706 - (Tourism) State song; designate "My Home Mississippi" as second official song. Paden. I61.

707 - (Universities and Colleges) Public universities and colleges; require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. Paden. I61.

708 - (Education) School districts; require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. Paden. I61.

709 - (Education) AEDs; require at public schools and state institutions of higher learning and provide authority to lease. Paden. I61.

710 - (Education) School districts; require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. Paden. I61.

711 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise certain provisions to address investment in federally designated qualified opportunity zones. Paden. I61.

712 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State employees; provide for across-the-board increase in annual compensation for those with annual salary under \$30,000.00. Gibbs (72nd). I61.

713 - (Public Health and Human Services) Licensed professional counselors; revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. Hines. I61.

714 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health care and education shortage assistance program; establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. Hines. I61.

715 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. Hines. I61.

716 - (Appropriations) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits withheld until full restitution has been paid. Denton. I61.

717 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Contractors; require to submit signed agreement acknowledging certain information when submitting a bid. Williams-Barnes. I61.

718 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online. Ladner. I61. CR124. CU214. V215.

719 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccinations; prohibit employers from requiring COVID-19 vaccination as condition of employment. Eubanks. I62.

720 - (Education) Compulsory school age; revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before September 1. Williams-Barnes. I62.

721 - (Public Health and Human Services) Funeral directing; issue license for to persons who meet certain criteria and apply within 30 days. Williams-Barnes. I62.

722 - (Ways and Means) Income tax and sales tax liability; revise method of collecting from public officers or employees. Denton. I62.

723 - (Apportionment and Elections) Partisan primary elections; abolish and establish open primary elections. Denton. I62.

724 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance with land acquisition and certain projects. Mims. I62.

725 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Liquor Distribution Corporation Law; create. Bell (65th). I62.

726 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Archives and History for Scott Ford House to develop two historic properties in Jackson. Clarke. I62.

727 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center. Clarke. I62.

728 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize for not more than 21 days nor less than 5 days before each election. Clarke. I62.

729 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exempt income of certain mental health professionals providing services in critical mental health services shortage areas. Reynolds. I62.

730 - (County Affairs) Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare eligible employee benefits when employee secures Medicare under certain circumstances. Reynolds. I62.

731 - (Public Property) State agencies; require to be housed in state-owned buildings located within the City of Jackson. Clarke. I62.

732 - (Education) Active shooter training; require school districts employees to attend every three years. Clarke. I62.

733 - (Judiciary A) Motor vehicles; require certain new to be equipped with alert to operator to check rear designated seat when engine stops. Crudup. I62.

734 - (Banking and Financial Services) Retail businesses; those that accept credit or debit cards shall have video cameras to record persons using the cards. Clarke. I62.

735 - (Constitution) Firearms; prohibit discharge near petroleum. Clarke. I63.

736 - (Education) Family dynamics; include in public school curriculum as a required component. Clarke. I63.

737 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; phase out on sales of certain food. Anderson (110th). I63.

738 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$9.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Anderson (110th). I63.

739 - (Education) Statewide testing program; require tests to be translated and printed into primary spoken language of ELL students. Anderson (110th). I63.

740 - (Transportation) Driver's license applications; bring forward code section regarding. McGee. I63. CR118. CU186. V186.

741 - (Ways and Means) Mobile homes; give owner of one year to redeem the property after sold for taxes. Walker. I63.

742 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of dilapidated and blighted properties. Summers. I63.

743 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Supreme Court for additional funding for mental health courts. Summers. I63.

744 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for additional funding for increased number of residential beds. Summers. I63.

745 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Education for additional funding to increase instructional support positions due to increased needs from COVID-19. Summers. I63.

746 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise regarding warranty reimbursement. Cockerham. I63. CR135. CU246. V246. RS540. SS589. AP664.

747 - (Corrections) Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail. Newman. I63. CR125. CU209. V209. MR221. R232. V233. RS624. HRC662. SCA846. HCRA1075. MR1897. SCRA1931. MRT1971. SS1978. AP1985.

748 - (Workforce Development) Department of Labor; create. Thompson. I63.

749 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Workplace Safety and Health Office; establish under State Board of Health. Thompson. I63.

750 - (Appropriations) Deputy Secretaries of State; authorize creation of. Yancey. I63. CR132. CU158. V158.

751 - (Judiciary B) The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. Ladner. I64.

752 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Employment Protection Act; authorize additional penalties for an employer in violation of. Yancey. I64.

753 - (Gaming) Mississippi Horse Racing Act of 2021; create to allow for any location in the state with suitable track. Walker. I64.

754 - (Education) Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan. Deweese. I64. CR134. CU314. V314. RS627. HRC819. SCA845. SCRA953. HCRA1088. SS1928. AP1985.

755 - (Judiciary B) Unborn child; expand protection to. Boyd. I64.

756 - (Education) Teacher and administrator license; deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. Crawford. I64.

757 - (Education) Video surveillance cameras; require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children. Crawford. I64.

758 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) State park fee; authorized MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. Crawford. I64.

759 - (Education) Child abuse hotline; require schools to post in clearly visible location. Crawford. I64.

760 - (Education) Corporal punishment; require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in. Crawford. I64.

761 - (Military Affairs) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes. Carpenter. I64. CR137. CU306. V306. RS627. HRC656. SCA846. HCRA1881. SCRA1932. SS1979. AP1988.

762 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for Town of Wesson may be used. Currie. I64. CR129. CU175. V175.

763 - (Judiciary B) Justifiable homicide; add defense of business during looting or a riot as a ground for. Currie. I64.

764 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require division to promptly sell or lease residence of deceased recipient obtained through estate recovery. Newman. I64.

765 - (Apportionment and Elections) Pre-election day voting; authorize for 14 days before the election. Reynolds. I64.

766 - (Education) Children of school employees; allow to attend school in district of parent's or legal guardian's employment. Eubanks. I64.

767 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Employment Security Law; revise to exclude services of petroleum landman from definition of "employment." Beckett. I64.

768 - (Judiciary B) Juvenile offenders convicted of murder; revise sentencing options for. Shanks. I65.

769 - (Judiciary B) DUI; revise time period for fourth offense. Horan. I65.

770 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Brandon with improvements to City Hall. Shanks. I65.

771 - (Education) School boards; elect members at presidential election for 4-year term. Eubanks. I65.

772 - (Education) Critical Teacher Shortage Program; require State Board of Education to categorize shortages by school attendance zones within school districts. Eubanks. I65.

773 - (Judiciary A) Landlord-Tenant; clarify that summons is only placed on door when tenant not found. Powell. I65.

774 - (Agriculture) Mississippi Fair Advisory Council; revise composition to add representation from Alcorn State University. Harness. I65.

775 - (Universities and Colleges) IHLs; authorize to purchase wireless communication devices to facilitate delivery of educational instruction. Harness. I65.

776 - (Insurance) Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act; extend repealer on. Ford (54th). I65.

777 - (Judiciary B) Weapons; authorize investigative and regulatory enforcement employees of the Secretary of State's office to carry. Barnett. I65.

778 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicles; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. Turner. I65.

779 - (Transportation) Order of support; prohibit suspension of driver's license for being out of compliance with. Porter. I65.

780 - (Judiciary B) Justice courts; authorize to suspend fines under the Implied Consent Law. Shanks. I65.

781 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement officers; require to input missing person cases into National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS). Shanks. I65.

782 - (Public Health and Human Services) Food deserts; require State Department of Health to track within the State of Mississippi. Stamps. I65.

783 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise state parks. Miles. I65.

784 - (Agriculture) "The Farmer Equity Act of 2021"; enact to require the Department of Agriculture and Commerce to perform certain duties. Stamps. I66.

785 - (Public Health and Human Services) Homelessness; require Department of Human Services to implement grant program for housing. Summers. I66.

786 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health courts; require annual appropriation to Administrative Office of Courts for support of. Summers. I66.

787 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Horne. I66.

788 - (Municipalities) Municipal annexation; require an election be held on the question of in the proposed annexed territory. Horne. I66.

789 - (Education) School buses; require 20% of those purchased after July 1, 2021, to be equipped with seat belts. Gibbs (72nd). I66.

790 - (Judiciary B) The MS Human Life Protection Act; create. Boyd. I66.

791 - (Judiciary B) Intentional injury to pregnant woman; revise penalties. Boyd. I66.

792 - (Agriculture) "Healthy Foods Access Program Act"; enact. Stamps. I66.

793 - (Agriculture) Healthy Local Food Incentive Program; enact. Stamps. I66.

794 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility for certain persons to receive services through provider sponsored health plan. Scoggin. I66.

795 - (Judiciary B) First Circuit Court District; revise composition of judgeships. Bain. I66.

796 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offender; revise penalties for. Bain. I66. CR136. CU325. V325. RS540. HRC597. SCA846. HRFC1898.

797 - (Judiciary B) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Bain. I66.

- 798 - (Judiciary B) Voyeurism; revise sentencing options. Bain. I66.
- 799 - (Judiciary B) Terroristic Threats; revise provisions. Bain. I66.
- 800 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioners; revise to be a nonpartisan office. Massengill. I66.
- 801 - (Education) Special education funds; require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. Massengill. I66.
- 802 - (Universities and Colleges) Collegiate voters; require each public and private 4-year postsecondary institution to have an on-campus voting precinct. Anderson (110th). I67.
- 803 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee voting; establish electronic application procedure for college students. Anderson (110th). I67.
- 804 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; revise to allow for first-time voters to register through. Anderson (110th). I67.
- 805 - (Education) Sex education; require SDE and Department of Health to develop list of approved curricula to be used in schools and revise every five years. Anderson (110th). I67.
- 806 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Civil Rights Act; create. Anderson (110th). I67.
- 807 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State service employees; prohibit sexual orientation or gender identity discrimination of. Anderson (110th). I67.
- 808 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Home Corporation Act; prohibit sexual orientation or gender identity discrimination under. Anderson (110th). I67.
- 809 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; create. Williams-Barnes. I67.
- 810 - (Workforce Development) Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act; create. Williams-Barnes. I67.
- 811 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Salary increases for legislators; make effective for term of office after term in which salary is increased. Boyd. I67.
- 812 - (Judiciary B) Children; persons convicted of certain sex offenses not allowed to give health care consent for. Boyd. I67.
- 813 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Timber bridges; require use of for new construction and replacement on certain county and secondary roads. Boyd. I67.
- 814 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public Procurement Review Board; exempt certain contracts entered into by Attorney General's office from oversight of. Boyd. I67. CR144. CU340. RTT340. CU413. V413.
- 815 - (Judiciary A) Certificate of Foreign Birth; authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. Shanks. I67.
- 816 - (County Affairs) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. Banks. I67.
- 817 - (Ways and Means) State of Mississippi; require to pay fire fee-in-lieu of taxes to City of Jackson for fire protection services provide to state facilities. Banks. I67.

818 - (County Affairs) County public defenders; require salary of all to be the same as district attorneys. Banks. I68.

819 - (Judiciary B) Chancery court; require to order certain persons held pending mental evaluation. Banks. I68.

820 - (Judiciary A) Contracts; require to be written in large print. Banks. I68.

821 - (Judiciary A) Marriage license; require previously married applicant to provide certified copy of divorce or annulment when applying for. Banks. I68.

822 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for improvements to Jackson Zoo. Banks. I68.

823 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement; require pursuit policy of alleged crime perpetrator. Banks. I68.

824 - (Judiciary B) Crimes; create for unauthorized use of minor's name and social security number as dependent on income tax return. Banks. I68.

825 - (Transportation) Fuel taxes; allocate a portion to the City of Jackson to defray costs incurred as a result of being the seat of state government. Banks. I68.

826 - (Insurance) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information regarding a deceased's. Banks. I68.

827 - (Insurance) State Health Insurance Plan; provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous tumors. Banks. I68.

828 - (Ways and Means) Fuel tax; authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. Banks. I68.

829 - (Judiciary A) Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act; repeal. Banks. I68.

830 - (Public Health and Human Services) Maternal Mortality Review Committee; include recommendations on decreasing racial disparities in maternal care in annual report. Summers. I68.

831 - (Education) Educator and administrator misconduct; clarify provisions for disciplinary matters and administrative procedures and appeals. Bennett. I68.

832 - (Insurance) Nonadmitted policy fee; divert forty percent of for rural fire truck and supplemental fund and extend repealer on section. Busby. I68.

833 - (Judiciary B) Driver's license suspension; delete exemption from for participating in court-ordered drug-testing program after breath test refusal. Busby. I68.

834 - (Constitution) Suffrage; restore to all upon meeting all terms and conditions of sentence. Paden. I68.

835 - (Judiciary B) Statute of Limitations; remove for crimes against children. Denton. I69.

836 - (Judiciary B) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Crawford. I69.

837 - (Judiciary B) Statute of limitations; remove for crimes against children. Paden. I69.

838 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for new cut and sew jobs in upholstered furniture manufacturing industry. Turner. I69.

839 - (Insurance) Workers' Compensation Law; revise various provisions of. Ford (54th). I69.

840 - (Insurance) Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of public records. Lamar. I69.

841 - (Municipalities) Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for governing authorities. Byrd. I69.

842 - (Municipalities) Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Bell (21st). I69. CR148. CU341. RTT341. CU416. V416.

843 - (Rules) Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; create. Banks. I69.

844 - (Rules) Civil Rights Memorial Day; designate the last Monday of April as. Banks. I69.

845 - (Rules) Indigenous Native American Day; declare the second Monday in October as. Banks. I69.

846 - (Rules) Legislature; limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote for passage to sessions in even-numbered years. Zuber. I69.

847 - (Rules) Mississippi Day of Freedom and Abolishment of Slavery; declare February 7 as. Straughter. I69.

848 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; issue to North Mississippi Medical Center for child psych beds and geriatric psych beds. Turner. I69.

849 - (Workforce Development) Office of Workforce Development; bring forward code sections related to. Bell (21st). I69. CR139. CU178. V178.

850 - (Workforce Development) Career and technical education; establish accountability system and evaluate performance of State Superintendent of Education. Bell (21st). I69.

851 - (Education) Charter schools; revise certain provisions of. Bennett. I69.

852 - (Education) Teachers' and teacher's assistants' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary. Bennett. I69. CR146. CU315. V315. RS540. HC817. SS838. AP1150.

853 - (Education) Charter schools; revise deadlines for certain reporting requirements and to allow certain teacher units to those in first year of operation. Bennett. I70. CR134. CU314. V314.

854 - (Judiciary B) Firearm discharge; increase penalties when discharged on public streets. Gibbs (72nd). I70.

855 - (Education) Nonlicensed teachers; authorize local school districts to employ certain number to fill core subject area positions. Gibbs (72nd). I70.

856 - (Education) Teacher licensure; authorize issuance to certain individuals with foreign certification on reciprocity with documentation. Gibbs (72nd). I70.

857 - (Education) Active shooter training; require school district employees to attend every three years. Gibbs (72nd). I70.

858 - (County Affairs) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. Karriem. I70.

859 - (Education) High school curriculum; require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. Karriem. I70.

860 - (Education) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Karriem. I70.

861 - (Workforce Development) Youth Employment Grant Program; create. Karriem. I70.

862 - (County Affairs) Body-worn cameras; require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs. Karriem. I70.

863 - (Public Health and Human Services) Healthcare providers; authorize resident and nonresident to provide services by telemedicine to Mississippi residents in certain areas. McLean. I70.

864 - (Judiciary B) Firearms; authorize concealed carry without a permit during emergency evacuations. Patterson. I70.

865 - (Education) Student absenteeism; excuse those related to a student's disability. Crawford. I70.

866 - (Education) At risk funds; require maximum flexibility to school districts in use of and accounting for. Crawford. I70.

867 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting and fishing license; authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card at the time of license issuance. Crawford. I70.

868 - (Judiciary A) The Landowners Protection Act; repeal the provisions of the. Harness. I71.

869 - (Universities and Colleges) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend college. Harness. I71.

870 - (Public Utilities) Rate-regulated natural gas public utilities; require to provide PSC with periodic budgeting and accounting statements. Harness. I71.

871 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol; increase salaries of sworn officers by \$10,000.00. Harness. I71.

872 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 61 in Jefferson County as the "Highway Patrol Lieutenant Troy Morris Memorial Highway." Harness. I71. CR138. CU308. V308. RS623. SS659. AP806.

873 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Harness. I71.

874 - (Judiciary B) Tobacco and alternative nicotine products; increase age to 21 and require government-issued photographic identification. Bain. I71. CR142. CU323. V323.

875 - (Judiciary B) Vaping; require the office of the Attorney General to develop and publish a vapor products directory. Bain. I71.

876 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health; require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. Scott. I71.

877 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Guice. I71. CR128. CU168. V168.

878 - (Education) MS Teachers' Salaries Task Force; create to recommend how state can pay teachers at southeastern average. Scott. I71.

879 - (Education) Education Employment Procedures Law; include assistant teachers under. Cockerham. I71.

880 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Mental Health and community health centers; expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates. Brown (70th). I71.

881 - (Education) Vocational and home economics; require curriculum for all middle, high and alternative school students. Brown (70th). I71.

882 - (Corrections) Private prisons that house state offenders; provide moratorium on the expansion of. Brown (70th). I71.

883 - (Judiciary B) Traffic ticket quotas; prohibit state and local agencies from establishing. Thompson. I72. CR136. CU256. V256.

884 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County with replacement of a bridge. Thompson. I72.

885 - (Judiciary B) Misdemeanor expungements; remove "first offender" reference. Owen. I72.

886 - (Ways and Means) Law enforcement officers; exempt from concealed firearms permit fees and renewal fees. Owen. I72. CR128. CU170. V170. RS622. SS654. AP806.

887 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as "Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway." Hood. I72. CR138. CU307. V307. RS624. HRC799. SCA845. SCRA893. HCRA903. SS1148. AP1981.

888 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Health; limit any increase in fees by and revise who can be appointed to child care advisory council by State Health Officer. Johnson. I72.

889 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; revise reimbursement for telehealth services provided by FQHCs and community health centers. Johnson. I72.

890 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF and Medicaid; require teenage recipients of to participate in programs about birth control, abstinence and parenting. Scott. I72.

891 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Comprehensive Teen Pregnancy Prevention Act; create. Scott. I72.

892 - (Corrections) Task force to address the disparity of African-American males in the judicial system; create. Scott. I72.

893 - (Education) Comprehensive School Health Education Program; include additional components in and require school nurse to teach. Scott. I72.

894 - (Apportionment and Elections) Secretary of State; require to resign from office before qualifying as candidate for other elected office. Summers. I72.

895 - (Judiciary A) Grandparent visitation; revise to include great-grandparents. Evans (91st). I72.

896 - (Appropriations) Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan; new legislators not members and current members do not earn additional credit. Evans (91st). I72.

897 - (Judiciary A) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Evans (91st). I72.

898 - (Judiciary B) Interrogations; require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. Evans (91st). I72.

899 - (Judiciary B) Tobacco; prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. Evans (91st). I73.

900 - (Judiciary B) DUI; revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. Evans (91st). I73.

901 - (Banking and Financial Services) Pawnbrokers, title pledge lenders and check cashers; reduce maximum rate of interest that they may charge for their services. Evans (91st). I73.

902 - (Constitution) Elected official; prohibit from changing political party affiliation during term of office. Evans (91st). I73.

903 - (Ways and Means) Tobacco; increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. Evans (91st). I73.

904 - (Ways and Means) Cigarettes; increase excise tax on. Evans (91st). I73.

905 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize automatically for first-time offenders. Evans (91st). I73.

906 - (Judiciary A) Mineral rights; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Evans (91st). I73.

907 - (Workforce Development) Employment-at-will doctrine; abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act." Evans (91st). I73.

908 - (Judiciary B) Implied consent; revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test. Evans (91st). I73.

909 - (Appropriations) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Evans (91st). I73.

910 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospice care; authorize to be provided to persons who are not terminally ill under certain circumstances. Banks. I73.

911 - (Public Health and Human Services) Funeral services; require payment for before body may be transferred from one funeral home to another. Banks. I73.

912 - (Public Health and Human Services) Funeral director assistants; authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with certain exceptions. Banks. I73.

913 - (Appropriations) State podiatric forgivable loan program; create. Banks. I73.

914 - (Appropriations) Legislature; allow certain retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Banks. I73.

915 - (Appropriations) Legislature; allowed retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Banks. I73.

916 - (Military Affairs) Disabled veterans; establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. Osborne. I73.

917 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; IHL for MS Valley State University for lowering tuition rate for 2021-2022 academic year. Osborne. I74.

918 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal health care reform law. Osborne. I74.

919 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. Osborne. I74.

920 - (Public Health and Human Services) Down Syndrome Information Act; create to require State Department of Health to post resources and information online. Zuber. I74.

921 - (Universities and Colleges) "2021 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act"; create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. Scott. I74.

922 - (Judiciary B) Wrongful conviction; remove limit on damages when court finds. Taylor. I74.

923 - (Judiciary A) Motor fuel sales; provide immunity for damages caused by the use of incompatible fuel upon certain conditions. Barnett. I74.

924 - (Education) Public purchasing law; revise to provide that reverse auction shall be used by certain schools and districts. McCarty. I74.

925 - (Education) School buildings; require new construction and certain renovations to include refillable water bottle stations. McCarty. I74. CR146. CU315. V315.

926 - (Judiciary B) Firearms and weapons; authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or. Burnett. I74.

927 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Board of Medical Licensure; revise composition of to include consumer members. Huddleston. I74.

928 - (Corrections) Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to. Horan. I74. CR125. CU210. V210. MR221. MRT225. RS627. HRC662. SCA860. HCRA1146. MR1896. SCRA1931. MRT1971. SS1978. AP1985.

929 - (Corrections) Reentry for offenders; bring forward certain sections relating to. Horan. I74. CR125. CU234. LTSC234. CU405. V407. RS624. HRC662. SCA860. SRFC1725.

930 - (Public Utilities) Municipally-owned utilities and other utilities; authorize accounting system accommodation of certain customer uncollectible debt. Bell (65th). I74.

931 - (Transportation) Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish. Bell (65th). I74.

932 - (Judiciary A) Child support withholding orders; revise provisions to comply with the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act. Yates. I74. CR135. CU247. V247.

933 - (Judiciary A) Child support payment; suspend obligation to pay when the person to pay is incarcerated. Yates. I74. CR135. CU326. 326. MR339.

934 - (Judiciary A) Eminent domain; require compensation for loss of business goodwill and value of commercial farm operations. Hobgood-Wilkes. I75.

935 - (Corrections) Parole eligibility; revise for certain offenses and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. Johnson. I75.

936 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize to assist Marshall County in improving Barringer Road for Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park access. Kinkade. I75.

937 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize to assist Marshall County with construction of emergency response center to serve the Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park. Kinkade. I75.

938 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lafayette County with certain road and bridge projects. Deweese. I75.

939 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to improve capacity and safety of intersection of MS Highway 7 and University Avenue in Oxford. Deweese. I75.

940 - (Transportation) Highway sign; authorize erection of on MS Hwy 25 near Pisgah exit to honor Olympic Gold Medalist Tori Bowie. Rushing. I75. CR138. CU307. V307.

941 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health insurance; require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy. Currie. I75.

942 - (Public Utilities) Public utilities; authorize investor-owned electric utilities to permit broadband provider use of the electric delivery system. Bounds. I75. CR127. CU234. V234.

943 - (Apportionment and Elections) Candidate filing fees; authorize state executive committee of each political party to set for certain offices. Anderson (122nd). I75.

944 - (Ways and Means) Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding. McGee. I75.

945 - (Ways and Means) Light wine, beer and light spirit product; revise number of qualified electors required to petition for election to prohibit or authorize. Tubb. I75. CR151. CU175. V175. RS623. SS660. AP806.

946 - (Apportionment and Elections) Statewide Elections Management system; authorize Secretary of State to join certain nongovernmental entity in order to remove certain voters from. Powell. I75.

947 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marion County; authorize imposition of fuel tax after an election with proceeds used for a road repair. Morgan. I75.

948 - (Education) School Resource Officers; revise MCOPS grant program to require attendance at any accredited law enforcement academy. McKnight. I75.

949 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Solid waste landfills; prohibit new landfill in county where 2 or more exist, unless referendum held. Ford (73rd). I76. CR145. CU319. V320. RS516. HC522. SS526. AP591.

950 - (Education) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period for recitation of the "Lord's Prayer" at the beginning of each school day. Ford (73rd). I76.

951 - (Judiciary A) Department of Human Services; authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to child support to financial institutions. Ford (73rd). I76. CR147. CU333. 333.

952 - (Public Health and Human Services) Pharmacists; authorize to provide patient care services and authorize insurance reimbursement for. Ford (73rd). I76.

953 - (Banking and Financial Services) Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and require financial reviews by. Yancey. I76. CR133. CU257. V257. RS627. HC817. SS838. AP1150.

954 - (Public Health and Human Services) Pharmacy practice; revise definition of "written guideline or protocol" regarding location of delegated prescribing functions. Yancey. I76.

955 - (Ways and Means) Abandoned mobile homes; establish a procedure to dispose of. Yancey. I76. CR128. CU171. V171. RS626. AP804.

956 - (Judiciary A) Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. Brown (20th). I76.

957 - (Constitution) State boundaries; clarify in statute. Brown (20th). I76.

958 - (Education) Home economics; require to be taught in "D" and "F" rated school districts. Scott. I76.

959 - (Judiciary B) Misdemeanor expunction; remove age restriction. Scott. I76.

960 - (Education) School attendance officers; require to visit homes of certain children within 72 hours of unexcused absence. Scott. I76.

961 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; provide certain educational programs for adult offenders. Scott. I76.

962 - (Education) Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. Scott. I76.

963 - (Ways and Means) Economically Distressed Municipalities Development Act; create. Scott. I76.

964 - (Judiciary B) Nonviolent offenders; authorize reduction of sentences for passage of end-of-course subject area tests by offenders. Scott. I76.

965 - (Workforce Development) Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns; establish program to encourage participation in state contracts. Scott. I76.

966 - (Education) Mathematics and science instruction; enhance through new programs in middle schools. Scott. I77.

967 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. Karriem. I77.

968 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal health care reform law. Karriem. I77.

969 - (Education) The "Tim Tebow Act"; enact to authorize home-schooled student to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Brown (20th). I77.

970 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Department of Employment Security for funding Summer Youth Employment Programs. Scott. 177.

971 - (Public Health and Human Services) SNAP recipients; must take TABE exam and achieve certain scores before will be exempt from work requirements. Scott. 177.

972 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child care facilities; require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. Johnson. 177.

973 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Deer hunting; prohibit using dogs for. Holloway. 177.

974 - (Judiciary B) DPS; revise law regarding. Bain. 177. CR142. CU324. V324. RS656. HC802. SS828. AP864.

975 - (Judiciary B) District Public Defender; create office of. Evans (91st). 177.

976 - (Public Health and Human Services) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); increase monthly benefit amount. Sanford. 177.

977 - (Agriculture) Weighing devices; provide Commissioner of Agriculture with authority to regulate those that dispense agricultural commodities. Bomgar. 177.

978 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Sound Money Tax Removal Act; create. Bomgar. 177.

979 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Scott. 177.

980 - (Education) Summer Youth Training Employment Program; authorize school districts to establish. Scott. 177.

981 - (Education) Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program; establish to authorize agreements between assistant teachers and school districts for cost of teacher preparation program. Scott. 177.

982 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; require to be conducted by paper ballot or with optical mark reading equipment. Scott. 177.

983 - (Apportionment and Elections) Same day voter registration; authorize. Scott. 177.

984 - (Judiciary B) Marijuana possession; provide civil penalty for. Scott. 178.

985 - (Insurance) Hurricane deductible; bring forward code sections regarding. Williams-Barnes. 178.

986 - (Education) Elementary professional school counselors; allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. Scott. 178.

987 - (Public Health and Human Services) Nursing education; unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. Scott. 178.

988 - (Education) Assistant teachers; provide annual salary supplement in C, D and F school districts. Scott. 178.

989 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Highway Patrol; increase pay. Bain. 178.

990 - (Education) School districts; require certain policies and alternative curriculum if accountability rating at three lowest levels. Scott. 178.

991 - (Education) School Recognition Program; restrict awards to teachers and licensed staff and require SBE to adopt rules for administration. Ladner. I78.

992 - (Ports, Harbors and Airports) County port and harbor commission; provide that members hold appointment until successor appointed and installed. Ladner. I78. CR148. CU341. RTT341. CU416. V416. RS627. HRC662.

993 - (Appropriations) Legislature; members may waive all or any portion of compensation and office expense allowance. Darnell. I78.

994 - (Appropriations) Retirement; allow PERS retirees to serve in Legislature in same manner as for elected county or municipal offices. Darnell. I78.

995 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate segment in Marshall County, Mississippi as the "Representative Tommy Woods Memorial Highway." Kinkade. I78. CR138. CU306. V306. RS623. SS660. AP806.

996 - (Tourism) Mississippi State Song Study Committee; create. Crudup. I78.

997 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits. Lamar. I78. CR129. CU171. V172. RS624. HRC801. SCA860.

998 - (Judiciary B) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Owen. I78.

999 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Agencies; require to provide monthly report of expenditures of state and federal public funds. Owen. I78.

1000 - (County Affairs) Employment of full time legal counsel as a county employee; authorize for Adams County. Harness. I79.

1001 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; reduce time period for petition. Harness. I79.

1002 - (Judiciary B) Criminal proceedings; require a scheduling order within 30 days of arraignment. Harness. I79.

1003 - (Judiciary B) Cash bail bonds; prohibit courts from allowing defendants to post. Harness. I79.

1004 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hudson's Law; create to require dissemination of information relating to trisomy conditions by State Department of Health. Owen. I79.

1005 - (Judiciary B) Asset Forfeiture Proceeds; clarify use is for increase in participating law enforcement budget. Owen. I79.

1006 - (Judiciary A) Liquefied petroleum gas providers; provide affirmative defense in civil actions for damage or injury caused by certain circumstances. Hood. I79.

1007 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; bring forward provider assessment provisions. Hood. I79.

1008 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; make technical amendments to services, manage care and assessment provisions. Hood. I79. CR147. CU338. V339. MR420. MRT424. RRB807. RS807. HRC832. SCA847.

1009 - (Judiciary B) Deputy sheriffs and police officers; require certain courses for continuing education. Crudup. I79.

1010 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospitals; authorize cooperative agreements among that are regulated and immune from antitrust laws. McGee. I79.

1011 - (Medicaid) Audits of claims and payments made on behalf of the Division of Medicaid; delete provision providing maximum of 5 years for. Steversen. I79.

1012 - (Judiciary A) Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process. Cockerham. I79. CR134. CU242. V242.

1013 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; create Medicaid Commission to administer program and abolish Division of Medicaid. Lamar. I79. CR147. CU336. V337. MR341. MRT392.

1014 - (Judiciary B) DUI; revise violations of. Haney. I79.

1015 - (Public Health and Human Services) Funeral homes; revise various provisions relating to disposition of bodies, crematories and preneed contracts. Haney. I79.

1016 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal general election ballots; provide that only the names of those opposed candidates shall be printed upon. Haney. I79.

1017 - (Judiciary A) Officers who may administer oaths; add chiefs of police and sheriffs. Haney. I80.

1018 - (Public Property) State buildings; name DPS Gulf Coast Regional Forensics Laboratory as the "Gary T. Hargrove Memorial Forensic Laboratory." Haney. I80. CR148. CU318. V318. RS626. AP806.

1019 - (Apportionment and Elections) Gubernatorial inaugurations funds; require contributions and expenditures to be reported to Secretary of State. Lamar. I80. CR131. CU328. V328.

1020 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Scott. I80.

1021 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Shubuta with improvements to Town Hall building. Scott. I80.

1022 - (Education) Compulsory school attendance; require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. Scott. I80.

1023 - (Education) Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early-release privilege eligibility. Scott. I80.

1024 - (Education) First grade enrollment; allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. Scott. I80.

1025 - (Education) State Board of Education; require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. Scott. I80.

1026 - (Public Health and Human Services) SNAP and TANF recipients; require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. Scott. I80.

1027 - (Education) School attendance; require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on the ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. Scott. I80.

1028 - (Public Health and Human Services) Medical Practice Act; revise various provisions of. Huddleston. I80.

1029 - (Universities and Colleges) Income share agreements; authorize IHLs to enter into with eligible students. Huddleston. I80. CR151. CU335. V335. MR336. MRT343.

1030 - (Universities and Colleges) "Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act"; enact. Huddleston. I80. CR151. CU340. RTT340. CU414. V420.

1031 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide certain requirements for reimbursement for telemedicine services provided by FQHCs and RHCs. Hood. I80.

1032 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; exempt durable medical equipment from 5% reduction in provider reimbursement rates. Hood. I80.

1033 - (Medicaid) Medicaid Access and Opportunity Act of 2021; create. Hood. I80.

1034 - (Drug Policy) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Roberson. I81. CR125. CU203. V203. RS626. AP806.

1035 - (Education) Virtual public schools; create pilot program for districts to create and accept out of district students for enrollment. Roberson. I81.

1036 - (Transportation) Driver's license; exempt active duty military, spouse and dependent children if they have valid license from their home state. Roberson. I81. CR118. CU186. V186.

1037 - (Energy) Mississippi Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; enact. Powell. I81. CR125. CU218. V218.

1038 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide for assessment and exemption from 5% reduction for assisted living services under federal waivers. Deweese. I81.

1039 - (Judiciary B) Amiya Braxton Amendment; create to require the arrest and charge of a driver who kills a child when violating the school crossing provisions. Thompson. I81.

1040 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election Commissioners; revise the staggered terms for those elected in board of supervisors' Districts Two and Four. Clark. I81.

1041 - (Judiciary B) Firearms Protection Act; create. Criswell. I81.

1042 - (Gaming) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. McKnight. I81.

1043 - (Marine Resources) Public trust tidelands; provide the procedure for removal of submerged logs on. McKnight. I81.

1044 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. McKnight. I81.

1045 - (Ways and Means) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area" and allow package retailer's permits. Harness. I81.

1046 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offenders; exclude nonviolent offenders. Harness. I81.

1047 - (Education) Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements. McGee. I81. CR146. CU316. V316. RS627. HC818. CE819. SS838. AP1150.

1048 - (Apportionment and Elections) Qualification deadline; change to February 1 for certain statewide, state district, county and county district offices. Steverson. I81. CR131. CU322. V322. RS624. HC667. SS828. AP859.

1049 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize tax credit for cost of qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Steverson. I81.

1050 - (Judiciary B) Criminal investigators; increase the salaries of those employed by district attorneys. Steverson. I82.

1051 - (Corrections) Mississippi Prison Education Reform Act of 2021; create. Harness. I82.

1052 - (Education) Statewide assessment program; discontinue all standardized tests except for single test in Grades 3, 8 and 11. Harness. I82.

1053 - (Education) Teacher licensure; establish alternative routes to five-year license due to critical teacher shortage. Harness. I82.

1054 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor license tag; authorize issuance to veterans of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. Arnold. I82.

1055 - (Universities and Colleges) Community College Board of Trustees; provide for the selection of for Hinds Community College District. Weathersby. I82.

1056 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Individual bond; require for public officers and employees handling or having the custody of public funds. Turner. I82.

1057 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. Karriem. I82.

1058 - (Judiciary B) Special Prosecutor; create procedure when DA is absent or unable to perform his or her duties. Karriem. I82.

1059 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. Karriem. I82.

1060 - (Judiciary B) Officer-involved death; require investigation and appointment of special prosecutor. Karriem. I82.

1061 - (Appropriations) State employees; provide for across-the-board increase in annual salaries of. Karriem. I82.

1062 - (Interstate Cooperation) Daylight saving time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. Arnold. I82. CR141. CU331. V331. RS623. SS659. AP806.

1063 - (Energy) Transformative renewable energy projects; authorize boards of supervisors to designate as such for certain tax purposes. Lancaster. I82. CR126. CU220. V220. MR221. MRT233.

1064 - (County Affairs) Counties and municipalities; authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. Scott. I82.

1065 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; increase number that may be issued to a person who is a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. Arnold. I82.

1066 - (Judiciary B) Littering; increase fines and allocate monies collected to police, sheriff. Arnold. I82.

1067 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Foreign Company Accountability Act; create. Steverson. I83.

1068 - (Education) School recognition program; bring forward. Bennett. I83.

1069 - (Universities and Colleges) Children's Center for Communication and Development; establish special fund for the support of in providing services for certain exceptional children. McGee. I83.

1070 - (Ways and Means) Fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes; bring forward sections relating to. Wright. I83.

1071 - (Education) School curriculum; require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. Scott. I83.

1072 - (Education) Teacher salaries; authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in D and F districts. Scott. I83.

1073 - (Universities and Colleges) Community and junior colleges; waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. Scott. I83.

1074 - (Appropriations) State employees; provide for pay raise based on the amount of their annual salaries. Scott. I83.

1075 - (Banking and Financial Services) MS Credit Availability Act, Title Pledge Act, and Check Cashers Act; extend or remove repealer on certain provisions of. Zuber. I83. CR133. CU257. V257. RS622. SS659. AP806.

1076 - (Ways and Means) Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. Roberson. I83. CR129. CU252. V252.

1077 - (Banking and Financial Services) Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means. Zuber. I83. CR133. CU258. V258. MR341. MRT344. RS624. HRC817. SCA847. SRFC952. HRFC1101.

1078 - (Judiciary A) Perpetual care and preneed cemetery and funeral laws; unlawful to make false or misleading statements in records under. Zuber. I83. CR134. CU243. V243.

1079 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; revise list of eligible crimes. Karriem. I83.

1080 - (Judiciary B) Disenfranchising crimes; clarify those that qualify as. Karriem. I83.

1081 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee ballots; revise those who are authorized to vote by. Karriem. I83.

1082 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of certain electronic devices and educational software during the last weekend in July. Scott. I83.

1083 - (Judiciary B) Felony expunction; revise age to obtain to conform to revisions. Scott. I83.

1084 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Scott. I84.

1085 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide coverage for community-based home-visitation and pregnancy support services. Scott. I84.

1086 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide coverage for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women. Scott. I84.

1087 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide continued eligibility for eligible women for up to 12 months postpartum. Scott. I84.

1088 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; increase per diem rate paid to regionals for housing of state offenders. Scott. I84.

1089 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; covered family planning services shall include coverage for long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) methods. Scott. I84.

1090 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Zuber. I84.

1091 - (Ways and Means) Light wine, light spirit product and beer; authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law. Zuber. I84. CR128. CU251. V252. MR252. MRWD311. RS624. HRC801. SCA860. HCRA1817. CE1905. SCRA1932. SS1976. AP1988.

1092 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; increase reimbursement rate for preventative dental services for 3 fiscal years. Scott. I84.

1093 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; bring forward services and managed care provisions. Hood. I84.

1094 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide same services to children with ADHD as those provided to children with autism. Scott. I84.

1095 - (Ways and Means) Department of Revenue; authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities. Lamar. I84. CR151. CU403. V404. RS624. HRC801. SCA860. HCRA1827. SCRA1932. SS1979. AP1988.

1096 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; bring forward services, managed care and provider assessment provisions. Hood. I84.

1097 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement pursuits; require municipalities and counties to develop policies regarding. Bell (65th). I84.

1098 - (Banking and Financial Services) Financial services; authorize financial institutions to provide to licensed medical marijuana treatment centers. Bell (65th). I84.

1099 - (Rules) Confederate flag; remove from the prohibition on desecrating certain national and state flags. Bell (65th). I84.

1100 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; revise provisions regarding notice relating payment or nonpayment of. Reynolds. I84.

1101 - (Education) School boards powers and duties; expand to require boards to exercise all reasonable efforts to ensure 16th section land lessees pay taxes on leased lands. Reynolds. I84.

1102 - (Judiciary B) Certificate of Rehabilitation; expand authorization for convictions in federal court, state military court and other states. Reynolds. I85.

1103 - (Judiciary B) Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths; create. Anderson (110th). I85.

1104 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. Johnson. I85.

1105 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offender law; exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under. Johnson. I85.

1106 - (Corrections) Mandatory 85% sentencing rule; repeal. Johnson. I85.

1107 - (Corrections) Commutation of sentences; require for certain nonviolent offenders. Johnson. I85.

1108 - (Corrections) Habitual offender law; authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years or more. Johnson. I85.

1109 - (Workforce Development) Minimum Wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Johnson. I85.

1110 - (Corrections) DOC; convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. Johnson. I85.

1111 - (Corrections) Use of restitution centers by DOC; repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. Johnson. I85.

1112 - (Corrections) Corrections Inspection Council; establish. Johnson. I85.

1113 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Delta Blues Museum with installation of permanent exhibits. Paden. I85.

1114 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Delta Blues Museum's installation of permanent exhibits. Paden. I85.

1115 - (Education) Average daily attendance; dispense with calculating for 2021-2022 school year and use ADA from 2020-2021 school year. Hines. I85.

1116 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of career technical buildings at the Greenville Higher Education Center. Hines. I85.

1117 - (Education) Statewide educational assessments; lower minimum passing score on certain tests for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Hines. I85.

1118 - (County Affairs) First Responders and Essential Workers Incentive Program; authorize counties and municipalities to create. Stamps. I85.

1119 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mississippi Department of Transportation to fund sidewalk in the city of Jackson. Stamps. I86.

1120 - (Education) High school curriculum; implement instruction in traditional vocational agricultural and forestry education, civics and home economics. Stamps. I86.

1121 - (Workforce Development) Career pathways initiative; provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. Johnson. I86.

1122 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Human Services; require a board of directors to be created within. Johnson. I86.

1123 - (Education) Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; revise funding and specify teaching standards. McCarty. I86. CR146. CU317. V317. RS624. HC819. SS838. AP1150.

1124 - (Apportionment and Elections) Legislative vacancy; revise procedure to fill. McCarty. I86.

1125 - (Education) Schools; provide for mental health services providers and trauma informed training. McCarty. I86.

1126 - (Education) Keep Our Kids on Track Act of 2021; create. McCarty. I86.

1127 - (Education) School attendance officers; require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Crawford. I86.

1128 - (Education) Habitually disruptive student; require to be evaluated for disability under IDEA after second incident of disruptive behavior. Crawford. I86.

1129 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes. Burnett. I86.

1130 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer after 14 years of completing all terms and conditions of sentences. Burnett. I86.

1131 - (Judiciary B) Firearms possession; authorize for nonviolent felons in homes and cars. Burnett. I86.

1132 - (Gaming) Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. Burnett. I86.

1133 - (Education) CTE students; provide tuition-free instruction and increased financial assistance for industry certification assessment. Bell (21st). I86.

1134 - (Public Utilities) Broadband Enabling Act; require electric cooperatives to annually file certain documents with PSC and State Auditor. Powell. I86.

1135 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; create delivery service permit. Lamar. I86. CR128. CU169. V169. RS627. HRC801. SCA860. HCRA1123. SCRA1153. SS1928. AP1987.

1136 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Educational Talent Recruitment Act; create. Lamar. I87. CR151. CU255. V255.

1137 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; revise certain provisions regarding the determination of true value of land used for agricultural purposes. Lamar. I87. CR129. CU172. V173. RS626. SS654. AP804.

1138 - (Appropriations) Retirement; allow certain members of PERS to purchase creditable service for service with non-PERS employers. Lamar. I87.

1139 - (Ways and Means) Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25. Lamar. I87. CR129. CU254. V254. RS627. HRC801. SCA860. HCRA1837. SCRA1932. SS1978. AP1990.

1140 - (Judiciary B) First-degree murder; include unlawful distribution of controlled substances, when the distribution is proximate cause of death. Lamar. I87. CR135. CU235. 236.

1141 - (Ways and Means) Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act; create. Steverson. I87.

1142 - (Ways and Means) Construction; revise contractor's tax regarding certain, require permits in counties/municipalities with construction codes. Steverson. I87. CR129. CR139. CU253. V254. MR341. R391. 391.

1143 - (Public Health and Human Services) Appropriation; Health Department to provide epi-pens and AEDs in IHLs, community colleges and schools. Paden. I87.

1144 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Johnson. I87.

1145 - (Public Health and Human Services) State agencies; prohibit disclosure of identifying information received from program applicants. Johnson. I87.

1146 - (Rules) Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week; designate April 13-19 annually as. Tullos. I87.

1147 - (Rules) State holiday; remove Robert E. Lee's birthday as legal. Karriem. I87.

1148 - (Rules) Indigenous People Day; designate second Monday in October as legal state holiday in observance of. Crawford. I87.

1149 - (Judiciary B) Crimes; require specification of degree of mental culpability required for commission of. Brown (20th). I87.

1150 - (Ways and Means) Income tax refund; provide check off on individual form to allow contribution to State General Fund. Brown (20th). I87.

1151 - (Education) School enrollment; authorize child transferred to out of school district to remain enrolled after parent's retirement from that school. Brown (20th). I87.

1152 - (Judiciary A) "The Rational Use of Product Act"; create. Brown (20th). I88.

1153 - (Public Health and Human Services) Stand-alone ice vending machines; exempt bags or other containers used to store ice from including certain information on its label. Brown (20th). I88.

1154 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Mississippi Outdoors and Natural Resources Fund; create to provide source of private funds to promote outdoors and natural resources. Brown (20th). I88. CR145. CU333. V333.

1155 - (County Affairs) Compensation for members of boards of supervisors; revise. Barton. I88.

1156 - (Public Property) Public property; authorize certain state property conveyed to Jackson to be used for park and recreational purposes. Barton. I88. CR148. CU318. V318.

1157 - (Municipalities) Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; allow municipalities to authorize operation on certain municipal streets. Barton. I88. CR137. CU327. V327.

1158 - (Judiciary A) Graves and abandoned public cemeteries; create process to enter and exit without landowner's permission. Barton. I88.

1159 - (Municipalities) Municipal annexation; provide that an election shall be held on the question of. Barton. I88.

1160 - (Universities and Colleges) Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program; create. Barton. I88. CR151. CU321. V321.

1161 - (Education) Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act; enact for implementation in public school curriculum. Arnold. I88.

1162 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; revise physician requirement and prohibit facilities from selling stem cells. Arnold. I88.

1163 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19; prohibit use of state funds for mandatory administration of vaccine against. Arnold. I88.

1164 - (Judiciary B) CDL; prohibit for any person convicted under Mississippi Human Trafficking Act. Arnold. I88.

1165 - (Transportation) Window tint regulation; revise medical exemption. Arnold. I88.

1166 - (Insurance) Health insurance; prohibit premium surcharges based on vaccination or nonvaccination for the prevention of COVID-19. Arnold. I88.

1167 - (Public Property) State flags; Secretary of State shall procure for display on Capitol grounds and provided to legislators to give to the public. Turner. I88. CR137. CU309. V309. MR310.

1168 - (Insurance) Telemedicine; revise for purposes of health insurance and employee benefit plans. Turner. I89.

1169 - (Insurance) Developmental and physical disabilities; require health insurance policies cover similar to autism spectrum disorder requirement. Reynolds. I89.

1170 - (County Affairs) Constables; authorize counties to pay additional compensation to when courts are closed for more than 30 days. Guice. I89.

1171 - (County Affairs) County jail dockets; require additional data for transparency purpose and require uniform recording of data. Ladner. I89.

1172 - (Judiciary A) Social media company community standards; require court to issue injunction when plaintiff demonstrates violation of by a defendant's communications on social media platform. Banks. I89.

1173 - (Ways and Means) Retail food establishments; prohibit from imposing cost-plus pricing formulas. Banks. I89.

1174 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness. Currie. I89. CR125. CU211. V211. RS622. HRC662. SCA860. HCRA1147. SRFC1729.

1175 - (Transportation) Patriot Guard Act; create. Currie. I89.

1176 - (Apportionment and Elections) Presidential election; prohibit release of popular vote until after meeting of electors in the states. Currie. I89.

1177 - (Appropriations) General laws and journals of legislative sessions; copies of not provided to certain recipients of unless specifically requested. Read. I89. CR144. CU159. V159. RS626. AP806.

1178 - (Education) MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. McCarty. I89.

1179 - (Education) William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create. McCarty. I89. CR146. CU317. V317. RS627. HRC819. SCA845. HCRA1091. SCRA1154. SS1928. AP1988.

1180 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize rebate for certain residents with employment outside Mississippi. Deweese. I89.

1181 - (Judiciary A) The MS Registered Agents Act; revise to include "email address." Deweese. I89. CR134. CU243. V243.

1182 - (Military Affairs) Veterans; provide uniform definition and include NOAA Corps. Carpenter. I89. CR116. CU182. V182.

1183 - (Apportionment and Elections) Presidential electors; revise selection of to be one from each congressional district and two from the state at-large. Holloway. I89.

1184 - (Workforce Development) Community and junior colleges; expand workforce development partnerships. Brown (70th). I89.

1185 - (Education) Civics; require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. Brown (70th). I90.

1186 - (Transportation) United States Highway 49; designate segment from Hinds County to Coahoma County as an historic highway. Brown (70th). I90.

1187 - (Education) Habitually disruptive students; require to be evaluated for disability under IDEA after second incident of disruptive behavior. Hudson. I90.

1188 - (County Affairs) Election commissioners; require board of supervisors to provide insurance coverage for. Clark. I90.

1189 - (Judiciary B) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Paden. I90.

1190 - (Constitution) Open Meetings; include subcommittee in the definition of public body in provisions for. Rushing. I90.

1191 - (Appropriations) Retirement; PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system. Rushing. I90.

1192 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Air rifle; authorize use during open season with guns for individuals exempt from hunting license requirement by reason of disability. Kinkade. I90.

1193 - (Local and Private Legislation) Noxubee County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications to repair county courthouse/county owned facilities. Mickens. I90.

1194 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; phase in 25% reduction for agencies and departments over ten years. Hopkins. I90.

1195 - (Transportation) Electric bicycles; regulate. McGee. I90. CR118. CU187. V187. RS622. SS660. AP806.

1196 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on. Oliver. I90.

1197 - (Ways and Means) Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of. Lamar. I90. CR129. CU173. V174. RS624. HRC801. SCA860. HCRA1856. SCRA1932. SS1978. AP1988.

1198 - (Ways and Means) Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting; revise certain provisions of. Newman. I90.

1199 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Commission on Status of Women; require that all vacancies be filled and meeting held by July 1, 2021. Gibbs (72nd). I90.

1200 - (Public Health and Human Services) "Mississippi Mask Usage Act"; enact to require masks to be worn in federal and state government facilities. Anderson (110th). I90.

1201 - (Judiciary B) State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of. Bain. I91.

1202 - (Universities and Colleges) Postsecondary educational institutions; require 50% in person instruction as condition of receiving legislative appropriation. Bain. I91.

1203 - (Insurance) Healthcare Contracting Simplification Act; create. Ford (54th). I91.

1204 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Child Protection Services; require search for relatives of child taken into custody and establish placement preferences. Ford (54th). I91.

1205 - (Insurance) Telemedicine; revise definition for provisions of law regarding coverage for telemedicine services. Ford (54th). I91. CR146. CU340. RTT340. CU412. V412. RS622. HRC802. SCA847.

1206 - (Transportation) Driver's license; revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. Karriem. I91.

1207 - (Transportation) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Karriem. I91.

1208 - (Transportation) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Karriem. I91.

1209 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Livingston Park. Crudup. I91.

1210 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Sykes Park. Crudup. I91.

1211 - (Marine Resources) Administrative hearing procedures for Commission on Marine Resources; revise to authorize executive director of Department of Marine Resources to make final decisions during. Ladner. I91. CR127. CU216. V216. RS627. HC803. SS829. AP864.

1212 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Governor; if appointments to offices not timely reported to Senate, Lt. Governor has authority to make the appointments. Ladner. I91.

1213 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Personnel Board; require exempted agencies' reports to include quantifiable data and to be sent to SPB, PEER and LBO. Ladner. I91. CR124. CU215. V215. RS626. AP804.

1214 - (Education) Charter schools; reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. Ladner. I91.

1215 - (Judiciary B) Parole Board; bring forward sections relating to powers and duties of. Ladner. I91.

1216 - (Corrections) Correctional system cost-per-day reviews; transfer responsibility from PEER to MDOC. Ladner. I91.

1217 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) "Ban-the-Box Act"; create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as a bar to employment. Scott. I91.

1218 - (Banking and Financial Services) Mississippi Fair Housing Act; create. Scott. I92.

1219 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of the eligible population for the grants. Scott. I92.

1220 - (Universities and Colleges) IHL; continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. Scott. I92.

1221 - (Judiciary B) Wire tapping; authorize the Cyber Crime Division within the Attorney General's office to investigate child exploitation cases. Owen. I92.

1222 - (Judiciary B) Intimate visual material; create civil and criminal liability for unlawful disclosure or promotion of. Owen. I92.

1223 - (County Affairs) County elected officers; provide that salaries shall not be reduced due to reduction in total assessed valuation or population. Sanford. I92.

1224 - (Judiciary B) Bulletproof Vests Revolving Fund; create. Sanford. I92.

1225 - (Corrections) Nonviolent offenders; require certain segregated housing, repeal 85% rule, expand authority of judge to make eligible for parole. Karriem. I92.

1226 - (Judiciary A) Fifteenth Circuit Court Districts; remove residency requirement for Pearl River County and reduce the number of judges for the district. Evans (91st). I92.

1227 - (Judiciary A) Fifteenth Circuit Court District; reduce the number of judges for. Evans (91st). I92.

1228 - (Judiciary A) Fifteenth Circuit Court District; revise residency requirement. Evans (91st). I92.

1229 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Wildlife management areas; authorize use of mobility-related devices on trails for certain individuals. Evans (91st). I92.

1230 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs. Bounds. I92. CR152. CU176. V176. RS622. SS659. AP806.

1231 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Bounds. I92. CR152. CU325. V326. RS624. HRC838. SCA874.

1232 - (Local and Private Legislation) Hinds County; authorize assessments on convictions/nonadjudications to repair pre-trial detention centers and courthouses. Bell (65th). I92.

1233 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Fayette with improvements to Main Street. Harness. I92.

1234 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Fayette with improvements to Spring Street. Harness. I93.

1235 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson and Warren Counties with infrastructure improvements. Harness. I93.

1236 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with road improvements. Harness. I93.

1237 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) PEER committee; require to review the operations of Child Protection Services. Ladner. I93. CR131. CU329. V329.

1238 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of feminine hygiene products, contraceptive products, baby formula and diapers. Hines. I93.

1239 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health care practitioner; require to wear photo ID name tag that includes the type of license held by the practitioner. Shanks. I93.

1240 - (Appropriations) Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan; allow certain agency heads to implement components of. Lamar. I93.

1241 - (Apportionment and Elections) Instant-runoff voting; authorize for certain elections. McCarty. I93.

1242 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. McGee. I93.

1243 - (Education) State Superintendent of Public Education; align salary of to no more than 150% of Governor's salary. Bain. I93.

1244 - (Education) MAEP; remove the requirement for collection of fees in lieu of taxes as a portion of local contribution requirement. Bennett. I93.

1245 - (Transportation) MDOT; require maintenance of rights-of-way of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population. Rushing. I93. CR118. CU199. V199. RS627. HRC799. SCA861. HCRA904. SCRA1726. SS1978. AP1985.

1246 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize demolition of slum and blighted properties located within. Crudup. I93. CR131. CU329. V329.

1247 - (County Affairs) Sheriffs and police officers; require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. Crudup. I93.

1248 - (Gaming) Casinos; revise locations in Tunica County where may locate. Burnett. I93.

1249 - (Transportation) Radar; delete population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality. Harness. I93. CR142.

1250 - (Judiciary B) Fresh Start Act; revise certain portions of. Karriem. I94.

1251 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission; return to a special fund agency. Ford (54th). I94. CR144. CU160. V160.

1252 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public Service Commission; provide certain requirements regarding public proceedings and information. Boyd. I94. CR124.

1253 - (Workforce Development) Construction management at risk method of project delivery; revise certain provisions related to. Bell (21st). I94. CR139. CU258. V281. MR340. R345. V368.

1254 - (Education) 2021 Mississippi Education Task Force; create to review state regulations and accountability system. Bain. I94.

1255 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Dementia Care Program; create pilot program to provide services for caregivers of and persons with Alzheimer's or dementia. Bain. I94.

1256 - (Appropriations) State Auditor; increase fee to be charged by for performing audits and other services. Turner. I94. CR132. CU158. V158.

1257 - (Education) Public school athletics; establish study committee to evaluate transferring administration to local governments. Brown (20th). I94.

1258 - (Constitution) Posting injurious messages; repeal code section held unconstitutional. Brown (20th). I94.

1259 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Corrections to establish and maintain certain educational classes for inmates. Harness. I94.

1260 - (Workforce Development) 2021 Women's Economic Security Act; create. Williams-Barnes. I94.

1261 - (Workforce Development) Women's Economic Security Act of 2021; create. Williams-Barnes. I94.

1262 - (Workforce Development) Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state license if applicants satisfy certain conditions. Hopkins. I94.

1263 - (Workforce Development) Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions. Currie. I94. CR139. CU179. V179. RS627. HC670. SS829. AP864.

1264 - (Workforce Development) Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions. Owen. I94.

1265 - (Judiciary A) Occupational license; revise judicial review related to suspension of. Sanford. I94.

1266 - (Judiciary A) Occupational license; revise judicial review related to suspension of. Tullos. I94.

1267 - (Judiciary A) Occupational license; revise judicial review related to suspension of. Porter. I95.

1268 - (Public Health and Human Services) Marriage and family therapists; may be issued temporary license to nonresidents to practice in nonprofit facility. Felsher. I95.

1269 - (Workforce Development) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of the opposite sex in the same work establishment. Arnold. I95.

1270 - (Workforce Development) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Johnson. I95.

1271 - (Workforce Development) Equal pay for equal work; require for women in the same work establishment. Karriem. I95.

1272 - (Workforce Development) Employee wages; require to be paid equally for women and men. Clark. I95.

- 1273 - (Judiciary B) Marriage; remove prohibition for same-sex. Yates. I95.
- 1274 - (Judiciary B) Marriage license; provide same age of consent for females and males. Yates. I95.
- 1275 - (Judiciary B) Sexually oriented materials prohibited from being provided to youth; remove certain terms from. Yates. I95.
- 1276 - (Judiciary B) Adoption; remove prohibition against same gender. Yates. I95.
- 1277 - (Workforce Development) Evelyn Gandy Fair Pay Act; create to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. Williams-Barnes. I95.
- 1278 - (Workforce Development) Equal pay for equal work; require employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Clarke. I95.
- 1279 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Cosmetology licensure laws; increase education requirement for nail technicians and require CE in sanitation. Young. I95.
- 1280 - (Judiciary A) Nursing homes; require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. Evans (91st). I95.
- 1281 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Criswell. I95.
- 1282 - (Constitution) Municipalities; clarify authority of to regulate exercise of free speech near medical facilities. Eubanks. I95.
- 1283 - (Workforce Development) Unemployment Insurance Integrity Act of 2021; create. Carpenter. I95.
- 1284 - (Appropriations) Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund; revise certain provisions regarding. Read. I96. CR144. CU160. V160. RS626. AP806.
- 1285 - (Education) Stay on Track Act of 2021; create. Boyd. I96.
- 1286 - (Agriculture) "Mississippi Country of Origin Labeling Law of 2009"; revise to also require notice of country of processing. Eubanks. I96.
- 1287 - (Municipalities) Sixteenth section land; authorize leasing of certain classified land to cities/counties for less than minimum percentage of market value. Barton. I96.
- 1288 - (Ways and Means) Charter vessel operator's permit; create to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages by the holder of. Felsher. I96. CR151. CU176. V176. RS626. SS654. AP806.
- 1289 - (Judiciary B) Open accounts; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means. Ladner. I96.
- 1290 - (Appropriations) Attorney General; allow salaries of assistants to exceed statutory limitations under certain circumstances. Steverson. I96. CR132. CU159. V159. RS656. HRC801. SCA841.
- 1291 - (Public Property) Statues and monuments; prohibit removal of certain unless authorized by an act of the Legislature. Arnold. I96.

1292 - (Municipalities) Municipal annexation; require an election be held in the proposed annexed territory. Hopkins. I96.

1293 - (Universities and Colleges) Collegiate athletics; authorize student athletes to receive compensation and have legal representation. Harness. I96.

1294 - (Education) Socialism curriculum; require to be included in public secondary and postsecondary schools. Patterson. I96.

1295 - (Judiciary A) Child support; prohibit imputation of income based on a standard amount in lieu of gathering facts. Yates. I96.

1296 - (Ways and Means) Historic property income tax credit; revise certain provisions regarding. Lamar. I96. CR129. CU174. V174. RS794. HRC831. SCA861. HCRA1127. SCRA1154. SS1928. AP1988.

1297 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Lamar. I96. CR434. CU442. RTT442. CU469. 469. RS794. CU832.

1298 - (Workforce Development) Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Ford (73rd). I96.

1299 - (Gaming) Skill terminal devices; authorize operation of under in MS Lottery Corporation and impose tax on to support PERS. Hale. I96.

1300 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Education to provide grants to school districts to establish telehealth programs. Gunn. I97.

1301 - (Workforce Development) Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Gunn. I97. CR139. CU177. V177. MR221. R344. 344. RS656. HRC670. SCA845.

1302 - (Public Health and Human Services) Optometry; Board shall define practice of, and authorize to perform certain procedures and use and prescribe certain drugs. White. I97. CR117. CU189. V189. RS498. SS653. AP794.

1303 - (Public Health and Human Services) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions relating to, including collaboration requirement. Scoggin. I97. CR117. CU189. V189.

1304 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; issue for comprehensive medical rehabilitation beds and services in Rankin County. Yancey. I97.

1305 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health Care Certificate of Need Law; repeal. Yancey. I97.

1306 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove moratorium on issuance for new home health agencies or expansion of existing agencies. Yancey. I97.

1307 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON laws; shall not apply in counties designated by MDA as a growth and prosperity county. Brown (20th). I97.

1308 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; authorize for nursing home in Jones County. Scott. I97.

1309 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. Hines. I97.

1310 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove services and equipment from requirement for. Hines. I97.

1311 - (Judiciary B) No-knock warrants; prohibit issuance of. Summers. I97.

1312 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on. Turner. I97. CR131. CU330. V330. RS624. HRC801. SCA865. SRFC874. HRFC919. HCRA1073. SS1978. AP1985.

1313 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on. Turner. I97. CR131. CU330. V330.

1314 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Architects; revise licensing laws to authorize multi-disciplinary firms with landscape architects and interior designers. Creekmore IV. I97. CR131.

1315 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Occupational licenses, repeal those for art therapists, auctioneers, interior designers, funeral home directors and establishments and wigologists. Gunn. I97. CR131. CU178. MTL178. V178. MR192. MRT233.

1316 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; eliminate. Hopkins. I97.

1317 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; issue to Panola Medical Center for adult psych beds and to North MS Medical Center for child psych beds. Lamar. I98.

1318 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Cosmetology Board; remove threading and makeup artistry from regulation by. Mims. I98.

1319 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Professional Massage Therapy Act; extend repelaer on. Turner. I98.

1320 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Cosmetology licensure laws; remove threading and applying and removing eyelash extensions from application of. Hopkins. I98.

1321 - (Rules) Utility shutoffs; revise governor's authority regarding. Mangold. I98.

1322 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures. Steverson. I98. CR434. CU442. RTT442. CU470. V470.

1323 - (Judiciary B) Open meeting; authorize executive session for discussion of plans to combat human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children. Gunn. I98. CR142. CU322. V322. RS624. HC669. SS828. AP859.

1324 - (Rules) Emergency executive order; limit state of emergency orders to 30 days. Williamson. I98.

1325 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; revise counties eligible for diversion of revenue from certain tax increment financing projects. Bennett. I98.

1326 - (Rules) Compact for a Balanced Budget; revise delegate membership and extend sunset provision. Read. I98. CR149. CU341. RTT341. CU392. V400. RS623. SS660. AP806.

1327 - (Rules) State of emergency; provide a maximum time period for and authorize Department of Health to store dead bodies if necessary. Ladner. I98. CR149. CU153. V153.

1328 - (Judiciary B) The MS Warrants Task Force; create to study the issuance and execution of warrants in the state. Gunn. I98. CR142. CU323. V323.

1329 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of groceries. Banks. I196.

1330 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Woodland with expansion of Woodland Clinic. Lancaster. I196.

1331 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Houston with repair and renovation of the Bijou-Dream Theater. Lancaster. I196.

1332 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Woodland with construction of a park. Lancaster. I196.

1333 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Wesson; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads. Currie. I197. CR466. CU488. V488. RS1975. SS1976. AP1985.

1334 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Georgetown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads. Currie. I197. CR466. CU489. V489. RS1975. SS1976. AP1985.

1335 - (Local and Private Legislation) Lincoln County; include food sold at county's civic center as retail merchandise when processing electronic payments for such merchandise. Currie. I197. CR466. CU489. V489. RS953. SS1721. AP1981.

1336 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with certain drainage projects. Taylor. I197.

1337 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Artesia with drainage improvements. Taylor. I197.

1338 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program. Foster. I197.

1339 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to Storehouse Community Food Pantry. Foster. I197.

1340 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to Read by Third Grade, a Tutorial Program for At-Risk Students. Foster. I197.

1341 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for additional funding for community health centers to expand outpatient services for former inmates. Brown (70th). I197.

1342 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with renovating the Russell C. Davis Planetarium. Brown (70th). I197.

1343 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Meadville with certain projects. Harness. I197.

1344 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Rankin County with improvements to Andrew Chapel Road. Powell. I197.

1345 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public Schools District's Career Development Center. Clarke. I197.

1346 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Guntown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets. Turner. I197. CR466. CU490. V490. RS830. SS838. AP1150.

1347 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist enterprises operating certain hydroponic facilities. Johnson. I197.

1348 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Philadelphia with levee system improvements. Bounds. I197.

1349 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize hiring of additional part-time assistant county prosecuting attorneys. Kinkade. I197.

1350 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Ripley; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tax. Steverson. I198. CR466. CU490. V490. MR493. MRT514. RS953. SS1721. AP1981.

1351 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund. Lamar. I198. CR434. CU442. RTT442. CU470. V470. RS794. CU832.

1352 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize for West Jackson County Utility District construction of new water and sewer infrastructure at I-10 corridor. Zuber. I228.

1353 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist West Jackson County Utility District in paying costs of constructing a water tank. Zuber. I228.

1354 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Port of Vicksburg. Ford (54th). I228.

1355 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for acquiring and renovating property to house Hinds CC Maritime Training Center in Vicksburg. Ford (54th). I228.

1356 - (Ways and Means) Income tax and sales tax; revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft. Lamar. I228. CR434. CU442. RTT442. CU477. V478. RS794. HRC831. SCA861. HCRA1133. SCRA1154. SS1928. AP1984.

1357 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund. Lamar. I228.

1358 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize certain funding for nonprofit museums within the city. Foster. I228.

1359 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize to execute certain agreement to make contributions to Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Foundation. Foster. I228.

1360 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional for the Department of Marine Resources for Fiscal Year 2021. Read. I250. CR250. CU402. V403.

1361 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with infrastructure improvements. Kinkade. I342.

1362 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Adams County with completion of the Belwood Levee. Johnson. I342.

1363 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exempt all compensation of persons retired from military. Stamps. I342.

1364 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance of revenue bonds for various transportation projects and temporarily increase gasoline and diesel fuel excise taxes. Lamar. I424. CR434. CU442. RTT442. CU478. RC478.

1365 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Read. I428. CR438. CU445. V445. RS795. HC812. SS838. AP1150.

1366 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Read. I428. CR438. CU445. V445. RS795. HC812. SS838. AP1150.

1367 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Read. I428. CR438. CU447. V447. RS795. HC812. SS838. BLWS1151.

1368 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Read. I428. CR438. CU445. V445. RS795. HC812. SS838. AP1150.

1369 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Read. I428. CR438. CU445. V445. RS795. HC813. SS839. AP1150.

1370 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Read. I428. CR438. CU445. V445. RS795. HC813. SS839. AP1151.

1371 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Read. I428. CR438. CU445. V445. RS795. HC813. SS839. AP1151.

1372 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Read. I428. CR438. CU445. V446. RS795. HC813. SS839. AP1151.

1373 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Read. I428. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HC813. SS839. AP1151.

1374 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Read. I428. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HC813. SS839. AP1151.

1375 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Read. I428. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HC813. SS839. AP1151.

1376 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Read. I428. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HC813. SS839. AP1151.

1377 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Read. I428. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HC813. SS839. AP1151.

1378 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Read. I429. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HRC814. SCA841. HCRA960. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1984.

1379 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Read. I429. CR439. CU448. V448. RS795. HRC814. SCA841. SRFC949. CU957. HRFC958. SCRA1726. SS1979. AP1988.

1380 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Fire Academy. Read. I429. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HRC814. SCA842. HCRA963. SCRA1154. SS1978. AP1984.

1381 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Read. I429. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HRC814. SCA842. SRFC949. CU957. HRFC958. SCRA1726. SS1979. AP1989.

1382 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Read. I429. CR439. CU448. V448. RS795. HRC814. SCA842. HCRA965. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1984.

1383 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Read. I429. CR439. CU449. V449. RS795. HRC814. SCA842. HCRA967. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1984.

1384 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Read. I429. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HRC814. SCA842. SRFC949. CU957. HRFC958. SRFC1152. R1199. HRFC1200. HCRA1574. SCRA1726. SS1979. BLWS1989.

1385 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Attorney General. Read. I429. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HRC814. SCA842. SRFC952. HCRA972. R1156. HRFC1156. SCRA1726. SS1979. AP1988.

1386 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Read. I429. CR439. CU445. V446. RS795. HRC814. SCA842. HCRA976. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1987.

1387 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Education, Department of. Read. I429. CR439. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. SRFC949. CU957. HRFC958. SCRA1726. SS1978. AP1989.

1388 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Read. I429. CR439. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. HCRA979. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1986.

1389 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Arts Commission. Read. I429. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. HCRA982. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1986.

1390 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Library Commission. Read. I429. CR440. CU449. V449. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. HCRA985. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1986.

1391 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21. Read. I429. CR440. CU450. V450. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. SRFC949. HCRA988. R1140. HRFC1140. SCRA1726. SS1979. AP1988.

1392 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Read. I429. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. SRFC949. CU957. HRFC958. SRFC1152. HRFC1199. HCRA1579. SCRA1726. SS1979. AP1986.

1393 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. SRFC949. CU958. HRFC958. HCRA1585. SCRA1726. MRT1896. SS1976. AP1991.

1394 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. HCRA991. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1987.

1395 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. HCRA993. SCRA1154. SS1983. AP1990.

1396 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. SRFC951. HCRA997. R1141. HRFC1141. HCRA1589. SCRA1726. SS1980. AP1988.

1397 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. HCRA999. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1987.

1398 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA842. SRFC949. CU958. HRFC958. SCRA1726. MRT1896. SS1979. AP1988.

1399 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA843. SRFC949. CU958. HRFC958. SCRA1726. SS1980. AP1986.

1400 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC814. SCA843. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC958. HCRA1718. SCRA1726. MRT1928. SS1980. AP1988.

1401 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health, Department of. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC815. SCA843. HCRA1006. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1987.

1402 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC815. SCA859. HCRA1007. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1981.

1403 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC815. SCA843. HCRA1011. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1987.

1404 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Read. I430. CR440. CU445. V446. RS796. HRC815. SCA843. HCRA1014. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1981.

1405 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Read. I430. CR441. CU445. V447. RS796. HC815. SS839. AP1151.

1406 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Read. I430. CR441. CU445. V447. RS796. HC815. SS839. BLWS1151.

1407 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Read. I430. CR441. CU445. V447. RS796. HC815. SS839. AP1150.

1408 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Read. I430. CR441. CU445. V447. RS796. HRC815. SCA843. HCRA1016. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1984.

1409 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Read. I430. CR441. CU445. V447. RS796. HC815. SS839. AP1151.

1410 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Read. I431. CR441. CU445. V447. RS796. HRC816. SCA843. HCRA1019. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1987.

1411 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Read. I431. CR441. CU445. V447. RS796. HC816. SS839. AP1151.

1412 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Read. I431. CR441. CU445. V447. RS796. HRC816. SCA843. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC958. HCRA1595. SCRA1726. SS1979. AP1988.

1413 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Read. I431. CR441. CU445. V447. RS796. HRC816. SCA843. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC958. HCRA1602. SCRA1726. SS1978. PV1991.

1414 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2021. Read. I431. CR441. CU450. V450. RS797. HRC816. SCA843. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC958.

1415 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for IHL and community colleges capital improvements. Lamar. I432. CR434. RTT442. CU471. V476.

1416 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act: create. Lamar. I432. CR434. RTT442. CU477. V477.

1417 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Perry County with improvements at county industrial park. Barnett. I432.

1418 - (Local and Private Legislation) Oakland/Yalobusha Natural Gas District; authorize expansion of natural gas distribution system. Reynolds. I432. CR466. CU491. V491. RS893. SS1148. AP1984.

1419 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health Department for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. Paden. I432.

1420 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain not-for-profit corporations used to provide swimming lessons and training. Yates. I432. CR467. CU479. V479. RS808. HC832. SS856. AP1151.

1421 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DPS for constructing and staffing a new forensic laboratory in Corinth. Bain. I433.

1422 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jackson Public School District for funding certain program needs of the Career Development Center. Clarke. I433.

1423 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Forrest County with repair/replacement of bridges. Byrd. I433.

1424 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for constructing a new building for the 3-D School and Evaluation Center in Petal, MS. Byrd. I433.

1425 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Artesia for making drainage improvements to alleviate sewer flooding. Taylor. I433.

1426 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Starkville for making Northside Drive drainage improvements. Taylor. I433.

1427 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA to assist City of Columbus in cost of widening of and other improvements to certain roads. Wright. I433.

1428 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for cost of demolition and removal of certain blighted property in City of Jackson. Crudup. I433.

1429 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Rankin County for the Andrew Chapel Road Project. Yancey. I433.

1430 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise definition of gross income to exclude income of certain small businesses. Hines. I433.

1431 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. Hines. I433.

1432 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Lee County School District for reconstruction of Verona Elementary School. Thompson. I434.

1433 - (Local and Private Legislation) Yalobusha County; authorize to loan funds to Oakland Yalobusha Natural Gas District to help pay off certain district debt. Reynolds. I437. CR467. CU491. V491. MR492. R514. V514. RS893. SS1148. AP1981.

1434 - (Local and Private Legislation) Tallahatchie County; authorize contributions to Mid-State Opportunity, Inc. Reynolds. I437. CR467. CU492. V492. RS953. SS1721. AP1981.

1435 - (Local and Private Legislation) Lowndes County; authorize contributions to United Way of Lowndes County. McLean. I437. CR467. CU492. V492.

1436 - (Local and Private Legislation) Caledonia Natural Gas District; revise residency requirement for commissioners. McLean. I437. CR838. CU855. V855. RS893. SS1148. AP1981.

1437 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Byhalia; authorize transfer of certain funds for infrastructure improvements. Kinkade. I437. CR517. CU585. V585. RS893. SS1148. AP1981.

1438 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Petal; authorize a tax on hotels, motels, bars and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Byrd. I437. CR467. CU493. V493. RS953. SS1721. AP1981.

1439 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2021; create. Gunn. I437. CR441. CU451. V454.

1440 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for fee imposed on gaming licensee revenue derived from mobile wagering. Horan. I437.

1441 - (Ways and Means) Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize credit for costs of qualified alternative-fuel fueling stations. Lamar. I437. CR467. CU479. V479.

1442 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; authorize counties to exempt certain new structures and new renovations from. Lamar. I437.

1443 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; levy on transmitting of money from MS to location outside of U.S. by licensed money transmitters. Lamar. I437.

1444 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for investments in certain small business, authorize bonds for certain technology business assistance. Lamar. I437.

1445 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund and to assist Rankin County with improvements to Andrew Chapel Road. Steverson. I437. CR467.

1446 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses. Gunn. I437. CR441. CU478. V478. RS795. HRC831. SCA861. HCRA1135. SCRA1154. SS1929. AP1987.

1447 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund. Carpenter. I438.

1448 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Scott. I465.

1449 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Houston with improvements to softball facilities. Lancaster. I465.

1450 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction and development of a playground in Joe Brigrance Park in Houston, MS. Lancaster. I465.

1451 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Department of Health for COVID-19 expenses and related matters. Johnson. I465.

1452 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., with costs of improvements to the Jacinto Courthouse. Arnold. I465.

1453 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Booneville; extend date of repeal on city's hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Arnold. I465. CR517. CU585. V585. RS953. SS1721. AP1984.

1454 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance of and income tax credit to offset costs of regulatory burdens on business. Eubanks. I465.

1455 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance of and income tax credit to offset costs of regulatory burdens on agricultural businesses. Eubanks. I465.

1456 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Alcorn County for funding an incentive program for remote workers to relocate to the county. Bain. I465.

1457 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Department off Finance and Administration for support of the Capitol Police. Hale. I465.

1458 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with bridge improvements. Arnold. I465.

1459 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist counties with road and bridge improvements. Arnold. I465.

1460 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with repair and renovation of county courthouse. Huddleston. I465.

1461 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with repair and renovation of the W.A. Grist Building. Huddleston. I466.

1462 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with improvements to Chancery Court building and Youth Court facility. Huddleston. I466.

1463 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with improvements for county extension service building. Huddleston. I466.

1464 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; MBI of DPS for responsibilities under Human Trafficking Act. Arnold. I466.

1465 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Mize; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Tullos. I486. CR518. CU586. V586. RS953. SS1721. AP1984.

1466 - (Local and Private Legislation) Oxford Municipal Reserve and Trust Fund; make technical correction concerning certain internal reference within. Deweese. I486. CR518. CU586. V586. RS953. SS1721. AP1984.

1467 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance. Denton. I496.

1468 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Ronald Brent Self of Tippah County. Yancey. I496. CR810. CU850. V850.

1469 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County. Hines. I496. CR810. CU850. V850.

1470 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to James Clarence McCray of Jones County. Scott. I496.

1471 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Cassidy Edward Jordan of Covington County. Sanford. I496. CR811. CU850. V850.

1472 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Randy Beckham of Simpson County. Wallace. I496. CR811. CU850. V850.

1473 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Matthew Henry McBride of Tallahatchie County. Reynolds. I503.

1474 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Edna Barnett of Jones County. Scott. I503.

1475 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County. Denton. I504. CR811. CU850. V850.

1476 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Buren Wayne Whitt of Chickasaw County. Lancaster. I504. CR811. CU850. V850.

1477 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Anthony Leroy Wallace of Harrison County. Williams-Barnes. I504. CR810. CU850. V850.

1478 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Janice O'Neal of Warren County. Denton. I504. CR811. CU850. V850.

1479 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Mims. I517. CR543. CU633. V634. RS953. SS1721. AP1981.

1480 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. Massengill. I517. CR543. CU634. V634. RS865. SS872. AP1150.

1481 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Shannon; authorize expansion of its gas distribution system. Thompson. I517. CR543. CU634. V635. RS893. SS1148. AP1981.

1482 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Indianola; extend repeal date on tourism commission and hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Anthony. I517. CR543. CU635. V635. RS954. SS1721. AP1984.

1483 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Senatobia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel tourism tax. Lamar. I517. CR543. CU635. V635. RS954. SS1722. AP1987.

1484 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to Storehouse Community Food Pantry. Denton. I524.

1485 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance. Denton. I524.

1486 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program. Denton. I524.

1487 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize to execute certain agreement to make contributions to Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Foundation. Denton. I525. CR543. CU636. V636. RS954. SS1722. AP1981.

1488 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize certain funding for nonprofit museums within the city. Denton. I525.

1489 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize contributions to Read by Third Grade, a Tutorial Program for At-Risk Students. Denton. I525.

1490 - (Local and Private Legislation) Coahoma County; authorize contributions to Tri-County Workforce Alliance. Paden. I525. CR543. CU636. V637. RS954. SS1722. AP1982.

1491 - (Local and Private Legislation) Coahoma County; authorize contributions to the Family and Youth Opportunities, Inc. Paden. I525. CR543. CU637. V637. RS954. SS1722. AP1982.

1492 - (Local and Private Legislation) Lafayette County; change governing law for county trust fund investments from PERS to Mississippi Uniform Prudent Investor Act. Deweese. I525.

1493 - (Local and Private Legislation) Jackson County; revise duties of civil service commission for sheriff's department relating to certain personnel matters. Busby. I527. CR543. CU637. V638. RS954. SS1722. AP1985.

1494 - (Local and Private Legislation) Walnut Grove; authorize Walnut Grove Correctional Authority to contract with the state to operate correctional facility. Bounds. I527. CR543. CU820. V820. RS874. HC941. SS1148. AP1982.

1495 - (Local and Private Legislation) Tallahatchie County; authorize leasing of certain water well to City of Charleston. Reynolds. I528. CR543. CU638. V638. RS1153. SS1723. AP1982.

1496 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Jackson; authorize special sales tax to fund repairs to drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems infrastructure. Bell (65th). I528.

1497 - (Local and Private Legislation) Jackson County; direct contributions to Management and Operations for the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts and Education. Barton. I542. CR665. CU821. V821. RS954. SS1722. AP1982.

1498 - (Local and Private Legislation) Holmes County; authorize contributions to P.E.A.R.L.S. Mentoring for Girls, Inc. Clark. I542. CR665. CU821. V821. RS954. SS1722. AP1982.

1499 - (Local and Private Legislation) Holmes County; authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Clark. I542. CR665. CU822. V822. RS954. SS1722. AP1982.

1500 - (Local and Private Legislation) Holmes County; authorize transfer of funds/property from defunct county economic development authority to county economic development district. Clark. I542. CR666. CU822. V822. RS954. SS1722. AP1985.

1501 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. Kinkade. I542.

1502 - (Local and Private Legislation) MS Coast Transportation Authority; authorize to bear the full cost of processing electronic payments. Bennett. I542. CR666. CU823. V823. RS953. SS1979. AP1986.

1503 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Jackson; authorize contributions to Keep Jackson Beautiful, Inc. Clarke. I542.

1504 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Forest; authorize a tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Miles. I542. CR666. CU823. V823. RS953. SS1980. AP1986.

1505 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Sardis; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Jackson. I542.

1506 - (Local and Private Legislation) Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Denton. I542.

1507 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. Faulkner. I542.

1508 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of New Albany; authorize to lease fiber to Internet service providers for provision of broadband service. Creekmore IV. I591.

1509 - (Local and Private Legislation) Hancock County; extend the date of repeal on the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and hotel/motel tax. Anderson (122nd). I592. CR838. CU855. V855. RS949. SS1147. AP1982.

1510 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Baldwin; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County. Steverson. I592. CR894. CU942. CE942. V942.

1511 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. Steverson. I665. CR811. CU850. V850.

1512 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Omar Travis of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I665.

1513 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Jay Wesley Jackson of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I665. CR811. CU850. V850.

1514 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Joseph L. Jones of Jefferson Davis County. Bell (65th). I665.

1515 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Debra Denise Thomas of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I665. CR811. CU850. V850. RS1728. SS1980. BLWS1986.

1516 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Gerald O. Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Bell (65th). I665. CR811. CU850. V850.

1517 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County. Summers. I665. CR811. CU850. V850.

1518 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Annie Grant of Hinds County. Summers. I665. CR811. CU850. V851.

1519 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Kenny Pritchard of Rankin County. Summers. I665. CR811. CU850. V851.

1520 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to J.W. Jackson of Panola County. Jackson. I665. CR812. CU851. V851. RS1729. SS1979. BLWS1986.

1521 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Catlin Davis of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I665.

1522 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Frankie O'Neal Ward, Jr., of Jefferson Davis. Bell (65th). I798.

1523 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Norman Ivey of Rankin County. Summers. I798. CR811. CU850. V851.

1524 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to William Barber of Jackson County. Summers. I798. CR811. CU850. V851.

1525 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Charles Harris of Harrison County. Summers. I798. CR812. CU850. V851.

1526 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Antonio Simpson of Tunica County. Burnett. I798. CR812. CU850. V851.

1527 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County. Williams-Barnes. I798. CR812. CU850. V851.

1528 - (Local and Private Legislation) Washington County; extend repeal date on Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax. Hines. I809.

1529 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Como; extend repealer on authority to impose tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Jackson. I809. CR837. CU852. V852. RS1153. SS1723. AP1982.

1530 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Hattiesburg; authorize waiver of lien, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. McGee. I809. CR837. CU852. V852.

1531 - (Local and Private Legislation) Tunica County; authorize occupancy assessment on hotel/motel rooms to fund infrastructure improvements/maintenance for Convention Center Complex. Burnett. I831.

B. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

H. C. No.

1 - (Rules) Bobby Paschal Martin; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Steverson. I14. CR101. CU107. V107. RS427. SS442.

2 - (Rules) Former Representative Gary V. Staples; commend legislative career and mourn loss upon his passing. Robinson. I14. CR21. CU21. V21. RS427. SS442.

3 - (Constitution) Constitution; signatures of electors from any congressional district cannot exceed a certain fractional portion of the total number required to qualify initiative for ballot. Yancey. I21.

4 - (Rules) Representative Gary Chism; commend dedicated legislative career and public service upon his retirement. Turner. I26. CR101. CU820. V820. RS1152. SS1723.

5 - (Tourism) Birthplace of Southern Soul; declare the State of Mississippi as. Stamps. I98.

6 - (Apportionment and Elections) Constitution; amend to provide that all elections for statewide office, state district office, member of the Legislature or local office shall be held at the same time as the presidential election. Reynolds. I98.

7 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. Banks. I98.

8 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. Anderson (110th). I98.

9 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to reconstitute the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. Hines. I98.

10 - (Rules) Arthur James Anderson, Sr.; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon his passing. Clarke. I99. CR149. CU153. V153. RS540. SS589.

11 - (Rules) Magee High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Wallace. I99. CR149. CU153. V154. RS540. SS589.

12 - (Rules) Article V Convention; provide for selection and authority of commissioners. Eubanks. I99. CR850.

13 - (Rules) Safe and Healthy Pregnancies for Working Women Day in Mississippi; designate February 14, 2021, as. Williams-Barnes. I99.

14 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in even-numbered years. Zuber. I99.

15 - (Rules) President Biden; urge to cancel any plans for a military parade and use monies to help the veterans. Banks. I99.

16 - (Constitution) Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; ratify. Clark. I99.

17 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. Karriem. I99.

18 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that member of House or Senate for the first time after January 1, 2022, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. Evans (91st). I99.

19 - (Rules) Day of Tears in Mississippi; recognize January 22, 2021, as. Eubanks. I99. CR111. CU112. V112.

20 - (Rules) Former Representative Nolan Mettetal; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing. Williamson. I99. CR149. CU154. V154. RS540. SS589.

21 - (Rules) State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear. White. I99. CR111. CU112. V112. RS113. SS122.

22 - (Rules) Barabbas Leasy; commend contributions throughout many years of service in education. Thompson. I99. CR149. CU153. V154. RS540. SS589.

23 - (Rules) Bill of Rights Sanctuary State; declare the State of Mississippi to be a. Criswell. I99. CR850.

24 - (Rules) Congress; urge to call a convention of the states under Article V of the U. S. Constitution to propose amendments limited to requiring that the U. S. Supreme Court be composed of nine justices. Owen. I99.

25 - (Rules) Former Representative Nolan "Ray" R. Rogers; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing. Newman. I99. CR149. CU155. V155. RS540. SS589.

26 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2022. Arnold. I100.

27 - (Rules) Mississippi Highway Patrol Lt. Troy Morris; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Harness. I100. CR149. CU155. V155. RS540. SS589.

28 - (Rules) Daylight saving time; urge Congress to enact legislation to allow states to observe year-round. Arnold. I100.

29 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to remove requirement to hold a separate runoff election for Governor and statewide elected officials. McCarty. I100.

30 - (Rules) 2020 MHSAA Mr. Football Award recipients; commend and congratulate. Bennett. I100. CR149. CU153. V154. RS540. SS589.

31 - (Rules) Curtis Flowers; issue an apology from the State of Mississippi to him after 6 trials and 23 years in prison and dismissal of charges. Taylor. I198.

32 - (Rules) Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Mississippi; designate April 2021 as. Taylor. I198. CR529. CU617. V617. RS844. SS856.

33 - (Rules) Ruby Kate Bowles; commend her life upon her passing. Lancaster. I198. CR230. CU400. V400. RS541. SS589.

34 - (Rules) James "David" Alford, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Lancaster. I228. CR230. CU400. V400. RS541. SS590.

35 - (Rules) Steve Hale; commend distinguished public service career including as a State Senator. Lamar. I438. CR529. CU617. V617. RS844. SS856.

36 - (Rules) Kidney Disease Awareness Month; recognize March 2021 as. White. I466. CR529. CU617. V617. RS844. SS856.

37 - (Rules) Franklin Academy; congratulate upon observance of the Bicentennial Celebration as first public school in Mississippi. McLean. I486. CR529. CU617. V617. RS844. SS856.

38 - (Rules) Robert Daniel "Dan" Camp; commend life, legacy and contributions of upon his passing. Roberson. I486. CR529. CU617. V617. RS844. SS856.

39 - (Rules) Gulf of Mexico continental shelf leasing and infrastructure development; urge and support continuation of. Powell. I486. CR529. CU617. V617. RS844. SS857.

40 - (Rules) Governor William Winter; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Reynolds. I517. CR529. CU617. V617. RS844. SS857.

41 - (Rules) Taiwan; recognize the friendship and encourage further economic ties with the State of Mississippi. Reynolds. I517. CR529. CU617. V617. RS844. SS857.

42 - (Rules) Mississippi Electric Power Associations; commend for their tireless efforts to restore power after the winter storm in February 2021. Rushing. I517. CR529. CU617. V617. RS844. SS857.

43 - (Rules) "Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week"; designate April 12-17, 2021, as. Tullos. I525. CR529. CU617. V617. RS844. SS857.

44 - (Rules) Sara Barrett Harvey Roberts; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Gunn. I656. CR848. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1723.

45 - (Rules) Kratom; urge the United States Food and Drug Administration to regulate. Yancey. I665. CR848. CU888. V8889. MR945.

46 - (Rules) Bishop Joseph Roscoe Campbell, Jr.; commend for service to his church and community. Holloway. I810. CR848. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1723.

47 - (Rules) Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; recognize April 2021 as. Criswell. I810. CR848. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1723.

48 - (Rules) Alcorn State University; commend and congratulate upon its 150th year anniversary. Holloway. I810. CR848. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1723.

49 - (Rules) Eris Knott; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. Watson. I810. CR848. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1723.

50 - (Rules) Wayne Ulrich; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. Bennett. I810. CR848. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1723.

51 - (Rules) Jamie Cooper; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. Read. I831. CR848. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1723.

52 - (Rules) Bobby Rush; congratulate upon winning his second Grammy Award for Best Traditional Blues Album. Banks. I837. CR848. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1724.

53 - (Rules) 2021 "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the Capitol"; observe virtually on May 6, 2021. Gibbs (72nd). I837. CR848. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1724.

54 - (Rules) Noah Harris; commend for being elected as Harvard University's First African-American student body president. McCarty. I837. CR848. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1724.

55 - (Rules) Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020. Arnold. I861. CR867. CU888. V8889. RS1152. SS1724.

56 - (Rules) Native Plant Appreciation Week; recognize observance of on April 19-25, 2021. Anderson (110th). I861. CR867. CU888. V889. RS1152. SS1724.

57 - (Rules) The Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice; urge to create a study committee to consider and recommend proposals. Cockerham. I866. CR955. CU1139. V1139.

58 - (Rules) United States Constitutional Convention under Article V; apply for federal balanced budget requirement. Eubanks. I866.

59 - (Rules) MS Tails n' Scales program; recognize as best scientific information available for monitoring red snapper catch and effort in MS. Zuber. I866. CR955. CU1139. V1139.

60 - (Rules) Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 21, 2021, as. Blackmon. I875. CR955. CU1139. V1139. RS1931. SS1973.

61 - (Rules) New Site Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship. Arnold. I894. CR955. CU1139. V1139. RS1931. SS1973.

62 - (Rules) Promotion of race and sex stereotyping or scapegoating; oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such. Brown (20th). I1156.

C. HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

H. R. No.

1 - (Rules) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals that were based on a lie. Hines. I5.

2 - (Rules) Omega Psi Phi Day; designate February 5, 2021 as in Mississippi. Hines. I6. CR230. CU401. AD401. SS420.

3 - (Rules) Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi; commend for 20 years of dedicated service. McGee. I100. CR105. CU108. AD108. SS109.

4 - (Rules) Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning 2020 SWAC regular season championship. Bell (65th). I100. CR150. CU154. AD154. MR192. R198. SS225.

5 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. Anderson (110th). I100.

6 - (Rules) President Biden; urge to agree that the press is not a threat to America. Banks. I100.

7 - (Rules) President Biden; urge to end the tariff war that is hurting Mississippi farmers. Banks. I100.

8 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to create a new rule to require all House members representing new created circuit judicial districts to agree before adoption of bill. Arnold. I100.

9 - (Rules) Dr. Harry C. Frye, Jr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Mims. I100. CR150. CU154. AD154. SS193.

10 - (Rules) Brenda Fortune Sisson; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon her passing. Bounds. I100. CR150. CU154. AD154. SS193.

11 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. Karriem. I100.

12 - (Rules) House Rules; create temporary rule on determining a quorum during meetings conducted remotely. Gunn. I100. CR111. CU111. AD111. SS112.

13 - (Rules) Police Chief Calvin Jackson; commend upon occasion of retirement. Harness. I100. CR150. CU154. AD154. SS193.

14 - (Rules) House Rules; adopt permanent for the 2020-2024 term. Gunn. I100. CR149. CU153. AD153. MR156. MRT221. SS222.

15 - (Rules) Head Coach Tomeka Reed; commend and congratulate for many accomplishments as Head Coach of the Jackson State University Women's Basketball Team. Bell (65th). I198. CR230. CU401. AD401. SS420.

16 - (Rules) David Eldridge; commend on retirement as Chief of Police for the Kilmichael Police Department. Oliver. I198. CR230. CU401. AD401. SS420.

17 - (Rules) Deacon Lloyd Webster, Jr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Gibbs (72nd). I198. CR230. CU401. AD401. SS420.

18 - (Rules) Gene Murphy; commend and congratulate upon his retirement as athletic director of Hinds Community College. Ford (54th). I198. CR230. CU401. AD401. SS420.

19 - (Rules) Homer Dee Skelton; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Hopkins. I198. CR230. CU401. AD401. SS420.

20 - (Rules) Deputy Lt. Michael Anthony Boutte, Sr.; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing. Anderson (122nd). I225. CR230. CU401. AD401. SS420.

21 - (Rules) James E. "Jim" Stirgus, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. Ford (54th). I228. CR230. CU401. AD401. SS420.

22 - (Rules) Reverend Clyde Larocque Carter; commend and celebrate life and historic legacy of. Jackson. I228. CR231. CU401. AD401. SS421.

23 - (Rules) Ruth Antoninette Batton Campbell; commend her life upon her passing. Gibbs (72nd). I343. CR529. CU618. AD618. SS651.

24 - (Rules) Billy Wiseman; commend his service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street Association. Creekmore IV. I438. CR529. CU618. AD618. SS652.

25 - (Rules) Tommy Sappington; commend service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street Association. Creekmore IV. I438. CR529. CU618. AD618. SS652.

26 - (Rules) David Hunter Manley; commend life and legacy as an educator and headmaster, and express deep sympathy upon his passing. Hopkins. I438. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

27 - (Rules) Ida Pearl Peavie Minor; commend for many decades as esteemed educator and work with MDE. Holloway. I438. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

28 - (Rules) Melvin Ford; commend life and express deepest sympathy upon his passing. Reynolds. I438. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

29 - (Rules) Jesmyn Ward; recognize novelist upon her receipt of the 2021 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Literature. Williams-Barnes. I466. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

30 - (Rules) State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Leighton Jenkins for earning. Calvert. I486. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

31 - (Rules) State Games of MS Male Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Chet Nicklas for earning. Calvert. I486. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

32 - (Rules) State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Sarah Misiak for earning. Calvert. I486. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

33 - (Rules) Ceaser L. Merriweather; commend the life of and express deep sympathy to this family and friends upon his passing. Clarke. I486. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

34 - (Rules) Larry Van Winborne; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Watson. I486. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

35 - (Rules) Roger and Margaret Taylor; commend upon 50th wedding anniversary. Carpenter. I504. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

36 - (Rules) Gulfport High School Lady Admirals Soccer Team; commend for winning back-to-back championships in the Class 6A Soccer State Championship. Haney. I517. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

37 - (Rules) Glo; commend company and its founders upon success and contributions to Starkville community and State of Mississippi. Roberson. I517. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

38 - (Rules) Jackson Public School District's Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) Program; recognize and commend stellar success of. Hines. I525. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

39 - (Rules) Jessie Anna Cotton Robinson; commend upon occasion of 100th birthday. Taylor. I525. CR530. CU618. AD618. SS652.

40 - (Rules) Reverend Robert L. Cook; commend upon retirement as Deputy Executive Director for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Hines. I542. CR849. CU889. AD890. SS946.

41 - (Rules) Mr. Joe and Mrs. Jane Tubb; commend and congratulate upon celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Tubb. I592. CR849. CU889. AD890. SS946.

42 - (Rules) Joe C. Bradford; commend his life upon his passing. Miles. I592. CR849. CU889. AD890. SS946.

43 - (Rules) Lanier High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning 4A State Championship. Banks. I628. CR849. CU889. AD890. SS946.

44 - (Rules) James Luckett; commend and congratulate upon being named 2020 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. Busby. I810. CR849. CU889. AD890. SS946.

45 - (Rules) Dorothy Jean Murray-Gilbert; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy of upon her passing. Banks. I810. CR849. CU889. SS946.

46 - (Rules) Emanuel F. Barnes, Sr.; commend upon his retirement from Alcorn State University. Holloway. I810. CR849. CU889. SS946.

47 - (Rules) Madison Central High School Girls Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 6A Girls North State Soccer Championship. Ford (73rd). I810. CR849. CU889. AD890. SS946.

48 - (Rules) Madison Central High School Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA 6A State Soccer Championship. Ford (73rd). I810. CR849. CU889. AD890. SS946.

49 - (Rules) Alfred "Skip" Robinson; honor legacy and recognize many outstanding civil rights accomplishments. Faulkner. I810. CR849. CU889. AD890. SS947.

50 - (Rules) Representative Sara Richardson Thomas; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon her retirement. Anthony. I810. CR849. CU889. AD890. SS947.

51 - (Rules) Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi; declare March 21, 2021, as. Yancey. I810. CR849. CU890. AD890. SS947.

52 - (Rules) Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Soccer Championship. Weathersby. I837. CR849. CU890. AD890. SS947.

53 - (Rules) Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America of First Baptist Church of Jackson; commemorate 100th anniversary. Newman. I847. CR849. CU890. AD890. SS947.

54 - (Rules) "Bugg" Mills; commend upon being named the 2020 "Farm Dog of the Year" by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. Oliver. I847. CR850. CU890. AD890. SS947.

55 - (Rules) Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Day in Mississippi; declare March 23, 2021 as. Summers. I848. CR850. CU890. AD890. SS947.

56 - (Rules) Jackson State University Men's Basketball Team; commend upon winning SWAC regular season championship. Bell (65th). I848. CR850. CU890. AD890. SS947.

57 - (Rules) Melvyn Eugene "Man" Page; mourn the loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing. Gibbs (72nd). I861. CR867. CU890. AD890. SS947.

58 - (Rules) Dayzsha Rogan; commend Jackson State Lady Tiger upon being named 2020-2021 SWAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year. Steverson. I861. CR867. CU890. AD890. SS947.

59 - (Rules) Curtis Whitley; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Bell (65th). I861. CR867. CU890. AD890. SS947.

60 - (Rules) Robert Earl Hill, Sr.; commend upon celebration of his 101st birthday. Calvert. I861. CR867. CU890. AD890. SS947.

61 - (Rules) Asya Branch; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss USA 2020. Arnold. I862. CR867. CU890. AD890. SS947.

62 - (Rules) Jackson State University Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2021 Cricket Wireless Women's Basketball Tournament. Bell (65th). I862. CR867. CU890. AD890. SS947.

63 - (Rules) The Jones Act; affirm support for and celebrate the centennial anniversary of its passage. Ford (54th). I862. CR867. CU890. AD890. SS947.

64 - (Rules) Holmes County Central High School Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship. Clark. I866. CR955. CU1139. AD1140. SS1720.

65 - (Rules) Holmes County Central High School Lady Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon finishing runner-up for Class 5A State Championship. Clark. I866. CR956. CU1139. AD1140. SS1720.

66 - (Rules) Honorable Judith "Judy" Hall McLeod; commend distinguished career as Ward 2 Alderwoman for the City of Louisville upon her retirement. Evans (45th). I866. CR956. CU1139. AD1140. SS1720.

67 - (Rules) Don Kessinger; congratulate upon occasion of the retirement of his jersey number by the University of Mississippi. Deweese. I866. CR956. CU113939. AD1140. SS1720.

68 - (Rules) MS Tails N' Scales program; recognize as best scientific information available for monitoring red snapper catch and effort in MS. Zuber. I866. CR956. CU11399. AD1140. SS1720.

69 - (Rules) Billy "Jackie" F. Miller; mourn loss and commemorate the life of. Banks. I867. CR956. CU113939. AD1140. SS1720.

70 - (Rules) Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi; commend for its outstanding and compassionate works in granting wishes of terminally ill MS children. Yates. I867. CR956. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

71 - (Rules) Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency; support and oppose new federal regulations on. Roberson. I875. CR956. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

72 - (Rules) Mayor Leo "Chipper" McDermott; congratulate upon retirement and commend for exceptional service. Bennett. I875. CR956. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

73 - (Rules) Tishomingo County High School Cheerleading Squad; commend for winning the 2020 MHSAA State Cheerleading Championship. Carpenter. I875. CR956. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

74 - (Rules) Coahoma Community High School Boys Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Paden. I894. CR956. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

75 - (Rules) Coahoma Community College Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning North District Championship. Paden. I894. CR956. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

76 - (Rules) Lumberton High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship. Owen. I894. CR956. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

77 - (Rules) Popp's Ferry Elementary School; commend for receiving the 2020 National Blue Ribbon School Award. Felsher. I894. CR956. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

78 - (Rules) Long Beach High School Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship. Bennett. I894. CR957. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

79 - (Rules) Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend upon winning first-ever Class 5A State Championship. Scott. I894. CR957. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

80 - (Rules) Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 2-9, 2021, as week of observance of in Mississippi. Currie. I894. CR957. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

81 - (Rules) Alan Dedeaux; congratulate upon the occasion of retirement. McKnight. I894. CR957. CU1140. AD1140. SS1720.

82 - (Rules) Superintendent Roy Gill; congratulate on the occasion of retirement from the Harrison County School District. McKnight. I954. CR957. CU1140. AD1140. SS1721.

83 - (Rules) Reverend Gerald F. Sawyer; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Robinson. I955. CR957. CU1140. AD1140. SS1721.

84 - (Rules) Joe Robinson; commend esteemed career of service with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon his retirement. Gunn. I955. CR957. CU1140. AD1140. SS1721.

85 - (Rules) Lieutenant Jerry "Ten Speed" Boyd; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement from the Corinth Police Department. Carpenter. I955. CR957. CU1140. AD1140. SS1721.

86 - (Rules) New Site High School Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship. Arnold. I1156. CR1156. CU1570. AD1570. SS1723.

87 - (Rules) Promotion of race and sex stereotyping or scapegoating; oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such. Brown (20th). I1156.

88 - (Rules) Oak Grove High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. McCarty. I1156. CR1156. CU1570. AD1570. SS1723.

D. SENATE BILLS

S. B. No.

2001 - (Education) Teachers' salaries; provide for increase. DeBar. RS113. RF462.

2004 - (Public Health and Welfare) Health Care CON; delete moratorium on child/adolescent psychiatric or chemical dependency beds and Medicaid reimbursement. Blackwell. RS194. RF462.

2018 - (Energy) Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on provision requiring deposit of fees to State General Fund. Carter. RS248. RF458. CR510. CU571. V572. MR620.

2020 - (Judiciary, Division A) Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification. Branning. RS194. RF458. CR501.

2021 - (Public Health and Welfare) Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility; house position under DFA, exempt contracts from rules of contract review board. Bryan. RS23. RF107. CR116. CU192. V192. SS225.

2022 - (Judiciary, Division A) Justice courts; required to accept electronic filing. Johnson. RS444. RF462.

2024 - (County Affairs) Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities. Blackwell. RS226. RF458. CR487. CU497. V497. MR497. R544. 544. SRC797. HCRA933. SCRA953. SS1973.

2031 - (Local and Private) City of Louisville; extend the hotel and motel tax repeal date to July 1, 2025. Branning. RS625. RF627. CR666. CU824. V824. SS840.

2032 - (Local and Private) City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism and parks and recreation. Blackwell. RS625. RF627.

2035 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

Blackwell. RS224. RF462. CR513. CU580. V580. MR588. MRT638. SRC797. SRFC952. HRFC1084.

2062 - (Appropriations) Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities. Hill. RS423. RF494. CR505. CU520. V520. SRC834. HCRA1741. SCRA1932. SS1976.

2068 - (Judiciary, Division B) Voyeurism; revise sentencing. Fillingane. RS194. RF458.

2072 - (Agriculture) Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating. Seymour. RS226. RF494. CR505. CU556. V556. MR562.

2075 - (Rules) State parks; change name of Natchez State Park to "Bob M. Dearing Natchez State Park." Parker. RS194. RF458. CR510. CU577. V577. SS653.

2076 - (Agriculture) Mississippi Fair Commission; remove repealer providing for the abolishment of. Younger. RS422. RF462. CR504. CU555. V555. SS657.

2077 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Younger. RS223. RF462. CR505.

2081 - (Public Property) University of Mississippi Medical Center property; revise leasing authority by removing provision requiring mixed-use development. Blount. RS249. RF460. CR510.

2086 - (Judiciary, Division A) Child advocacy centers; immunity from civil liability. Wiggins. RS422. RF494.

2087 - (Judiciary, Division A) Cemetery owners; authorize to disinter dead human remains for reinterment, reburial or delivery to a carrier for transportation. Wiggins. RS223. RF499. CR501. CU587. V587.

2098 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Board of Funeral Service; extend repealer on. Caughman. RS223. RF462. CR499. CU520. V520. SS527.

2106 - (Judiciary, Division B) Off-duty law enforcement officers; authorized to use public vehicles for private security duty. Fillingane. RS194. RF458.

2107 - (Judiciary, Division B) Firearms; prohibit local governments and state agencies from restricting possession. DeBar. RS422. RF445. CR487. CU532. V533. SRC807.

2117 - (Judiciary, Division B) Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options. Fillingane. RS444. RF458. CR508. CU561. V561. SRC808.

2119 - (Drug Policy) Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; authorize sales and purchase of certain products containing without a prescription. Fillingane. RS224. RF460. CR500. CU548. V548. SS653.

2121 - (Judiciary, Division B) Intimate visual material; criminalize disclosure of. Fillingane. RS423. RF494. CR508. CU615. V615. SRC808. HCRA935. SCRA953. SS1973.

2124 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of. Parker. RS194. RF460. CR513. CU556. V556. SS657.

2149 - (Education) MAEP; Department of Education required to hold harmless school district from calculating 2020-2021 average daily attendance. DeBar. RS423. RF458. CR506. CU581. V581. SS657.

2165 - (Veterans and Military Affairs) Veterans Service Officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements. Seymour. RS422. RF445. CR509. CU553. V553. SS657.

2188 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State agencies; revise reporting requirements when personnel actions are exempted from State Personnel Board procedures. Chassaniol. RS249. RF460.

2189 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare eligible employees supplemental compensation if employees secure Medicare. Hill. RS224. RF461. CR506. CU578. V578. SS657.

2204 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Revised LLC Act and MS Registered Agents Act; require listing of registered agent's email address. Parker. RS223. RF462. CR505. CU570. V570. SS653.

2205 - (Judiciary, Division A) Birth certificate; adoptee may obtain certified copy of original after 18 years. Younger. RS226. RF445. CR507. CU554. LTSC554.

2221 - (Public Health and Welfare) Mississippi Dementia Care Program; create pilot program for assistance to caregivers for those with Alzheimer's or Dementia. Boyd. RS435. RF464. CR486. CU518. V518. SC524. SS526.

2223 - (Judiciary, Division B) Arrest warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony. Fillingane. RS223. RF462. CR487. CU533. V533. SRC808.

2248 - (Labor) Law enforcement officers; entitled to certain follow-up drug testing before loss of certification. Sparks. RS423. RF436.

2252 - (Medicaid) Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; authorize parole for medically frail inmates, licensure and Medicaid reimbursement. Wiggins. RS194. RF494. CR508. MR651.

2253 - (Judiciary, Division A) Concealed carry weapons permit; combine with driver's license or identification card. Fillingane. RS248. RF462. CR501. CU547. V547. SS658.

2260 - (Judiciary, Division A) Public official corruption; authorize prosecution by Attorney General upon request of the State Auditor. Fillingane. RS422. RF462.

2261 - (Municipalities) Perpetual cemetery law; revise notice and maintenance provisions for counties and municipalities. England. RS423. RF445. CR509. CU581. V581. SRC797. HCRA1888. SCRA1932. SS1977.

2267 - (Education) Teacher license; allow reciprocity if teacher possesses standard license from other state and passes background check. DeBar. RS224. RF461. CR506. CU582. V582. SRC797. SCRA953. HCRA1100. SS1972.

2270 - (Judiciary, Division B) Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and recordings of. Boyd. RS224. RF461. CR487. CU545. V545. MR562. MRT598.

2278 - (Drug Policy) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Jordan. RS223. RF445.

2279 - (Judiciary, Division B) Parole and probation; criminalize absconding. Wiggins. RS194. RF458. CR501. CU584. V584. SRC808.

2282 - (Judiciary, Division B) Youth detention; raise minimum age for youth commitment to state training school and secure detention. England. RS223. RF458. CR508. CU560. V560. SS653.

2283 - (Judiciary, Division B) Freedom of Roadway Act; enact. McMahan. RS223. RF462.

2293 - (Veterans and Military Affairs) Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge. Seymour. RS226. RF458. CR509. CU539. RTT539. CU588. V588. SS654.

2294 - (Veterans and Military Affairs) Veteran Driver's License Designation; allow proof of military service in person. Seymour. RS226. RF458. CR509. CU553. V553. SRC865. HCRA940. SCRA952. SS1930.

2296 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Office of Workforce Development; exempt executive director from certain salary and compensation requirements. Parker. RS423. RF495.

2305 - (Education) William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create. Blount. RS224. RF461.

2307 - (Education) Dyslexia Awareness Training Program; require teachers to complete two hours of training for. Boyd. RS223. RF458.

2313 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; allow athletes to be compensated for name, image and likeness. Parks. RS249. RF461. CR502. CU537. V537. SRC797. HCRA887. SCRA893. SS1930.

2324 - (Judiciary, Division A) Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement; extend repealer on. Wiggins. RS194. RF458. CR501. CU547. V547. SS653.

2332 - (Insurance) Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on development and implementation of program. Michel. RS194. RF458. CR500. CU551. V551. SS658.

2336 - (Insurance) MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; delay effective date of. Michel. RS194. RF458. CR500. CU552. V552. MR562. MRT592. SS658.

2337 - (Insurance) Surplus Lines Association; transfer fees collected by the association upon written request by certain officials. Michel. RS194. RF458.

2355 - (Judiciary, Division A) Age of majority; revise. DeBar. RS422. RF436.

2372 - (Energy) Oil and gas; to extend repeal date on the use of the conservation fund to plug orphan or gas wells. Carter. RS195. RF459.

2373 - (Energy) Motor fuel sales; provide immunity for damages caused by the use of incompatible fuel upon certain conditions. Branning. RS249. RF495. CR506. CU578. V578. SC661. SS792.

2389 - (Housing) Domestic violence shelters; revise eligibility for funds. Witherspoon. RS249. RF495.

2392 - (Ports and Marine Resources) County port and harbor commission; provide for holdover of appointees. Moran. RS427. RF495. CR501. CU546. V546. SC794. SS827.

2394 - (Technology) Public officers and employees; revise policy regulating personal use of state-owned wireless communication devices. DeLano. RS422. RF445.

2419 - (Public Health and Welfare) State Medical Examiner fees; extend repealer on. Bryan. RS423. RF444. CR488. CU534. V534. SC807. SS828.

2420 - (Public Health and Welfare) Temporary license for social workers; authorize to practice in nonprofit facilities. Wiggins. RS248. RF444. CR488. CU534. V534. SC830. SS839.

2426 - (Public Health and Welfare) Department of Human Services; establish a grant program for regional food banks. Jackson (11th). RS423. RF461.

2429 - (Appropriations) State-owned vehicles; create study committee to study the management of. Hopson. RS195. RF461.

2434 - (Judiciary, Division A) Capitol police; transfer to Department of Public Safety. Wiggins. RS444. RF495. CR508. CU560. V561. MR562. MRT592. SRC797. HCRA937. SCRA1155. SS1973.

2435 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverages; revise various provisions relating to distilleries. Boyd. RS248. RF459. CR511. CU532. RTT532. CU562. V562. SRC808. SCRA1728. HCRA1869. SS1982.

2437 - (Finance) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for Wildlife Mississippi. Michel. RS195. RF459. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU563. V563. SRC808.

2456 - (Judiciary, Division A) Open Meetings Law; allow executive sessions for certain discussions by public hospital boards. Wiggins. RS435. RF495.

2474 - (Appropriations) Department of Health; allow charges between agencies for services provided under the medical marijuana program. Blackwell. RS423. RF464. CR487. CU531. PO531. V538. SRC834. HCRA1743. SCRA1932. SS1982.

2477 - (Finance) Mississippi Home Corporation; remove reverter on statute granting authority to issue negotiable bonds and notes. Harkins. RS223. RF459. CR512. CU532. RTT532.

2478 - (Highways and Transportation) Motor carrier safety improvements; prohibit consideration of use in evaluation of employment status. Branning. RS422. RF459. CR511. CU573. V573.

2481 - (Highways and Transportation) Memorial highways; revise MS 42 designation for U.S. Marshal Jake Green & County Deputy Lawrence Dunnam in Greene County. DeBar. RS422. RF445. CR511. CU572. V573. SC623. SS659.

2483 - (Judiciary, Division A) Electric bicycles; classify as bicycles and not as motor vehicles, and regulate. Whaley. RS223. RF459. CR511. CU573. V573.

2486 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) State parks; restructure ownership and management arrangements. Whaley. RS226. RF459.

2507 - (Finance) Mississippi Development Authority; allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs. Branning. RS249. RF462. CR512. CU532. RTT532.

2521 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Mississippi Advantage Jobs Act; revise definition of "new direct job" for incentive applicants from and after July 1, 2010. Parker. RS249. RF462. CR513. CU557. V557. SS654.

2527 - (Education) Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on. DeBar. RS223. RF459.

2536 - (Universities and Colleges) Athletics; enact the "Mississippi Fairness Act." Hill. RS435. RF495. CR499. CU521. V521. SS527.

2539 - (Local and Private) Hinds County; authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities. Horhn. RS830. RF831. CR876. CU942. V942. SS1722.

2544 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) University of Mississippi Medical Center; create joint committee to study the organization of. Thompson. RS422. RF495.

2547 - (Universities and Colleges) Scholarship eligibility requirements; increase minimum ACT scores for MTAG, HELP and MESG. Hopson. RS427. RF436.

2552 - (Judiciary, Division B) Pretrial Intervention Program; prohibit eligibility for persons charged with public embezzlement over a certain amount. Sparks. RS195. RF459. CR487. CU545. V545. CU597. 597. SS653.

2553 - (Corrections) State offenders in county jail; bring forward sections relating to. Sparks. RS427. RF464.

2559 - (Energy) Public Service Commission; may contract with federal agencies for the collection of data and mapping of broadband availability. Carter. RS195. RF459.

2561 - (Judiciary, Division B) "Empower Reentry Through Licensing Act"; authorize provisional driver's licenses for eligible inmates. Sparks. RS195. RF461.

2569 - (Judiciary, Division B) Urine; create the crime of selling or tampering with urine. Harkins. RS224. RF461. CR508. CU559. V559. SRC808. HCRA1102. SCRA1155. SS1975.

2572 - (Judiciary, Division B) DUI law; revise fourth offense of and require all expunctions to be confidentially registered. Parker. RS249. RF462. CR508.

2573 - (Judiciary, Division B) Department of Public Safety; implement uniform reporting standards for jail census data & create & maintain a centralized database. Barnett. RS223. RF459. CR508. CU592. LTSC592. CU613. 615. SRC808.

2574 - (Corrections) Reentry courts; create pilot reentry court, and establish rehab and workforce development program at MDOC. Barnett. RS226. RF462.

2578 - (Judiciary, Division B) Arrest warrants; authorize electronic signatures. Blackwell. RS195. RF461.

2587 - (Elections) Absentee ballots; revise certain procedures. Tate. RS422. RF459.

2588 - (Elections) Statewide Elections Management System; remove electors who fail to respond to notice. Tate. RS427. RF462.

2598 - (Judiciary, Division B) Department of Public Safety; revise licensing. Branning. RS427. RF463. CR511. CU574. V574. MRT633. SRC808. HCRA1570. SCRA1728. SS1975.

2602 - (Insurance) Nonadmitted insurer policy fee; divert certain amount to fund fire trucks and fire apparatus/protection grants. Michel. RS249. RF463. CR507. CU552. V552. SRC797.

2603 - (Insurance) Salvage or abandoned vehicles; authorize disposition by auction firms on behalf of insurers. Michel. RS223. RF459. CR500. CU551. V551. SS658.

2605 - (Municipalities) Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; authorize municipalities to permit operation on municipal streets. Simmons (12th). RS422. RF459. CR509. CU576. V576. SS658.

2606 - (Tourism) Mississippi Native Spirit Law; create. Chassaniol. RS227. RF463. CR502. CU546. V546. SS663.

2621 - (Judiciary, Division A) Task Force; establish to study domestic law matters. Wiggins. RS422. RF495. CR501. CU587. V587. SRC797. HCRA1104. SCRA1155. SS1983.

2623 - (Insurance) Motor vehicle insurance; extend repealer on Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act. Michel. RS249. RF463. CR500. CU549. V550. SRC798. HCRA1081. SCRA1728. SS1977.

2624 - (Business and Financial Institutions) MS Real Estate Commission; appeal from adverse ruling of commission shall act as a supersedeas. Thompson. RS424. RF463. CR507. CU554. V554. SRC798. HCRA1208. SCRA1728. SS1978. Vetoed.

2626 - (Business and Financial Institutions) MS Business Corporation Act; amend to allow corporations to hold annual or special shareholder meetings remotely. Caughman. RS249. RF463. CR505. CU571. V571. SS659.

2627 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks. Caughman. RS422. RF459. CR507.

2628 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Credit Availability Act; extend repealer on. Caughman. RS223. RF463.

2630 - (County Affairs) County law library; authorize use of money for technological purposes. DeBar. RS227. RF459. CR487. CU583. V583. SS658.

2631 - (Insurance) Mandated coverage under health insurance plans; revise definition of "telemedicine." Michel. RS422. RF459. CR500. CU550. V550. SRC798.

2638 - (Judiciary, Division A) Electronic documents; provide recording procedure for counties without electronic-recording capability. McCaughn. RS249. RF463. CR507. CU555. V555. SRC798. HCRA1107. SCRA1728. SS1975.

2643 - (County Affairs) Service of tax sale notices; revise to allow service by a constable. Hill. RS422. RF459. CR487. CU583. V583. SS658.

2648 - (Energy) MS Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; Oil and Gas Board shall have jurisdiction to enforce provisions of. Carter. RS423. RF459. CR506. CU579. V579. SS658.

2649 - (Energy) Public contracts for energy efficiency; extend repeal date on use of. Carter. RS195. RF461. CR506. CU579. V580. SRC845. HCRA941. SCRA1155. SS1930.

2651 - (Public Property) Surplus property; clarify current policy to conform with federal regulations for the Department of Finance and Administration. Turner-Ford. RS249. RF463. CR510. CU577. V577. SS654.

2653 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Public Trust Tidelands; provide a procedure for the removal of submerged logs. Thompson. RS423. RF459.

2664 - (Education) Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; prescribe standards and benchmarks. Wiggins. RS223. RF485. CR506. CU582. V582. SRC798.

2678 - (Education) Mandatory K-12 computer science curriculum; authorize the State Department of Education to implement. DeLano. RS423. RF460.

2689 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Auditor; increase fee which may be charged for performing audits and other services. Polk. RS249. RF495. CR504. CU558. V558.

2725 - (Appropriations) State Budget; bring forward certain provisions and transfer funds. Hopson. RS224. RF460. CR486. CU519. V519. SRC834.

2727 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Department of Archives & History; bring forward provisions establishing the department and its board of directors. Thompson. RS444. RF495. CR499. CU548. F548. MR549.

2728 - (Finance) Department of Revenue; allow retiring law enforcement officers to keep one issued sidearm each. Harkins. RS224. RF460.

2746 - (Public Health and Welfare) Hudson's Law; require healthcare providers to provide information to parents who receive a postnatal diagnosis of down syndrome. England. RS424. RF436. CR488. CU535. V535. MR562. R597. V598. SC794. SS827.

2750 - (Public Health and Welfare) Pharmacists; authorize to test for and treat certain minor, nonchronic health conditions subject to certain requirements. Harkins. RS424. RF445. CR488. CU535. V536. SC830. SS839.

2751 - (Public Health and Welfare) Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act; provide new requirements and delete the repealer thereon. Harkins. RS424. RF436. CR488. CU536. V536. SC830. SS840.

2757 - (Public Health and Welfare) Hospital Cooperation Act of 2021; allow hospitals to enter into cooperative agreements. Fillingane. RS436. RF495.

2759 - (Public Health and Welfare) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase the monthly amount. Fillingane. RS224. RF445. CR488. CU537. V537. MR538. MRT545. SC807. SS828.

2762 - (Public Health and Welfare) Department of Human Services; permit use of a simplified reporting system. Fillingane. RS225. RF461.

2765 - (Finance) Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create. Blackwell. RS424. RF496. CR513. CU532. RTT532. CU598. PO613. SR616. SR616. PO616. LT620.

2776 - (Local and Private) Noxubee County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. Turner-Ford. RS625. RF627. CR666. CU824. V824. SS840.

2785 - (Highways and Transportation) Driver's license requirements; exempt active duty military members, spouses and dependent children under certain conditions. Younger. RS427. RF463. CR511. CU575. V575. MRT633. SS658.

2787 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Water skiing; revise safety requirements. Sojourner. RS444. RF464.

2788 - (Highways and Transportation) Radar speed detection; revise provisions concerning use by Highway Patrol and municipal law enforcement in certain cities. Blount. RS423. RF463. CR511. CU575. V575. MRT633. SS659.

2792 - (Labor) Fresh Start Act of 2019; expand. Horhn. RS424. RF495. CR508. CU560. PO560. SR589.

2795 - (Corrections) "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; enact. Barnett. RS427. RF463. CR500. CU584. V584. MR588. MRT592. SRC798. PO1897. SR1897. SR1897. HCRA1897. SCRA1932. SS1978.

2797 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Department of Public Safety; revise authority, adjust trooper salaries, make technical amendments. Polk. RS427. RF495.

2798 - (Energy) Broadband services; provide for the participation of investor-owned electric utilities in the expansion of. Carter. RS195. RF461. CR510. CU538. RTT538. CU592. V595. SRC798. HCRA1895. SCRA1932. SS1982.

2799 - (Medicaid) Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursements and administration. Blackwell. RS249. RF485. CR508. CU539. RTT539. CU596. V596. MR651. MRT827. SRC830. SCRA1726. MRCL1906. HCRA1928. SS1973.

2804 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverage; create delivery service permit. Harkins. RS423. RF436. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU563. V564. MR588.

2805 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverages; remove provision requiring DOR to immediately revoke permit for certain unlawful sales. Harkins. RS249. RF463.

2806 - (Finance) Department of Revenue; bring forward code sections relating to ABC Division and authority to contract for services. Harkins. RS423. RF436. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU564. V564. SRC808.

2807 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverages; restore provision restricting areas in which manufacture, sale and distribution are authorized. Jackson (32nd). RS224. RF460. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU565. V565. SRC809. HCRA1870. SCRA1932. SS1976.

2809 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public records; delete repealer on provision requiring public access to records. Blount. RS249. RF463. CR499. CU521. V521. SS527.

2811 - (Finance) Abandoned manufactured or mobile homes; establish procedure for disposition. Branning. RS195. RF461.

2812 - (Finance) Motor vehicles; limit period for DOR's retention of certificates of title to 15 years. Johnson. RS195. RF461.

2813 - (Finance) Amusement rides; change period for operating permit decals from 12 months to calendar year. Johnson. RS195. RF461.

2814 - (Finance) Unemployment benefits; allow withholding for state income taxes, corresponding to withholding for federal income taxes. Johnson. RS195. RF461.

2815 - (Finance) Motor vehicles; remove requirement for apportioned vehicles to have decal with expiration month and year on license tag. Johnson. RS195. RF461.

2816 - (Finance) Public officials and employees; allow Department of Revenue appraisers to receive same pay increases as county tax assessors. Johnson. RS224. RF464. CR504. CU558. V559. SRC809. HCRA919. SCRA1155. SS1973.

2820 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Department of Tourism; create. Thompson. RS435. RF485. CR502.

2822 - (Finance) Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create. Parker. RS436. RF460. CR632. RTT662. CU662. RTT662. CU670. V670. SRC833.

2824 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State agencies; require annual reporting of pass-through money from line-item appropriation by the Legislature. Hopson. RS444. RF463. CR499. CU549. V549. SRC809. HCRA887. SCRA1155. SS1930.

2825 - (Highways and Transportation) Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021; create. Branning. RS436. RF495. CR511. CU576. V576. SRC798. SRFC1725. MRCL1895. PO1895. HRFC1897. HCRA1970. SCRA1975. SS1980.

2827 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public purchases; specify prequalification process for construction manager at risk soliciting bids for projects. Harkins. RS423. RF482. CR513. CU557. V557. SC874. SS946.

2828 - (Finance) Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; remove provision that agents and inspectors do not have general police powers. Harkins. RS224. RF460.

2829 - (Finance) Department of Revenue; allow to use tag revenue to cover tag program expenses, with surplus lapsing into General Fund. Harkins. RS250. RF465. CR505.

2830 - (Finance) New Markets Tax Credit; extend MDA's ability to allocate by one year. Harkins. RS224. RF460. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU565. V565. SRC809.

2831 - (Finance) Historic structure income tax credit; authorize sale or transfer. Harkins. RS195. RF461. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU566. 566. SRC809.

2832 - (Finance) Upholstered household furniture manufacturing job tax credit; extend repealer from 2022 to 2026. Harkins. RS224. RF460. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU566. V566. SRC809. HCRA1136. SCRA1155. SS1975.

2833 - (Finance) Motor Vehicle Commission Law; provide obligations of manufacturers, distributors & dealers regarding rates for parts and labor. Harkins. RS195. RF460. CR507.

2834 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund Grant Program; establish within Department of Archives and History. Hopson. RS224. RF445. CR486. CU519. V519. SRC834. HCRA1744. SCRA1932. SS1978.

2839 - (Finance) SMART Business Act; create SMART Business Accelerate Initiative and distinguish from SMART Business Rebate. Harkins. RS250. RF463. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU567. V567. SRC809. HCRA1555. SCRA1728. SS1975.

2843 - (Finance) Tax; remove requirement that taxpayers with average liability of at least \$50,000 remit 75% of June liability by June 25. Harkins. RS424. RF445. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU567. V568. SRC809.

2850 - (Finance) Certificate of title; allow application without usual documents for vehicles at least 30 years old on oath of ownership. Parks. RS224. RF463. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU568. V568. SRC833. HCRA1136. SCRA1155. SS1972.

2854 - (Appropriations) Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers. Polk. RS423. RF495.

2863 - (Appropriations) MDH; revise appropriation for FY2021 to allow purchase of accumulated compensatory time incurred before June 30, 2021. Hopson. RS423. RF460. CR505.

2868 - (Finance) Qualified resort areas; include a municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 27 and Mississippi Highway 28. Barrett. RS250. RF463. CR512. CU532. RTT532. CU570. V570. SRC809.

2872 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverages; remove election requirement for designation of area in Rankin County as a qualified resort area. Harkins. RS250. RF463. CR513. CU532. RTT532. CU569. V569. SRC833. HCRA1137. SCRA1728. SS1975.

2874 - (Finance) Residential and commercial contractors; require sales tax permit from Department of Revenue for pulling building permit. Harkins. RS250. RF463. CR513. CU532. RTT532. CU569. V569. SRC809. HCRA1872. SCRA1932. SS1976.

2879 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; additional appropriations for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). Hopson. RS423. RF460. CR486. CU496. V496. SC516. SS526.

2881 - (Local and Private) City of Brookhaven; extend repeal date on the tax upon room rentals of hotels, motels and bed-and-breakfast establishments. Barrett. RS625. RF628. CR666. CU825. V825. SS840.

2882 - (Local and Private) Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed to the United Way for fiscal years 2021-2023, and extend repealer. Younger. RS625. RF628. CR666. CU825. V825. SS840.

2895 - (Finance) Ad valorem tax; provide assessment ratio for transformative renewable energy project property. Suber. RS482. RF483. CR632. RTT662. CU662. RTT662. CU671. V671. SRC834. SRFC951. HRFC1060. SCRA1728. SS1975.

2904 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - General support. Hopson. RS455. RF483. CR630. CU647. V648. SRC834. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1608. SCRA1727. SS1983.

2905 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Hopson. RS455. RF483. CR630. CU648. V648. SRC834. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1612. SCRA1727. SS1977.

2906 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC834. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1614. SCRA1727. SS1977.

2907 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC834. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1616. SCRA1727. SS1983.

2908 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC835. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1618. SCRA1727. SS1982.

2909 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC835. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1620. SCRA1727. SS1972.

2910 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC835. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1623. SCRA1727. MRT1896. SS1976.

2911 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC835. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1625. SCRA1727. SS1977.

2912 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC835. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1628. SCRA1727. SS1977.

2913 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC835. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1631. SCRA1727. SS1977.

2914 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC835. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1637. SCRA1727. SS1983.

2915 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR631. CU646. V647. SRC835. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1644. SCRA1727. SS1972.

2916 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR631. CU646. V647. SRC835. SRFC950. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1652. SCRA1727. SS1975.

2917 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR629. CU646. V646. SRC835. HCRA1023. SCRA1155. SS1977.

2918 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Military Department. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR631. CU646. V647. SRC835. SRFC951. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1654. SCRA1727. SS1977.

2919 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR631. CU646. V647. SRC835. SRFC951. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1657. SCRA1727. SS1983.

2920 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Hopson. RS456. RF483. CR632. CU646. V647. SRC835. HCRA1025. SCRA1155. SS1982.

2921 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Hopson. RS456. RF484. CR629. CU646. V646. SRC835. HCRA1027. SCRA1155. SS1982.

2922 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Hopson. RS456. RF484. CR628. CU639. V639. SRC835. SRFC951. CU958. HRFC959. HCRA1661. SCRA1727. SS1977.

2923 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Hopson. RS456. RF484. CR631. CU646. V646. SRC835. SRFC951. CU959. HRFC959. HCRA1666. SCRA1727. SS1977.

2924 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Hopson. RS456. RF484. CR629. CU646. V646. SRC835. HCRA1029. SCRA1155. SS1982.

2925 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Hopson. RS456. RF484. CR629. CU646. V646. SRC835. HCRA1032. SCRA1155. SS1983.

2926 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Hopson. RS482. RF485. CR631. CU646. V647. SRC836. SRFC950. HRFC1033. HCRA1672. SCRA1727. SS1976.

2927 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Hopson. RS456. RF484. CR632. CU646. V647. SRC836. HCRA1037. SCRA1155. SS1976.

2928 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Hopson. RS456. RF484. CR631. CU646. V647. SRC836. SRFC951. CU959. HRFC959. HCRA1674. SCRA1727. SS1983.

2929 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS456. RF484. CR628. CU639. V639. SC843. SS862.

2930 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS456. RF484. CR628. CU640. V640. SC843. SS862.

2931 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Hopson. RS456. RF484. CR631. CU650. V650. SC843. SS862.

2932 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR628. CU640. V640. SC843. SS862.

2933 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR628. CU641. V641. SC843. SS862.

2934 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR628. CU641. V641. SC843. SS862.

2935 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR629. CU642. V642. SC843. SS862.

2936 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR629. CU642. V643. SC843. SS862.

2937 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR631. CU646. V647. SRC836. HCRA1040. SCRA1155. SS1977.

2938 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR629. CU643. V643. SC843. SS862.

2939 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR629. CU643. V644. SC844. SS862.

2940 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR629. CU644. V644. SC844. SS862.

2941 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR629. CU645. V645. SC844. SS862.

2942 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR631. CU646. V6477. SRC836. SRFC951. CU959. HRFC959. HCRA1679. SCRA1727. SS1982.

2943 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Egg Marketing Board. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR631. CU649. V649. SRC836.

2944 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR631. CU649. V649. SRC836. SRFC951. CU959. HRFC959. HCRA1682. SCRA1727. SS1977.

2945 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR631. CU646. V647. SRC836. HCRA1042. SCRA1155. SS1977.

2946 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Hopson. RS457. RF484. CR629. CU646. V646. SRC836. HCRA1046. SCRA1155. SS1976.

2947 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Hopson. RS457. RF485. CR629. CU645. V645. SRC836. HCRA1048. SCRA1155. SS1977.

2948 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Hopson. RS457. RF485. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC836. SRFC951. CU959. HRFC959. HCRA1693. SCRA1727. SS1982.

2949 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Hopson. RS457. RF485. CR629. CU646. V646. SRC836. SRFC951. CU959. HRFC959. HCRA1695. SCRA1728. SS1983. PV.

2950 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Hopson. RS457. RF485. CR631. CU646. V646. SRC836. HCRA1052. SCRA1155. SS1977.

2951 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Hopson. RS457. RF485. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC836. SRFC951. CU959. HRFC959. HCRA1702. SCRA1728. SS1977.

2952 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Personnel Board. Hopson. RS457. RF485. CR631. CU646. V646. SRC836. HCRA1055. SCRA1155. SS1975.

2953 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Secretary of State. Hopson. RS457. RF485. CR630. CU646. V646. SRC836. SRFC951. CU959. HRFC959. HCRA1706. SCRA1728. SS1983.

2954 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Hopson. RS457. RF485. CR629. CU646. V646. SRC836. HCRA1058. SCRA1155. SS1975.

2955 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Hopson. RS457. RF485. CR629. CU646. V646. SRC836. SRFC949. HCRA1059. R1140. HRFC1141. HCRA1707. SCRA1728. SS1973.

2956 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies. Hopson. RS457. RF485. CR632. CU650. V650. SRC837. SRFC951. HRFC1157. HCRA1712. SCRA1728. SS1983.

2967 - (Finance) Taxation; amend or repeal certain tax credits, exemptions and incentives. Parker. RS444. RF460. CR632. CU662. RTT662. CU671. RC671.

2971 - (Finance) Bonds; authorize issuance for state institutions of higher learning. Harkins. RS482. RF483. CR632. CU662. RTT662. CU671. V790. SRC834. SRFC951. HRFC1060. HCRA1554. CE1718. SCRA1728. CE1900. SS1983.

2972 - (Finance) Bonds; authorize issuance for various Mississippi Development Authority programs. Harkins. RS482. RF483. CR632. CU662. RTT662.

2974 - (Local and Private) City of Byram; extend repeal date on hotel and motel tax. Blount. RS625. RF628. CR666. CU826. V826. SS840.

3032 - (Local and Private) City of Pascagoula; extend the repeal date on tourism tax authorized to be levied on prepared food sold at restaurants. Wiggins. RS625. RF628. CR666. CU826. V826. SS840.

3072 - (Local and Private) Lafayette County; change governing law for county trust fund investments from PERS to MS Uniform Prudent Investor Act. Boyd. RS864. RF866. CR876. CU943. V943. SS1722.

3075 - (Local and Private) Town of Sardis; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Jackson (11th). RS830. RF831. CR837. CU853. V853. R862.

3076 - (Local and Private) Jackson County and the City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, Inc. Wiggins. RS830. RF831. CR837. CU853. V853. SS872.

3078 - (Local and Private) Tunica County; authorize occupancy assessment for the benefit of the Convention Center Complex. Jackson (11th). RS865. RF875.

3079 - (Local and Private) City of Greenwood; extend the repeal date on the tourism tax and the Greenwood Tourism Commission. Jordan. RS830. RF831. CR837. CU854. V854. SS872.

3080 - (Local and Private) City of Vicksburg; authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance. Hopson. RS844. RF847. CR876. CU943. V943. SS1722.

3083 - (Local and Private) City of Vicksburg; extend repealers on authority to contribute to various organizations. Hopson. RS830. RF831. CR838. CU854. V854. SS872.

3085 - (Local and Private) City of Meridian; authorize occupancy assessment for the benefit of the Meridian-Lauderdale Sports Commission and complex. Tate. RS859. RF861.

3086 - (Local and Private) Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on the Lauderdale County Tourism Commission. Tate. RS864. RF866. CR876. CU944. V944. MR945. R1138. V1138. SC1153. SS1973.

3087 - (Local and Private) Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Hopson. RS864. RF866. CR876. CU944. V944. SS1722.

3088 - (Local and Private) City of Baldwin; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County. Parks. RS892. RF954. CR955. CU1138. V1138. SS1973.

3090 - (Local and Private) Washington County; extend the repeal date on the Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax. Simmons (12th). RS864. RF866. CR876. CU945. V945. SRC1153. HCRA1896. SCRA1933. SS1976.

3091 - (Local and Private) Lee County; authorize 3/4% sales tax and bond issuance for a specific project by county board. McMahan. RS875. RF875.

E. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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502 - (Rules) Remember the legacy of former Governor William F. Winter and extend deepest sympathy of the Legislature on his passing. Kirby. RS195. RF227. CR231. CU616. V616. SS663.

503 - (Rules) Commend Aysa Branch for winning Miss USA. Sparks. RS195. RF227. CR231. CU401. V4012. SS526.

504 - (Rules) Ted Booth; commend for receiving the 2020 Legislative Staff Achievement Award from NCSL. Kirby. RS196. RF227. CR231. CU401. V4012. SS481.

506 - (Rules) Express intent of Legislature that daylight saving time shall be the year-round standard time in Mississippi. Blackwell. RS541. RF541. CR850. CU890. V890. SS946.

509 - (Rules) Extend deepest sympathy of Legislature on the passing of Mississippi Sports Icon JSU Coach "W.C." Gorden. Norwood. RS196. RF227. CR231. CU401. V4012. SS481.

510 - (Rules) Mourn the passing of former Senator Tommy Moffatt, Sr., of Gautier, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service. Wiggins. RS196. RF227. CR231. CU401. V4012. SS502.

511 - (Rules) Commend Leake Academy "Rebels" Football Team for winning the MAIS Class 5A State Championship. Branning. RS196. RF227. CR231. CU401. V4012. SS454.

512 - (Rules) Commend the life of legendary college and NFL football player and Coach Ray Perkins from Petal, Mississippi. Fillingane. RS196. RF227. CR231. CU401. V4012. SS480.

513 - (Rules) Recognize the Bicentennial Celebration of Franklin Academy in Columbus, the first public school in Mississippi. Younger. RS196. RF227. CR231. CU401. V4012. SS481.

514 - (Rules) Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of the state's longest-serving Mayor, Dock Gabbert, of Derma, Mississippi. Suber. RS196. RF227. CR231. CU401. V4012. SS454.

515 - (Rules) Extending condolences of Mississippi Legislature on the passing of Wiggins Mayor Joel Travis Miles and remembering his legacy. Seymour. RS196. RF227. CR231. CU402. V402. SS481.

516 - (Rules) Pay tribute to the memory and career of pioneering country music superstar Charley Pride from Sledge, Mississippi. Jackson (11th). RS196. RF227. CR231. CU4012. V402. SS481.

517 - (Rules) Pay tribute to the memory of former State Senator and Representative Nolan Mettetal. Boyd. RS196. RF227. CR231. CU616. V616. SS827.

518 - (Rules) Commend Hillcrest Christian Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team for MAIS State Championship. Blount. RS196. RF227. CR231. CU4012. V402. SS651.

519 - (Rules) Commend Brookhaven High School "Panthers" Boys Cross-Country Team for second consecutive state championship. Barrett. RS196. RF227. CR232. CU4012. V402. SS481.

521 - (Rules) Recognize the induction of Grammy Award-Winning Country Music Artist Marty Stuart into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Branning. RS427. RF436. CR531. CU619. V619. SS658.

527 - (Rules) Congratulate Coach Lane Kiffin and Ole Miss "Rebels" Football Team for impressive victory in Outback Bowl and for 2020 season. Michel. RS427. RF436. CR531. CU619. V619. SS651.

528 - (Rules) Commend golf icon Randy Watkins upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. Michel. RS498. RF516. CR531. CU619. V619. SS658.

529 - (Rules) Congratulate Ole Miss Lineman Terrence Metcalf upon his induction into the 2021 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. Boyd. RS498. RF516. CR531. CU619. V619. SS659.

530 - (Rules) Commend Ole Miss and ATP tennis standout Dave Randall upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. Michel. RS498. RF516. CR531. CU619. V619. SS653.

531 - (Rules) Encourage counties and municipalities to exchange land use and development information with military installations. Seymour. RS498. RF516. CR531. CU619. V619. SS651.

532 - (Rules) Recognize March 4, 2021, as "HPV Cancer Awareness Day" in Mississippi. Boyd. RS499. RF516. CR531. CU619. V619. SS653.

533 - (Rules) Recommend that the United States Forest Service reconsider certain restrictive action on National Forest Lands in Mississippi. Seymour. RS844. RF847. CR867. CU890. V890. SS946.

534 - (Rules) Declare September 2021 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month." Frazier. RS845. RF847. CR868. CU890. V890. SS946.

535 - (Rules) Suspend rules; further consideration of Senate Bill No. 2799, Medicaid Technical Amendments. Blackwell. RS661. RF664. CR666. CU791. V791. SC807. SS828.

536 - (Rules) State Taxation Study Committee; establish. Harkins. RS845.

537 - (Rules) Declare that March 21, 2021, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi." England. RS845. RF847. CR868. CU890. V890. SS1930.

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Require 30% of to be set-aside for certain businesses. HB673

State employees:

Provide for 3% increase in compensation for each of the next 4 fiscal years. HB339

Provide for across-the-board increase in annual compensation for those with annual salary under \$30,000.00. HB712

State Personnel Board; require exempted agencies' reports to include quantifiable data and to be sent to SPB, PEER and LBO. **HB1213**

State service employees

Prohibit sexual orientation or gender identity discrimination of. HB807

Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on requirement that fees be deposited into State General Fund. **HB10**

Timber bridges; require use of for new construction and replacement on certain county and secondary roads. HB813

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16th Section lands; authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on. HB556
Appreciation; require to be incorporated into curriculum of public colleges and universities. HB546
Central Market Board; abolish and transfer functions of to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. **HB312**
Cottage food products; delete prohibition on the Internet sale of. HB562
Country of Origin Labeling Law of 2009; revise to also require notice of country of processing. HB1286
Fair Advisory Council; revise composition to add representation from Alcorn State University. HB774
Farmer Equity Act of 2021; enact to require the Department of Agriculture and Commerce to perform certain duties. HB784
Healthy Foods:
 Access Program Act; enact. HB792
 Incentive Program; enact. HB793
Market Reports; require the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce to develop and publish for distribution. HB560
On-Farm Sales and Food Freedom Act; create. HB588
Pecan Harvesting Law; revise penalties for violating. HB284
Seafood Marketing Law of 2021; enact to require certain consumer notice and country of origin labeling. HB103
Weighing devices; provide Commissioner of Agriculture with authority to regulate those that dispense agricultural commodities. HB977

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Absentee ballots:
 Revise notary requirements for students enrolled in a college, university or community or junior college. HB658
 Revise those who are authorized to vote by. HB1081
Absentee voting; establish electronic application procedure for college students. HB803
Armed Services Absentee Voting Law; expand definition of "absent voter" to include those working in federal waters of United States. HB678
Automatic voter registration:
 Authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of a driver's license. HB690
 Authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. HB687
Candidate filing fees; authorize state executive committee of each political party to set for certain offices. HB943
Constitution; amend to provide that all elections for statewide office, state district office, member of the Legislature or local office shall be held at the same time as the presidential election. HC6
Counties; authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. HB248
Department of Corrections discharge plans; require explanation of disenfranchising crimes and opportunity for certain offenders to register to vote. HB521
Early voting:
 Authorize for 14 days before the election. HB571
 Authorize for 20 days before the election. HB345
 Authorize for not more than 21 days nor less than 5 days before each election. HB728
 Authorize. HB696
 Require Secretary of State to authorize for overseas military. HB641
Election Commissioners:
 Revise the qualifying deadline for. HB185
 Revise the staggered terms for those elected in board of supervisors' Districts Two and Four. HB1040

Revise to be a nonpartisan office. HB800

Elections:

Establish procedure for automatic registration of voters. HB444

Prohibit use of word "re-elect" unless for person who is current incumbent of the office sought. HB548

Require to be conducted by paper ballot or with optical mark reading equipment. HB982

Gubernatorial inaugurations funds; require contributions and expenditures to be reported to Secretary of State. HB1019

Instant-runoff voting; authorize for certain elections. HB1241

Legislative vacancy; revise procedure to fill. HB1124

Legislature; prohibit a person from being an elected officer of a county or municipality and a member of. HB203

Municipal general election ballots; provide that only the names of those opposed candidates shall be printed upon. HB1016

Municipalities; authorize those of certain size to conduct special elections at one polling place. HB195

No-excuse absentee voting; authorize for any qualified voter who votes in person at the office of the registrar. HB349

Online voter registration:

Allow for first time registrants. HB217

Allow for first-time registrants. HB661

Authorize for first-time registrants. HB1084

Authorize for first-time registrants. HB1242

Revise to allow for first-time voters to register through. HB804

Partisan primary elections; abolish and establish open primary elections. HB723

Pre-election day voting; authorize for 14 days before the election. HB765

Presidential election; prohibit release of popular vote until after meeting of electors in the states. HB1176

Presidential electors; revise selection of to be one from each congressional district and two from the state at-large. HB1183

Qualification deadline; change to February 1 for certain statewide, state district, county and county district offices. **HB1048**

Redistricting; authorize Legislature to alter boundaries of counties, municipalities and school districts. HB627

Same day voter registration; authorize. HB983

Secretary of State; require to resign from office before qualifying as candidate for other elected office. HB894

Statewide Elections Management system:

Authorize Secretary of State to join certain nongovernmental entity in order to remove certain voters from. HB946

Compare to certain identification databases to ensure non-U.S. citizens are not registered to vote. HB586

Remove voters who fail to respond to notice and who fail to vote after certain period of time. HB4

Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public Act; create. HB405

Voter:

Identification; clarify that only Mississippi driver's license shall be acceptable license. HB543

Registration:

Application; require to be processed within ten days of deadline and give applicant opportunity to cure. HB348

Require by anyone who receives public assistance benefits. HB173

Rolls; prohibit purging names from Statewide Elections Management System 120 days or less before the date of any election. HB642

Systems; require those purchased to be able to scan actual ballot. HB407

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Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Division officers; compensation shall be determined by special plan approved by the Personnel Board. HB90

Appropriation:

Alcorn County for funding an incentive program for remote workers to relocate to the county. HB1456

Athletic Commission. **HB1365**

Archives and History:

Church of God in Christ historical markers in Holmes County. HB246

Scott Ford House to develop two historic properties in Jackson. HB726

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Arts Commission. **HB1389**

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Barber Examiners, Board of. **HB1366**

Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. **HB1382**

City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. HB441

City of Starkville for making Northside Drive drainage improvements. HB1426

Cosmetology, Board of. HB1367

Department of:

Corrections to establish and maintain certain educational classes for inmates. HB1259

Education:

HB1387

For additional funding to increase instructional support positions due to increased needs from COVID-19. HB745

To provide grants to school districts to establish telehealth programs. HB1300

Finance and Administration; provide additional to purchase new state flags for state buildings and offices. HB68

Health. **HB1401**

Human Services. **HB1398**

Marine Resources; provide additional for the for Fiscal Year 2021. HB1360

Mental Health:

Additional funding for community health centers to expand outpatient services for former inmates. HB1341

Additional funding for increased number of residential beds. HB744

Transportation to fund sidewalk in the city of Jackson. HB1119

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA):

For constructing a new building for the 3-D School and Evaluation Center in Petal, MS. HB1424

For cost of demolition and removal of certain blighted property in City of Jackson. HB1428

To assist City of Columbus in cost of widening of and other improvements to certain roads. HB1427

District attorneys and staff. **HB1378**

DPS for constructing and staffing a new forensic laboratory in Corinth. HB1421

Educational Television, Authority for. **HB1388**

Employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. HB979, HB1448, HB53

Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. **HB1375**

Environmental Quality, Department of. **HB1392**

Fire Academy. **HB1380**

Foresters, Board of Registration for. **HB1402**

Forestry Commission. **HB1403**

Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. **HB1394**

Health Department for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. HB1419

Human Services for youthbuild programs eligible for grants under Youthbuild Act.
HB55

IHL board for cost of waiving tuition at IHLs for certain foster children and adopted children. HB623

IHL for certain agriculture research and extension capital projects at Alcorn State University. HB584

IHL for support of certain agriculture research and extension programs at Alcorn State University. HB582

Insurance, Department of. **HB1379**

Jackson Public School District for funding certain program needs of the Career Development Center. HB1422

Lee and Monroe Counties for funding National Resource Camp pilot program. HB177

Lee County School District for reconstruction of Verona Elementary School. HB1432

Legislative expenses. **HB1381**

Library Commission. **HB1390**

Local System Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation Fund, Revise allocation formula. **HB576**

Marine Resources, Department of. **HB1412**

Medicaid, Division of. **HB1400**

Medical Licensure, Board of. **HB1369**

Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. **HB1377**

Various state agencies; provide additional for Fiscal Year 2021. HB199, HB1414

Memorial highway:

Designate a segment of United States Highway 61 in Jefferson County as the Highway Patrol Lieutenant Troy Morris Memorial Highway. **HB872**

Designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as Corporal William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway. **HB887**

Designate entire segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L. Wallace Memorial Highway. **HB424**

Designate segment in Marshall County, Mississippi as the "Representative Tommy Woods Memorial Highway. **HB995**

Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact. HB29

Nationally certified licensed school employees

Delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements. **HB1047**

Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. **HB1371**

Nursing, Board of. **HB1370**

Oil and Gas Board. **HB1395**

Optometry, Board of. **HB1372**

Pat Harrison Waterway District. **HB1405**

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Physical Therapy Board. **HB1373**

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Psychology, Board of. **HB1374**

Public Employees' Retirement System. **HB1410**

Public Service Commission. **HB1396**

Public Utilities Staff. **HB1397**

Rankin County for the Andrew Chapel Road Project. HB1429

Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building; FY21. **HB1391**

Rehabilitation Services, Department of. **HB1399**

Rural Fire Truck Fund for additional round of trucks under Acquisition Assistance Program. HB497

Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. **HB1368**

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State Public Defender, Office of. **HB1383**
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Teachers' and teacher's assistants' salaries
 Provide increase to minimum salary. **HB852**
Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. **HB1408**
Town of Artesia for making drainage improvements to alleviate sewer flooding.
 HB1425
Town of Caledonia for purchasing and installing a splash pad in Ola J. Pickett
 Park. HB684
Town of Edwards for funding the town Youth Enrichment Program. HB372
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Transportation, Department of. HB1413
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 Home Purchase Board. **HB1411**
 Revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the
 Homes. **HB761**

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 career and technical education students. HB528
 Department of Employment Security for funding Summer Youth Employment
 Programs. HB970
 Department of Health for COVID-19 expenses and related matters. HB1451
 Department off Finance and Administration for support of the Capitol Police.
 HB1457
 IHL for enhancing stem-related facilities and programs at Alcorn State University.
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 academic year. HB917
 MBI of DPS for responsibilities under Human Trafficking Act. HB1464
 Phase in 25% reduction for agencies and departments over ten years. HB1194
 Supreme Court for additional funding for mental health courts. HB743

Attorney General; allow salaries of assistants to exceed statutory limitations under certain
 circumstances. HB1290

Budget process; update various sections relating to. **HB109**

Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan; allow certain agency heads to
 implement components of. HB1240

Department of Revenue License Tag Acquisition Fund; revise certain provisions
 regarding. **HB1284**

Deputy Secretaries of State; authorize creation of. HB750

Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; revise funding and specify teaching standards.
 HB1123

Elected statewide and certain district officials; increase salaries of. HB647

ETV; legislature not appropriate general funds to after fiscal year 2022, use funds for
 teacher salaries. HB454

General laws and journals of legislative sessions; copies of not provided to certain
 recipients of unless specifically requested. **HB1177**

Health department; authorize certain charges for services with other agencies for
 operation of medical marijuana program. HB307

Insurance Department; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget
 Transparency and Simplification Act. HB211

Legislature:

 Allow certain retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while
 serving as a member of. HB914
 Allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as
 a member of. HB909

Allowed retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. HB915

Members may waive all or any portion of compensation and office expense allowance. HB993

Mississippi Highway Patrol:

Increase pay. HB989

Increase salaries of sworn officers by \$10,000.00. HB871

Mississippi Secure Choice Savings Program; establish. HB704

Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act; extend repealer on requirement that fees be deposited into State General Fund. **HB100**

Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission; return to a special fund agency. HB1251

Public Employee Retirement System (PERS):

All public safety employees vest in 4 years and are entitled to allowance with 25 years of service. HB183

Allow retirees to teach in critical needs areas and work full time and receive full salary for three years. HB237

No retiree shall receive allowance from while under contract with state agency as a consultant or advisor. HB334

Allow certain members of PERS to purchase creditable service for service with non-PERS employers. HB1138

Allow PERS retirees to serve in Legislature in same manner as for elected county or municipal offices. HB994

County board attorneys and city attorneys shall be members of PERS regardless of hours/week worked. HB643

Elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made. HB683

Elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits withheld until full restitution has been paid. HB716

PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system. HB1191

Persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS. HB206

State Auditor; increase fee to be charged by for performing audits and other services. HB1256

State budget; revise provisions in several FY21 appropriation bills. **HB106**

State employees:

Provide for across-the-board increase in annual salaries of. HB1061

Provide for pay raise based on the amount of their annual salaries. HB1074

State Fire Marshal and Fire Academy; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. HB212

State Oil and Gas Board; extend repealer on authority to use Capital Expense funds for emergency plugging of orphaned wells. HB194

State podiatric forgivable loan program; create. HB913

State Veterans Affairs Board; provide that certain employees of are nonstate service employees under state personnel system. **HB69**

Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan; new legislators not members and current members do not earn additional credit. HB896

Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from. HB121

Trooper training class; require Legislature to appropriate funds in 2021 and 2022 sessions to defray expenses of. HB460

William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program

Create. **HB1179**

BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Credit Availability Act, Title Pledge Act, and Check Cashers Act; extend or remove repealer on certain provisions of. **HB1075**

Credit reports:

Agency; prohibit including information from judicial action unless there is a verified outstanding judgement. HB210

Prohibit release of information unless authorized by the consumer. HB403

Financial services; authorize financial institutions to provide to licensed medical marijuana treatment centers. HB1098

Homeowners:

Associations; regulate managing agents of and require financial reviews by.
HB953

Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program; create. HB30

Libraries; authorize use of debit and credit cards. **HB488**

Mississippi Fair Housing Act; create. HB1218

Open account; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means. HB1077

Pawnbrokers:

Transactions; define transactional information for purposes of. HB377

Title pledge lenders and check cashers; reduce maximum rate of interest that they may charge for their services. HB901

Retail businesses; those that accept credit or debit cards shall have video cameras to record persons using the cards. HB734

CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCES

Flood Prevention and Control Task Force; create for the City of Jackson. HB637

Mississippi Outdoors and Natural Resources Fund; create to provide source of private funds to promote outdoors and natural resources. HB1154

Natural Resource Camp; establish pilot program for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. HB178

Solid waste:

Landfills; prohibit new landfill in county where 2 or more exist, unless referendum held. **HB949**

Require landlords to deliver items too large for garbage containers to disposal facility. HB218

CONSTITUTION

Constitution:

Amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. HC17

Amend to provide that member of House or Senate for the first time after January 1, 2022, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. HC18

Amend to reconstitute the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. HC9

Amend to remove requirement to hold a separate runoff election for Governor and statewide elected officials. HC29

Amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. HC8

Amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. HC7

Signatures of electors from any congressional district cannot exceed a certain fractional portion of the total number required to qualify initiative for ballot. HC3

Elected official; prohibit from changing political party affiliation during term of office. HB902

Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; ratify. HC16

Firearms:

Prohibit discharge near petroleum. HB735

Revise limits placed on counties and municipalities to regulate. HB569
 Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act; establish. HB689
 Municipalities; clarify authority of to regulate exercise of free speech near medical facilities. HB1282
 Open Meetings; include subcommittee in the definition of public body in provisions for. HB1190
 Posting injurious messages; repeal code section held unconstitutional. HB1258
 State boundaries; clarify in statute. HB957
 Suffrage; restore to all upon meeting all terms and conditions of sentence. HB834
 Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements of a conviction including parole but not probation. HB451

CORRECTIONS

Bail procedures; revise. HB468
 Case plans for inmates:
 Require certain programs be placed within for those who committed capital offenses. HB448
 Require certain programs be placed within for those who committed violent offenses. HB398
 Require certain programs be placed within for nonviolent inmates. HB399
 Cell phones and certain other contraband; provide enhanced penalties for offenders and correctional employees. HB537
 Commissioner of Corrections and community corrections; bring forward various sections relating to. **HB928**
 Commutation of sentences; require for certain nonviolent offenders. HB1107
 Compassionate Parole Eligibility Act of 2021; create. HB465
 Conditions of probation; clarify that courts may provide certain treatment for veterans when placed on probation. HB420
 Conjugal visits; require Department of Corrections to provide for married inmates. HB396
 Correctional Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2021; create. HB620
 Correctional system cost-per-day reviews; transfer responsibility from PEER to MDOC. HB1216
 Corrections Inspection Council; establish. HB1112
 Corrections omnibus bill; enact. HB525
 Department of Corrections (DOC):
 Appropriation; authorize to pay regional facilities \$34.00 per day for each state inmate. HB229
 Authorize to administer the "Halfway House Grant Program. HB649
 Authorize to provide for hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness. HB1174
 Canteen services proposal evaluation; require interested third parties to have reasonable prices for services. HB650
 Convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. HB1110
 Increase per diem rate paid to regionals for housing of state offenders. HB1088
 Provide certain educational programs for adult offenders. HB961
 Require implementation of an Extended Family Visitation Program for eligible offenders. HB409
 Revise notification period given to local law enforcement when offender is to be released. HB676
 Habitual offender law; authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years or more. HB1108
 Inmate Welfare Fund; require DOC to expend unused portions of the fund on reentry purposes. HB466
 Joint state-county work program; require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. HB242
 Mandatory 85% sentencing rule; repeal. HB1106

Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders; revise which offenders are eligible for. **HB401**

Mississippi Prison Education Reform Act of 2021; create. **HB1051**

Mississippi Prison Industries; require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. **HB408**

Nonadjudication; authorize completion of workforce training or similar training as an option for. **HB557**

Nonviolent offenders; require certain segregated housing, repeal 85% rule, expand authority of judge to make eligible for parole. **HB1225**

Parole:

- Board:
 - Revise notification time frame given to offender's victim for offender release and remove certain prohibition. **HB464, HB675**
- Eligibility
 - Revise for certain offenses and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. **HB935**
- Private correctional facilities contractor; must have ability to use local vendors when providing services to offenders. **HB445**
- Private prisons that house state offenders; provide moratorium on the expansion of. **HB882**
- Reentry for offenders; bring forward certain sections relating to. **HB929**
- Regional correctional facilities:
 - Increase daily amount paid to certain facilities for the housing of state offenders. **HB243**
 - Prohibit from operating as a private correctional facility. **HB63**
- State Correctional Facilities Monitoring Unit; establish. **HB523**
- Task force to address the disparity of African-American males in the judicial system; create. **HB892**
- Use of restitution centers by DOC; repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. **HB1111**
- Violent offenders, certain; may be paroled by Parole Board if sentencing judge authorizes parole consideration. **HB653**
- Work release program; authorize courts and sheriffs to assign certain convicted offenders to while confined in jail. **HB747**

COUNTY AFFAIRS

Board of Supervisors of Hancock County; revise salary of attorney hired to prosecute cases for county. **HB104**

Body-worn cameras; require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs. **HB862**

Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector; remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. **HB235**

Compensation for members of boards of supervisors; revise. **HB1155**

Constables; authorize counties to pay additional compensation to when courts are closed for more than 30 days. **HB1170**

Counties and municipalities:

- Authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. **HB1064**
- Authorize to offer Medicare eligible employee benefits when employee secures Medicare under certain circumstances. **HB730**
- Authorize to offer Medicare eligible employee benefits when employees secures Medicare under certain circumstances. **HB493**
- Authorize use of law enforcement escorts for athletic teams attending school-related activities. **HB580**
- May assess the cost/penalty against menaced property as a civil debt. **HB629**

County:

- Elected officers

Provide that salaries shall not be reduced due to reduction in total assessed valuation or population. HB1223
 Jail dockets; require additional data for transparency purpose and require uniform recording of data. HB1171
 Public defenders
 Require salary of all to be the same as district attorneys. HB818
 Delinquent county garbage fees; provide nonrenewal of driver's licenses for nonpayment. HB430
 Election commissioners; require board of supervisors to provide insurance coverage for. HB1188
 Employment of full time legal counsel as a county employee; authorize for Adams County. HB1000
 First Responders and Essential Workers Incentive Program; authorize counties and municipalities to create. HB1118
 Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. HB816, HB858
 Mississippi Police Funding Protection Act; create. HB116
 Perpetual care cemeteries; authorize counties and cities to clean property of those not properly maintained. HB320
 Sheriffs and police officers; require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. HB1247

DRUG POLICY

Kratom; regulate the sale, distribution and preparation of. HB611
 Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; authorize sales and purchase of certain products containing without a prescription. HB479
 Pseudoephedrine; require pharmacies to keep records of over the counter sales of. HB107
 Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. **HB1034**

EDUCATION

2021 Mississippi Education Task Force; create to review state regulations and accountability system. HB1254
 Abstinence and sex-related education; extend repelaer on public school requirements for. HB143
 Achievement School District; specify use of funds for the benefit of local school district of funds' origin. HB361
 Accountability rating system; revise to provide for method of accommodating certain students with cognitive disabilities and dropouts. HB529
 Active shooter training:
 Require school district employees to attend every three years. HB857
 Require school districts employees to attend every three years. HB732
 AEDs; require at public schools and state institutions of higher learning and provide authority to lease. HB709
 African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. HB860
 Appropriation:
 Holmes County Consolidated School District for expenses of consolidation. HB228
 MDE to assist parents in paying school districts for cost of lost/damaged electronic devices assigned to students. HB169
 Assistant Teacher:
 Forgivable Loan Program; revise to increase financial assistance to those pursuing teacher licensure. HB502

Salary Waiver Grant Program; establish to authorize agreements between assistant teachers and school districts for cost of teacher preparation program. HB981

Provide annual salary supplement in C, D and F school districts. HB988

Require school districts to notify of nonreemployment within 10 days after adopting budget. HB702

At risk funds; require maximum flexibility to school districts in use of and accounting for. HB866

Average daily attendance; dispense with calculating for 2021-2022 school year and use ADA from 2020-2021 school year. HB1115

Boards of Education; require those in districts having a mayor-council form of government to be elected. HB386

Charter school payments; require school districts to pay local funds due on a monthly basis. HB416

Charter schools:

- Reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. HB1214
- Revise certain provisions of. HB851
- Revise deadlines for certain reporting requirements and to allow certain teacher units to those in first year of operation. HB853

Child abuse hotline; require schools to post in clearly visible location. HB759

Children of school employees:

- Allow to attend school in district of parent's or legal guardian's employ. HB541
- Allow to attend school in district of parent's or legal guardian's employment. HB766

Civics; require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. HB1185

Commission on School Accreditation; clarify membership composition. **HB504**

Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation. HB302

Comprehensive School Health Education Program; include additional components in and require school nurse to teach. HB893

Compulsory School:

- Age; revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before September 1. HB720
- Attendance:
- Law; rename as the "Kindergarten Increases Diplomas (KIDs) Act," and lower compulsory age to five years. HB415
- Require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. HB1022
- Revise to remove certain excused absences. HB270
- School-age child; revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. HB35

Computer science curriculum; require State Department of Education to implement in K-12 public schools. **HB633**

- Require to be taught in all public schools. HB110

Corporal punishment:

- Prohibit administration of in public and charter schools for disciplinary matters. HB422
- Require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in. HB760

Council on the Prevention of School Shootings; create to develop center in A.G.'s office to monitor online activity. HB515

County and public libraries; repeal certain provisions related to. **HB487**

Critical Needs Teacher Forgivable Loan Program; extend repealer on. HB161

Critical Teacher Shortage Program:

- Act of 1998; extend repealer on. **HB135**

Require State Board of Education to categorize shortages by school attendance zones within school districts. HB772

CTE students

Provide tuition-free instruction and increased financial assistance for industry certification assessment. HB1133

Dating violence; require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. HB33

Districts of Innovations; require SDE to recognize use of Cambridge Assessment or other nationally recognized assessment for accountability ratings. HB114

Dyslexia education; revise provisions for determining student eligibility for IEP or 504 Plan.

HB754

Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; revise funding and specify teaching standards.

HB1123

Education Employment Procedures Law; include assistant teachers under. HB879

Education waivers; provide for schools relative to the Statewide Testing Program; accountability ratings and Literacy-Based Promotion assessments. HB501

Educator:

Administrator misconduct; clarify provisions for disciplinary matters and administrative procedures and appeals. HB831

Dyslexia Awareness Act of 2021; enact to require certain instruction and training for license renewal. HB426

Elementary professional school counselors; allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. HB986

Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early-release privilege eligibility. HB1023

End-of-course:

Assessments; remove mandatory requirement of passing score as a condition of graduation. HB281

Subject area tests; discontinue and require minimum score on the ACT for graduation. HB283

Tests; eliminate passing score as graduation requirement and exempt from accountability ratings for four years. HB432

English language learners:

Increase funding to districts with 20% or more enrolled student population comprised of. HB456

Require waivers of accountability for districts with 25% of enrollment being. HB458

Scholarship Program; create. HB457

Exceptional children; require school districts to develop policy for the discipline of. HB392

Family dynamics; include in public school curriculum as a required component. HB736

First grade enrollment; allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. HB1024

Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8. HB315

Habitually disruptive student; require to be evaluated for disability under IDEA after second incident of disruptive behavior. HB1128, HB1187

High school curriculum:

Implement instruction in traditional vocational agricultural and forestry education, civics and home economics. HB1120

Require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. HB859

Home economics; require to be taught in "D" and "F" rated school districts. HB958

Home rule improvement; enact for local school districts. HB694

Home schooled students; authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district. HB474

Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. HB962

Irlen Syndrome; require screening for and districts to provide reasonable accommodations for students with. HB411

Keep Our Kids on Track Act of 2021; create. HB1126

Kindergarten-age children; require mandatory attendance under compulsory school attendance laws. HB316

Licensed school employees and administrators; suspend license for one year for breach of contract or abandonment of employment. HB371

Lottery Proceeds Fund:

Provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for school improvements. HB671

Provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for the purposes of funding teacher pay raises. HB672

MAEP:

Define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. HB257

Determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. HB1178

Determine cost of using average daily membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA. HB342

Increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. HB261

Remove the requirement for collection of fees in lieu of taxes as a portion of local contribution requirement. HB1244

Mathematics and science instruction; enhance through new programs in middle schools. HB966

Missing children; require compilation of by Department of Education and day care facilities. HB193

Mississippi History and United States Government; require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. HB52

Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act; enact for implementation in public school curriculum. HB1161

Mississippi Statewide Assessment System; remove criminal penalties and establish maximum time educator's license may be suspended or revoked. HB166

Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2021; enact. HB238

National board certification annual salary supplement; remove cap on number of nurses and speech-language pathologists eligible for. HB317

Nationally board certified:

Licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements. **HB1047**

School nurses; remove cap on number of eligible for annual salary supplement. HB105

Teachers:

Include those employed in Hinds County as eligible for additional supplement. HB417

Provide additional annual salary supplement to those employed in Walthall County. HB383

Nonlicensed teachers; authorize local school districts to employ certain number to fill core subject area positions. HB344, HB855

Nonpublic schools; authorize those accredited by a regional agency to use criminal background check procedures as public schools. HB513

Online Career-track Program; authorize school districts to create and accept out-of-district students for enrollment in. HB542

Prohibition against bullying in schools; revise definitions and include cyberbullying. HB346

Public and private schools:

Require all employees to annually receive flu vaccine. HB433

Require all employees to be tested annually for tuberculosis. HB434

Require proper hand washing materials in all restrooms. HB437

Public purchasing:

Laws:

Exempt purchase of nonadopted and adopted textbooks by MDE for nonpublic schools. HB370

Revise to provide that reverse auction shall be used by certain schools and districts. HB924

Public schools:

Athletics; establish study committee to evaluate transferring administration to local governments. HB1257

Curriculum; require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. HB701

Require toll-free number for reporting abuse and neglect to be posted in all. HB559

Scholastic year; increase number of days for schools with an accountability rating of "D" or "F". HB394

School:

Athletic trainers; provide annual salary supplement for those acquiring national certification. HB489

Attendance officers:

Require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. HB1127

Require to visit homes of certain children within 72 hours of unexcused absence. HB960

Attendance; require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on the ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. HB1027

Board members:

Authorize excused absences from board meeting in the event of family emergency. HB20

Establish annual salary based on student enrollment. HB51

Powers and duties; expand to require boards to exercise all reasonable efforts to ensure 16th section land lessees pay taxes on leased lands. HB1101

Boards:

Elect members at presidential election for 4-year term. HB771

Require itemized report of central office expenditures to be included in notice for increase in ad valorem taxes. HB665

Buildings; require new construction and certain renovations to include refillable water bottle stations. HB925

Buses:

Drivers; require to be first aid and CPR trained and certified. HB384

Require 20% of those purchased after July 1, 2021, to be equipped with seat belts. HB789

Require those purchased after July 1, 2021, to be equipped with seat belts and provide opt out provision. HB657

Require those purchased after July 1, 2021, to be equipped with seat belts. HB656

Curriculum:

Require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. HB256

Require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. HB1071

Districts:

Efficiency; conduct feasibility study on the administration of. HB167

Provide strategy to promote holistic educational efficiency and opportunities for all students. HB168

Require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. HB710

Require certain policies and alternative curriculum if accountability rating at three lowest levels. HB990

Require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. HB708

Enrollment

Authorize child transferred to out of school district to remain enrolled after parent's retirement from that school. HB1151

Immunization; authorize exemption from requirements for religious beliefs.
HB475

Prayer:
Require school boards to designate a period for recitation of the "Lord's Prayer" at the beginning of each school day. HB950
Require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. HB682

Recognition program:
Bring forward. HB1068
Restrict awards to teachers and licensed staff and require SBE to adopt rules for administration. HB991

Resource Officers: revise MCOPS grant program to require attendance at any accredited law enforcement academy. HB948

Social workers and psychologists
Authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. HB260

Transportation; authorize motor vehicles other than buses for small groups of students traveling to school activities. HB414

Schools in district transformation; prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. HB364

Schools; provide for mental health services providers and trauma informed training. HB1125

Sex education; require SDE and Department of Health to develop list of approved curricula to be used in schools and revise every five years. HB805

Socialism curriculum; require to be included in public secondary and postsecondary schools. HB1294

Special education funds; require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. HB801

State Board of Education; require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. HB1025

State Department of Education:
Develop central reporting system for school district data mandated by U.S. Department of Education. HB617
Permit to receive various contributions from public or private donors. HB314
Require to conduct sampling of material used on the U.S. History end-of-course assessment. HB540

State Superintendent of Public Education
Align salary of to no more than 150% of Governor's salary. HB1243

Statewide assessment program:
Discontinue all standardized tests except for single test in Grades 3, 8 and 11. HB1052
Require SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. HB280
Require the SBE to use ACT as summative assessment. HB367

Statewide educational assessments; lower minimum passing score on certain tests for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. HB1117

Statewide testing program:
Require tests to be translated and printed into primary spoken language of ELL students. HB739
Require the SBE to cease administration of for the 2020-2021 school year. HB282

Stay on Track Act of 2021; create. HB1285

Student absenteeism; excuse those related to a student's disability. HB865

Student club funds; clarify use and accounting practices by school districts. HB313

Student residency requirements; require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. HB321

Summer Youth Training Employment Program; authorize school districts to establish. HB980

Teachers:

Revise duties and responsibilities relating to student assessment and achievement before promotion. HB170

Administrator license; Deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. HB756

Education program and licensure requirements

Remove the option for a 21 ACT score (or SAT equivalent) for eligibility. HB679

Licensure:

Authorize issuance to certain individuals with foreign certification on reciprocity with documentation. HB856

Authorize SDE to issue Nontraditional Teaching Route - Standard License to certain individuals with advanced degrees. HB575

Establish alternative routes to five-year license due to critical teacher shortage. HB1053

Provide to certain individuals with a minimum of ten years experience in public school districts or certain nonpublic schools. HB455

Revise alternate route to allow certain individuals to receive. HB472

Salaries

Assistants' teachers:

Provide for \$1,500.00 increase. HB662

Provide increase to minimum salary. **HB852**

Authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in D and F districts. HB1072

Task Force; create to recommend how state can pay teachers at southeastern average. HB878

The Tim Tebow Act; enact to authorize home-schooled student to participate in public school extracurricular activities. HB969

The Digital Access Learning and Virtual Instruction Program Act of 2021; create. HB276

Trauma-Informed Discipline Practices Act; enact to establish procedures to assess and mediate effects of traumatic events in schools. HB427

Trimester School Year Pilot Program; establish. HB259

U.S. History end-of-course subject area test; remove requirement for the administration for purpose of graduation. HB532

Video surveillance cameras; require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children. HB757

Virtual public schools; create pilot program for districts to create and accept out of district students for enrollment. HB1035

Vocational and home economics; require curriculum for all middle, high and alternative school students. HB881

William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program; create. **HB1179**

Wireless learning environments; require school districts to develop and implement within two years. HB165

ENERGY

All Fuels Act of 2021; establish. **HB632**

Chancery clerk fee; reduce for recording each oil and gas assignment. HB145

Mississippi Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; enact. HB1037

Public contracts of energy efficiency services; extend repealer on authority and certain requirements for. HB162

Transformative renewable energy projects; authorize boards of supervisors to designate as such for certain tax purposes. HB1063

GAMING

Casinos; revise locations in Tunica County where may locate. HB1248

Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. HB1132

Mississippi Horse Racing Act of 2021; create to allow for any location in the state with suitable track. HB753
Mobile sports wagering; authorize. HB1042
Skill terminal devices; authorize operation of under in MS Lottery Corporation and impose tax on to support PERS. HB1299
Video lottery terminals; authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. HB41

INSURANCE

Auto insurance; not invalidated by intentional acts of insured. HB410
Child care facilities, licensed; require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. HB563
Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on. HB99, HB327
Counties; authorize to offer Medicare eligible county employees supplemental benefits if employees secure Medicare in lieu of using county insurance. HB324
Developmental and physical disabilities; require health insurance policies cover similar to autism spectrum disorder requirement. HB1169
Health insurance:
Policies:
Require coverage for certain obesity treatments. HB244
Require coverage for hearing aids and services for children under 21. HB13
Prohibit premium surcharges based on vaccination or nonvaccination for the prevention of COVID-19. HB1166
Require insurers to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. HB66
Healthcare Contracting Simplification Act; create. HB1203
Hurricane deductible; bring forward code sections regarding. HB985
Life insurance:
Authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information regarding a deceased's. HB826
Authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. HB390
Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of public records. HB840
Mississippi Surplus Lines Association; authorize Commissioner of Insurance to have excess funds of transferred to the State General Fund. HB326
Motor vehicle liability insurance policy; require to include medical payment coverage. HB599
Nonadmitted policy fee:
Delete repealer on and revise distribution of. HB325
Divert forty percent of for rural fire truck and supplemental fund and extend repealer on section. HB832
Revise distribution of and delete repealer on. HB332
Patient Choice Act of 2021; create. HB340
Professional employer organizations; provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department. HB331
Property and casualty insurance; require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pays insured more than one-fourth of damages. HB279
Public Safety Verification and Enforcement Act; extend repealer on. HB776
Rural fire truck acquisition assistance programs; bring forward code sections for possible amendment. HB329
Salvage or abandoned vehicles; authorize disposition by auction firms on behalf of insurers. HB267
State Health Insurance Plan; provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous tumors. HB827
Telemedicine:

Revise definition for provisions of law regarding coverage for telemedicine services. HB1205

Revise definition in section providing insurance coverage for. HB201

Revise for purposes of health insurance and employee benefit plans. HB1168

Travel Insurance Act of 2021; create. HB323

Uninsured motorist coverage:

Law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such. HB330

Provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy. HB598

Provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects otherwise. HB597

Workers' Compensation Law:

Increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. HB26

Require emergency hearing upon request of either party. HB600

Revise various provisions of. HB839

INTERSTATE COOPERATION

Daylight Saving Time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. **HB1062**, HB494, HB269

JUDICIARY A

Adoptees; authorize those 21 years of age or older to have unrestricted access to information. HB190

Adverse possession:

Require possessor to notify chancery clerk before title vests. HB482

Require losing party to pay court costs and attorney's fees. HB666

Amusement rides; provide inspection and incident reporting requirements for. HB102

Appeal from judgment by a county or municipal authority; revise standard of construction for determining constitutionality. HB605

Appraisal management company; remove ninety-day exception to prohibition on removing appraisers from appraisal panel of an. HB478

Arbitration clause; considered nonbinding in certain contracts. HB385

Bad faith assertions of patent infringement; extend repealer on prohibitions against. HB101

Center for Legal Services:

Corporation Fund; create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. HB565

Require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. HB566

Certificate of Foreign Birth; authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. HB815

Chancery clerk; require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. HB652

Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process. HB1012

Child support:

Payment; suspend obligation to pay when the person to pay is incarcerated. HB933

Prohibit imputation of income based on a standard amount in lieu of gathering facts. HB1295

Revise factors for award of. HB681

Withholding orders; revise provisions to comply with the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act. HB932

Children's records; authorize release with parental consent to the Legislature. HB593

Civil Legal Assistance Fund; specify funding to from certain sources. HB567

Contracts:

Authorize persons eighteen years of age or older to enter into for the purpose of investing in mutual funds. **HB429**
Require to be written in large print. HB820
Cremation; prohibit until approved by county medical examiner. HB570
Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services. **HB72**
Department of Human Services; authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to child support to financial institutions. HB951
Eminent domain; require compensation for loss of business goodwill and value of commercial farm operations. HB934
Fifteenth Circuit Court District:
Reduce the number of judges for. HB1227
Remove residency requirement for Pearl River County and reduce the number of judges for the district. HB1226
Revise residency requirement. HB1228
Fireworks:
Authorize sale of year-round. HB131
Require to be located within a permanent structure. HB132
Gestational agreements; authorize gestational mother and intended parents to create and seek court's validation of. HB209
Grandparent visitation; revise to include great-grandparents. HB895
Graves and abandoned public cemeteries; create process to enter and exit without landowner's permission. HB1158
Home inspector license; require applicants to undergo certain background checks. **HB352**
Immunity for law enforcement officers; authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. HB471
Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death. HB688
Landlord-Tenant; clarify that summons is only placed on door when tenant not found. HB773
Landowners Protection Act; repeal. HB450
Law enforcement; allow off-duty use of official vehicles while performing security services in off-duty hours. **HB631**
Life estates; authorize grantor to revoke at any time before his or her death. HB271
Liquefied petroleum gas providers;
Provide affirmative defense in civil actions for damage or injury caused by certain circumstances. HB1006
Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; bring for certain section of. HB564
Marriage license; require previously married applicant to provide certified copy of divorce or annulment when applying for. HB821
Medical records; persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. HB34
Mineral:
Interests; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. HB555
Rights; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. HB906
Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act; create. HB703
Mississippi Employment Security Law; revise to exclude services of petroleum landman from definition of "employment. HB767
Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise regarding warranty reimbursement. **HB746**
Mississippi Statutory Thresholds for Settlement Involving Minors Act; create. HB333
Motor:
Fuel sales; provide immunity for damages caused by the use of incompatible fuel upon certain conditions.
Require certain new to be equipped with alert to operator to check rear designated seat when engine stops. HB733
Municipal judges; authorize to order a defendant to remedy real property ordinance violations within a reasonable time period. **HB354**

Municipalities home rule; prohibit governing authorities from regulating immediate vicinity of health care facilities under certain circumstances. HB498

Nursing homes; require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. HB1280

Occupational license; revise judicial review related to suspension of. HB1265, HB1266, HB1267

Officers who may administer oaths; add chiefs of police and sheriffs. HB1017

Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. HB956

Perpetual care cemeteries:
New; require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish. HB639
Preneed cemetery and funeral laws; unlawful to make false or misleading statements in records under. HB1078

Property interest; conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship. HB299

Property lien; burden placed on third party whose fraudulent activity related to the incurring of debt without the knowledge of the property owner resulted in. HB337

Public records; extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to. HB141

Real Estate Commission; authorize an appeal to act as a supersedeas and to stay any rule or decision until resolved. HB469

Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. HB485

Registered Agents Act; revise to include "email address. HB1181

Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act; repeal. HB829

Seventh Circuit Court District; authorize additional judges. HB393

Sexual harassment; create a state cause of action. HB247

Social media company community standards; require court to issue injunction when plaintiff demonstrates violation of by a defendant's communications on social media platform. HB1172

State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. HB897

State Domestic Violence Fund; remove the matching funds requirement for. **HB695**

Stop Social Media Censorship Act; create. HB151, HB544

Tax sales; require conveyances of land to be subject to recorded easements. HB484

The Landowners Protection Act; repeal the provisions of the. HB868

The Rational Use of Product Act; create. HB1152

Tribal identification cards; recognize as legal means of personal identification. **HB277**

JUDICIARY B

Abortion; provide that inducing or performing is unlawful. HB338

Adoption; remove prohibition against same gender. HB1276

Amiya Braxton Amendment; create to require the arrest and charge of a driver who kills a child when violating the school crossing provisions. HB1039

Asset forfeiture proceeds; clarify use is for increase in law enforcement budget. HB292, HB1005

Autopsies; provide for confidentiality of photographs and video and audio recordings with exceptions. **HB70**

Bail procedures; bring forward provisions for purposes of amendment. HB300

Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise membership of. HB15

Body-worn cameras; prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. HB404

Bulletproof Vests Revolving Fund; create. HB1224

Cash bail bonds; prohibit courts from allowing defendants to post. HB1003

CDL; prohibit for any person convicted under Mississippi Human Trafficking Act. HB1164

Cell site simulator device; require law enforcement agencies to obtain warrant before using. **HB545**

Cemeteries; authorize to disinter and reinter dead human remains for next of kin instructions. **HB286**

Certificate of rehabilitation:
 Authorize those convicted in another state to apply for a. **HB350**
 Expand authorization for convictions in federal court, state military court and other states. **HB1102**
 Expand authorization to other groups. **HB379**

Chancery court; require to order certain persons held pending mental evaluation. **HB819**

Child abuse reports; expand immunity for making to include persons participating in resulting investigations. **HB356**

Children; persons convicted of certain sex offenses not allowed to give health care consent for. **HB812**

Concealed firearms; clarify prohibition for mentally incompetent. **HB680**

Copper materials; prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. **HB644**

County coroners; authorize to contract with a private pathologist to perform autopsies. **HB553**

County prosecutor; authorize to represent clients outside the county. **HB612**

Court-ordered restitution, certain; require payment of victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed to court. **HB483**

Crimes:
 Create for unauthorized use of minor's name and social security number as dependent on income tax return. **HB824**
 Require specification of degree of mental culpability required for commission of. **HB1149**

Criminal endangerment of a child; create crime of. **HB538**

Criminal investigators:
 Add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. **HB224**
 Increase salary of. **HB77, HB288**
 Increase the salaries of those employed by district attorneys. **HB1050**

Criminal proceedings; require a scheduling order within 30 days of arraignment. **HB1002**

Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. **HB1189**

Department of Human Services;
 Authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to child support. **HB230**
 Fraud investigators; provide they shall be law enforcement officers. **HB87**

Department of Public Safety (DPS); revise law regarding. **HB974**

Deputy sheriffs and police officers; require certain courses for continuing education. **HB1009**

Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act; create. **HB196**

Disenfranchising crimes; clarify those that qualify as. **HB1080**

District Public Defender; create office of. **HB975**

Dogs; regulate and provide penalties for those with a history of biting. **HB80**

Domestic abuse court program; establish. **HB36**

Domestic violence; prohibit those convicted of from carrying weapons. **HB674**

Drag racing and obstruction of traffic by vehicle; make felonies. **HB655**

Driver's license:
 Authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. **HB240**
 Require Department of Public Safety to allow official identifying document of MDOC to suffice for. **HB480**
 Require Department of Public Safety to allow official identifying document of MDOC to suffice for. **HB551**

Suspension; delete exemption from for participating in court-ordered drug-testing program after breath test refusal. HB833

Drug Intervention Courts; standardize and revise circuit districts. HB287

DUI:

- Revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. HB900
- Revise time period for fourth offense. HB769
- Revise violations of. HB1014
- Suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. HB615

Electronic tracking devices; prohibit tracking of another person's vehicle. HB552

Embezzlement; revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. HB630

Expungement:

- Authorize automatically for first-time offenders. HB905
- Authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. HB1059
- Authorize for completion of drug court. HB79
- Authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer after 14 years of completing all terms and conditions of sentences. HB1130
- Authorize up to three felony convictions to be expunged after 15 years. HB122
- Reduce time period for petition. HB1001
- Remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. HB1057
- Remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes. HB1129
- Revise list of eligible crimes. HB1079

Felony expunction; revise age to obtain to conform to revisions. HB1083

Female genital mutilation; create crime of. HB149

Firearms:

- Authorize concealed carry without a permit during emergency evacuations. HB864
- Clarify licensing procedure. HB604
- Discharge; increase penalties when discharged on public streets. HB854
- Licensed; require proof of mental health evaluation. HB697
- Possession; authorize for nonviolent felons in homes and cars. HB1131
- Protection Act; create. HB1041
- Restriction; limit those by cities, counties and state agencies. HB634
- Weapons; authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence. HB926

First Circuit Court District; revise composition of judgeships. HB795

First-degree murder; include unlawful distribution of controlled substances, when the distribution is proximate cause of death. HB1140

Foreign judgment; authorize courts to consider due process and fraud issues. HB596

Fresh Start Act:

- Revise certain portions of and authorize practice of medicine of dentistry after certain expungement. HB421
- Revise certain portions of. HB1250

Habitual offender:

- Exclude nonviolent offenders. HB1046

Law; exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under. HB1105

- Revise penalties for. HB796
- Revise regulations for. HB234

Harper's Grace Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes. **HB119**

Hate crimes; revise delineation of victim. HB353

Hazing; increase penalties for. HB5

HIV crimes; increase penalties for intentional exposure or contact with blood or seminal fluid. HB19

Human Life Protection Act; create. HB790

Hypodermic syringes or needles; unlawful to sell, obtain, purchase or possess as a direct consumer without a written prescription. HB535
Identity theft; establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged. HB561
Implied consent; revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test. HB908
Indigent appeals; revise certain provisions. HB293
Intentional injury to pregnant woman; revise penalties. HB791
Interlocutory appeal; authorize for criminal prosecutors. HB78
Interrogations; require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. HB898
Intimate visual material; create civil and criminal liability for unlawful disclosure or promotion of. HB1222
Judicial districts; create Twenty-fourth Circuit Court. HB163
Justice courts; authorize to suspend fines under the Implied Consent Law. HB780
Justifiable homicide; add defense of business during looting or a riot as a ground for. HB763
Juvenile offenders convicted of murder; revise sentencing options for. HB768
Law enforcement:
 Firefighters and emergency medical technicians; provide enhanced penalties for misdemeanors, felony and shootings of unarmed victims. HB490
 Officers; require to input missing person cases into National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS). HB781
 Pursuits; require municipalities and counties to develop policies regarding. HB1097
 Provide for and amend various laws regarding. HB351
 Require pursuit policy of alleged crime perpetrator. HB823
 Supplemental Pay Program; create. HB998
Life jackets; increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. HB254
Littering:
 Increase fines and allocate monies collected to police, sheriff. HB1066
 Increase fines and deposit certain assessments into Keep Mississippi Beautiful and law enforcement funds. HB215
Lonnie Blue Safety Act
 Create to regulate vehicular pursuits. HB298
Malicious prosecution
 Require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. HB54
Marijuana possession:
 Provide civil penalty for. HB984
 Revise as civil penalty. HB363
Marriage:
 License; provide same age of consent for females and males. HB1274
 Remove prohibition for same-sex. HB1273
Mental examinations of those in felony criminal actions; prohibit transport and require examination where person is held. HB214
Misdemeanor:
 Expunction; remove age restriction. HB959
 Expungements; remove "first offender" reference. HB885
Mississippi Dangerous Dog Control Act; create to establish misdemeanor offense of failure to control a dangerous dog. HB204
Mississippi Highway Patrol and MBN officers; increase salaries of. HB16
Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act; create. HB227
Mississippi Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act of 2021; create. HB291
No-knock warrants; prohibit issuance of. HB1311
Nonviolent offenders; authorize reduction of sentences for passage of end-of-course subject area tests by offenders. HB964
Officer-involved deaths:
 Require investigation and appointment of special prosecutor. HB1060
 Require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. HB467

Open accounts; revise definition and require account creditor to send demand to current address of account debtor through certain means. HB1289

Open meeting; authorize executive session for discussion of plans to combat human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children. **HB1323**

Parole Board; bring forward sections relating to powers and duties of. HB1215

Photograph identification; require for persons 12 years of age or older. HB693

Pre-trial Intervention; prohibit certain amount of public embezzlement for. HB290

Public schools; clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. HB397

Purchase of automatic weapon; place certain restrictions on. HB40

Radar; authorize county supervisors to authorize county sheriff and deputies to use on county roads. HB84

Registry, person committing offense against peace officer
Create to include offenses including terrorism. HB147

Reports of suspected abuse
Require persons who make to Child Protection Services and DHS to give their name and contact information. HB568

Required uniform designations for offenders; exempt offenders in Mississippi Statewide Incarcerated Veterans Program. HB188

Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths; create. HB1103

Right to vote:
Restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. HB503
Restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. HB659

Seizure and forfeiture:
Prohibit waiver of forfeiture and revise standard of proof. HB606
Require conviction and establish in relation to certain criminal. HB607

Sentencing review
Authorize upon petition of a district attorney. HB347

Sexting by minors
Provide as a delinquent misdemeanor act. HB554

Sexual assault:
Response For College Students Act; create. HB581
Survivors' DNA Bill of Rights; create. HB670

Sexual battery:
Remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. HB75
Remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. HB797
Remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. HB836

Sexual Harassment Settlements; require counties, municipalities and state agencies to post on website. HB134

Sexually oriented materials prohibited from being provided to youth
Remove certain terms from. HB1275

Special Prosecutor; create procedure when DA is absent or unable to perform his or her duties. HB1058

State assessments; deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund. HB289

State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of. HB1201

Statute of Limitations; remove for crimes against children. HB835, HB837

Stolen property; create crime for the sale of and require refund to purchaser of, under certain conditions. HB685

Stun gun; remove the term from the prohibited firearms category. HB608

Suffrage:
Restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County. HB1469
Restore to Annie Grant of Hinds County. HB1518
Restore to Anthony Leroy Wallace of Harrison County. HB1477
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Restore to Randy Beckham of Simpson County. HB1472
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Restore to Ronald Brent Self of Tippah County. HB1468
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Terroristic threats; revise provisions. HB76, HB799
Texting or engaging in call while driving; make a misdemeanor when not using voice-operated or hands-free device. HB305
The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. HB83, HB751
Tobacco and alternative nicotine products; increase age to 21 and require government-issued photographic identification. HB874
Tobacco; prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. HB899
Traffic ticket quotas; prohibit state and local agencies from establishing. HB883
Unborn child; expand protection to. HB755
Utility worker; include the killing of as capital murder. HB130
Vaping
 Require the office of the Attorney General to develop and publish a vapor products directory. HB875
Voting rights:
 Restore to all felons upon satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. HB651
 Restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. HB873
 Restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. HB1020
Voyeurism:
 Revise sentencing options. HB81
 Revise sentencing options. HB798
Warrants Task Force; create to study the issuance and execution of warrants in the state. HB1328
Weapons; authorize investigative and regulatory enforcement employees of the Secretary of State's office to carry. HB777
Wire tapping:
 Authorize the Cyber Crime Division within the Attorney General's office to investigate child exploitation cases. HB1221
 Authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. HB558
Wrongful conviction; remove limit on damages when court finds. HB922

LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Caledonia Natural Gas District; revise residency requirement for commissioners. **HB1436**
City of:

Baldwyn; authorize to expand and operate natural gas distribution system to serve certain areas of Tippah County. **HB1510**

Booneville; extend date of repeal on city's hotel, motel and restaurant tax. **HB1453**

Forest; authorize a tax on hotels/motels and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. **HB1504**

Guntown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public streets. **HB1346**

Hattiesburg; authorize waiver of lien, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. **HB1530**

Indianola; extend repeal date on tourism commission and hotel, motel and restaurant tax. **HB1482**

Jackson:

Authorize contributions to Keep Jackson Beautiful, Inc. **HB1503**

Authorize special sales tax to fund repairs to drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems infrastructure. **HB1496**

McComb; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. **HB1479**

New Albany; authorize to lease fiber to Internet service providers for provision of broadband service. **HB1508**

Petal; authorize a tax on hotels, motels, bars and restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. **HB1438**

Ripley; extend repeal date on hotel/motel and restaurant tax. **HB1350**

Senatobia; extend repeal date on hotel/motel tourism tax. **HB1483**

Vicksburg:

Authorize adoption of vacant commercial building registration ordinance. **HB1467, HB1485**

Authorize certain funding for nonprofit museums within the city. **HB1358, HB1488**

Authorize contributions to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program. **HB1338, HB1486**

Authorize contributions to Read by Third Grade, a Tutorial Program for At-Risk Students. **HB1340, HB1489**

Authorize contributions to Storehouse Community Food Pantry. **HB1339, HB1484**

Authorize to execute certain agreement to make contributions to Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Foundation. **HB1487, HB1359**

Coahoma County:

Authorize contributions to the Family and Youth Opportunities, Inc. **HB1491**

Authorize contributions to Tri-County Workforce Alliance. **HB1490**

Hancock County; extend the date of repeal on the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and hotel/motel tax. **HB1509**

Hinds County; authorize assessments on convictions/nonadjudications to repair pre-trial detention centers and courthouses. **HB1232**

Holmes County:

Authorize contributions to Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. **HB1499**

Authorize contributions to P.E.A.R.L.S. Mentoring for Girls, Inc. **HB1498**

Authorize transfer of funds/property from defunct county economic development authority to county economic development district. **HB1500**

Jackson County:

Direct contributions to Management and Operations for the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts and Education. **HB1497**

Revise duties of civil service commission for sheriff's department relating to certain personnel matters. **HB1493**

Lafayette County; change governing law for county trust fund investments from PERS to Mississippi Uniform Prudent Investor Act. **HB1492**

Lincoln County; include food sold at county's civic center as retail merchandise when processing electronic payments for such merchandise. **HB1335**

Local and private bills proposing to extend local tax for second time; require direct referendum. **HB603**

Lowndes County; authorize contributions to United Way of Lowndes County. **HB1435**

Marion County; authorize imposition of fuel tax after an election with proceeds used for a road repair. **HB947**

Marshall County:
 Authorize hiring of additional part-time assistant county prosecuting attorneys. **HB1349**
 Expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. **HB1480**
 Expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. **HB1501**
 Expand boundaries of Marshall Utility Services Sewer District. **HB1507**

Mississippi Coast Transportation Authority; authorize to bear the full cost of processing electronic payments. **HB1502**

Noxubee County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications to repair county courthouse/county owned facilities. **HB1193**

Oakland/Yalobusha Natural Gas District; authorize expansion of natural gas distribution system. **HB1418**

Oxford Municipal Reserve and Trust Fund; make technical correction concerning certain internal reference within. **HB1466**

Tallahatchie County:
 Authorize contributions to Mid-State Opportunity, Inc. **HB1434**
 Authorize leasing of certain water well to City of Charleston. **HB1495**

Town of:
 Byhalia; authorize transfer of certain funds for infrastructure improvements. **HB1437**
 Como; extend repealer on authority to impose tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. **HB1529**
 Georgetown; authorize use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads. **HB1334**
 Mize; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. **HB1465**
 Sardis; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. **HB1505**
 Shannon; authorize expansion of its gas distribution system. **HB1481**
 Wesson; authorize the use of low-speed vehicles and golf carts on certain public roads. **HB1333**

Tunica County; authorize occupancy assessment on hotel/motel rooms to fund infrastructure improvements/maintenance for Convention Center Complex. **HB1531**

Walnut Grove; authorize Correctional Authority to contract with the state to operate correctional facility. **HB1494**

Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. **HB1506**

Washington County; extend repeal date on Washington County Convention and Visitors Committee and the tourism tax. **HB1528**

Yalobusha County; authorize to loan funds to Oakland Yalobusha Natural Gas District to help pay off certain district debt. **HB1433**

MARINE RESOURCES

Administrative hearing procedures for Commission on Marine Resources; revise to authorize executive director of Department of Marine Resources to make final decisions during. **HB1211**

Coastal Wetlands Protection Act; revise definitions to include "ordinary high water mark". **HB594**

Department of Marine Resources Enforcement Officers' Reserve Unit; revise provisions regulating. HB309
Public trust tidelands; provide the procedure for removal of submerged logs on. HB1043

MEDICAID

Access and Opportunity Act of 2021; create. HB1033
Audits of claims and payments made on behalf of the Division of Medicaid; delete provision providing maximum of 5 years for. HB1011
Medicaid:
 Bring forward provider assessment provisions. HB1007
 Bring forward services and managed care provisions. HB1093
 Bring forward services, managed care and provider assessment provisions. HB1096
 Covered family planning services shall include coverage for long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) methods. HB1089
 Create Medicaid Commission to administer program and abolish Division of Medicaid. HB1013
 Eligible pregnant women shall remain eligible for maternal care services for 12 months after end of pregnancy. HB610
 Exempt durable medical equipment from 5% reduction in provider reimbursement rates. HB1032
 Expand eligibility for certain persons to receive services through provider sponsored health plan. HB794
 Expand eligibility under federal health care reform law. HB207, HB918, HB968
 Extend repealers on list of covered services and assessments on certain health care facilities. HB97
 Increase reimbursement rate for preventative dental services for 3 fiscal years. HB1092
 Make technical amendments to services, managed care and assessment provisions. HB1008
 Nonresident admitted to pediatric skilled nursing facility in MS not eligible for MS Medicaid coverage. HB155
 Provide certain requirements for reimbursement for telemedicine services provided by FQHCs and RHCs. HB1031
 Provide continued eligibility for eligible women for up to 12 months postpartum. HB1087
 Provide coverage for community-based home-visitation and pregnancy support services. HB1085
 Provide coverage for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women. HB1086
 Provide for assessment and exemption from 5% reduction for assisted living services under federal waivers. HB1038
 Provide same services to children with ADHD as those provided to children with autism. HB1094
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 Require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. HB221
 Require managed care companies to provide detailed, signed explanation for denial of coverage of procedure. HB156
 Require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. HB715
 Restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other organizations. HB614
 Revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments during appeals. HB613

Revise reimbursement for telehealth services provided by FQHCs and community health centers. HB889
Revise reimbursement rate for durable medical equipment (DME) and exempt DME from 5% reduction. HB205
Suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. HB967

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Claims by veterans under consumer protection law; Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board offers service free of charge. HB186
County veteran service officers; revise certain qualifications and requirements. HB187
Disabled veterans; establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. HB916
Mississippi Persian Gulf War Memorial; authorize MSVA to move to another appropriate location. **HB189**
State Veterans Affairs Board; revise powers and duties relating to the operation of the State Veterans Homes. **HB761**
Veterans; provide uniform definition and include NOAA Corps. HB1182

MUNICIPALITIES

Code-charter municipality governing authorities; may delegate duties related to personnel actions. HB443
Community and Police Safety Act; create. HB24
Golf carts and low-speed vehicles; allow municipalities to authorize operation on certain municipal streets. HB1157
Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act; create. HB223
Municipal annexation:
 Provide that an election shall be held on the question of. HB1159
 Require an election be held in the proposed annexed territory. HB1292
 Require an election be held on the question of in the proposed annexed territory. HB788
Municipalities:
 Allow to establish overdue water/sewer bill programs with a certain population. HB359
 Prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. HB150
Reverse auction; Revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. HB841, HB842
Sixteenth section land; authorize leasing of certain classified land to cities/counties for less than minimum percentage of market value. HB1287

PORTS, HARBORS AND AIRPORTS

County port and harbor commission; provide that members hold appointment until successor appointed and installed. HB992
Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority; repeal. HB648

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Abortion; revise physician requirement and prohibit facilities from selling stem cells. HB1162
Access to Care Act; create. HB602
Advanced practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions relating to, including collaboration requirement. HB1303
Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. HB191
Appropriation:
 Department of Health for a grant to the Southern Health Commission in Washington County. HB42

Department of Health to establish and operate two STD/HIV specialty clinics.
HB39

Department of Mental Health for additional funding for crisis centers and outpatient services. HB236

Health Department for support of Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. HB38

Health Department to provide epi-pens and AEDs in IHLs, community colleges and schools. HB1143

UMMC to support a medical residency program at Delta Regional Medical Center.
HB21

Autopsies:

Create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiring about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy. HB412

Require to include inquiry about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy.
HB117

Board of Nursing

Revise penalties in disciplinary proceedings and authorize recovery of reasonable costs. HB174

Breastfeeding:

Authorize distribution of statewide info to support breastfeeding in public places. HB391

Professionals; provide for licensure of by State Department of Health. HB587

Child Care:

Advisory Council; require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on. HB59

Facilities:

Require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. HB60

Require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. HB972

Child support enforcement and collection

Terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. HB49

Chiropractors

Extend repealer on licensure law. **HB73**

Chronic Diseases

Direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs to reduce incidence of. HB25

Community mental health centers

Provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. HB318

Certificate of Need (CON):

Authorize for nursing home in Jones County. HB1308

Issue for comprehensive medical rehabilitation beds and services in Rankin County. HB1304

Issue to North Mississippi Medical Center for child psych beds and geriatric psych beds. HB848

Issue to Panola Medical Center for adult psych beds and to North MS Medical Center for child psych beds. HB1317

Laws shall not apply in counties designated by MDA as a growth and prosperity county. HB1307

Provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. HB1309

Remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. HB249

Remove moratorium on issuance for new home health agencies or expansion of existing agencies. HB1306

Remove services and equipment from requirement for. HB1310

Comprehensive Teen Pregnancy Prevention Act; create. HB891

Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility; revise certain provisions applicable to. HB310

Country of Origin Labels; clarify labeling of covered commodities. HB402

COVID-19; prohibit use of state funds for mandatory administration of vaccine against.
HB1163

Death certificate; time for filing with Office of Vital Records shall be within 7 business days
after the death occurs. HB677

Dentists; provide immunity for providing charitable and emergency services. **HB72**,
HB304

Department of Child Protection Services; require search for relatives of child
taken into custody and establish placement preferences. HB1204

Department of Health:
Limit any increase in fees by and revise who can be appointed to child care
advisory council by State Health Officer. HB888
Limit any increase in fees by to not more than five percent. HB61

Department of Human Services:
Develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of
the eligible population for the grants. HB1219
Expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates.
HB880
Fraud Investigation Unit; require director of and investigators to be law
enforcement officers. HB144
Remove prohibition on employees participating in political campaigns for. HB46
Require a board of directors to be created within. HB58, HB1122
Shall not require cooperation with child support enforcement to receive federal
CCDF assistance. HB65

Dialysis facilities; nursing homes shall allow to provide mobile services on site to their
patients. HB297

Disabilities, persons with; modernize terminology used to refer to. HB268

Down Syndrome Information Act; create to require State Department of Health to post
resources and information online. HB920

DPS; require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder. HB618
EMTs; authorize to deny service to nonemergency when needed for an
emergency. HB301

Families First Unpaid Leave Time Act; enact to require employers to provide unpaid leave
to employees for certain situations. HB216

Farmers markets; DHS provide grants to entity to incentivize purchases of healthy foods
from with SNAP benefits. HB115

Food deserts; require State Department of Health to track within the State of Mississippi.
HB782

Funeral directing; issue license for to persons who meet certain criteria and apply within
30 days. HB721

Funeral director assistants; authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with
certain exceptions. HB912

Funeral homes; revise various provisions relating to disposition of bodies, crematories
and preneed contracts. HB1015

Funeral services; require payment for before body may be transferred from one funeral
home to another. HB911

Health Care:
Certificate of Need Law; repeal. HB1305
Education shortage assistance program; establish to help attract professionals
to work in certain counties. HB714
Practitioner; require to wear photo ID name tag that includes the type of license
held by the practitioner. HB1239

Health insurance; require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed
proton beam therapy. HB941

Health:
State Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender
and racial groups. HB32
Care providers; authorize resident and nonresident to provide services by
telemedicine to Mississippi residents in certain areas. HB863

Home health services; authorize nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order and certify. HB295

Homelessness; require Department of Human Services to implement grant program for housing. HB785

Hospice:

Authorize care to be provided to persons who are not terminally ill under certain circumstances. HB910

Delete repealer on authority for prescribing certain drugs without in-person visit with a patient. **HB294**

Extend repealer on authority of medical director to prescribe controlled substances for terminal patients without visit. HB98

Licensure; extend moratorium on and authorize issuance of 2 pediatric palliative care licenses. HB296

Hospitals:

Authorize cooperative agreements among that are regulated and immune from antitrust laws. HB1010

Require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four hours after admission. HB640

Hudson's Law; create to require dissemination of information relating to trisomy conditions by State Department of Health. HB1004

Human Services, Department of; authorize to use a simplified reporting system for economic assistance payments. HB306

Licensed professional counselors; revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. HB713

Long-term care facilities; require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. HB47

Marriage and family therapists; may be issued temporary license to nonresidents to practice in nonprofit facility. HB1268

Maternal Mortality Review Committee; include recommendations on decreasing racial disparities in maternal care in annual report. HB830

Medical:

Examiners and pathologists; extend repealer on fees for death investigations and autopsies. HB118

Practice Act; revise various provisions of. HB1028

Records; require health care provider to timely provide to patients after receiving request for. HB524

Mental Health:

Courts:

Clarify chancery court participation for certification of. HB692

Require annual appropriation to Administrative Office of Courts for support of. HB786

Require Department of Mental Health to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. HB876

Screenings and assessments; require in all public schools. HB522

Treatment Facility; revise hearing and commitment procedures. HB94

Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act; create. HB476

Mississippi Board of Human Services; create. HB67

Mississippi Dementia Care Program; create pilot program to provide services for caregivers of and persons with Alzheimer's or dementia. HB1255

Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act; enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. HB22

Mississippi Mask Usage Act; enact to require masks to be worn in federal and state government facilities. HB1200

Newborn screening program; include spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) in those conditions covered in. HB368

Nursing:

Education; unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. HB987

Facilities; require initial assessment of patients by a physician within 10 days after admission. HB360

Home administrators; delete repealer on licensure requirements for and authorize board to conduct background checks. HB95

Optometry; board shall define practice of, and authorize to perform certain procedures and use and prescribe certain drugs. **HB1302**

Pharmacists:

Authorize to provide patient care services and authorize insurance reimbursement for. HB952

Authorize to test for and treat certain minor, nonchronic health conditions subject to certain requirements. HB626

Pharmacy practice; revise definition of "written guideline or protocol" regarding location of delegated prescribing functions. HB954

Physical therapists:

Delete requirement for physician referral before performing services. HB418

Not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. HB616

Practice laws; revise various provisions of. HB419

Psychologists

Extend repealer on licensure law and remove postdoctoral training requirements for licensure. **HB208**

Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. HB1044

Regional food banks; DHS establish grant program to provide annual grant funding to. HB14

Remote patient monitoring services; delete requirement of 2 recent hospitalizations to qualify for. **HB200**

Smoke-Free Air Act of 2021; create. HB245

SNAP and TANF recipients; require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. HB971, HB1026

Solemn covenant of the states to award prizes for Curing Diseases Compact; enact. HB668

Special Needs Housing Steering Council; create. HB265

Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; create board to license and regulate. HB85

Stand-alone ice vending machines; exempt bags or other containers used to store ice from including certain information on its label. HB1153

State agencies; prohibit disclosure of identifying information received from program applicants. HB1145

State Board of:

Chiropractic Examiners; extend repealer on. HB96

Funeral Service; extend repealer on. HB1196

Medical Licensure; revise composition of to include consumer members. HB927

State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on. **HB160**

State Workplace Safety and Health Office; establish under State Board of Health. HB749

TANF and Medicaid; require teenage recipients of to participate in programs about birth control, abstinence and parenting. HB890

Tanning facilities; prohibit use of by persons under 18 years old. HB635

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); increase monthly benefit amount. HB976

Unclaimed dead bodies; coroner shall cause to be entrusted to funeral homes in county on a rotation basis. HB691

Vaccinations; prohibit employers from requiring COVID-19 vaccination as condition of employment. HB719

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Department of Finance and Administration; authorize Office of Surplus Property to administer the Federal Donation Program. HB213

Historic Courthouse Fund; create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic courthouses. HB258

Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy; name firing range as the "Lieutenant Colonel Pat Cronin Firing Range. **HB9**

Monuments on public property; prohibit the removal or relocation unless authorized by legislation. HB120

Public property; authorize certain state property conveyed to Jackson to be used for park and recreational purposes. HB1156

State agencies; require to be housed in state-owned buildings located within the City of Jackson. HB731

State buildings; name DPS Gulf Coast Regional Forensics Laboratory as the "Gary T. Hargrove Memorial Forensic Laboratory. **HB1018**

State flags; Secretary of State shall procure for display on Capitol grounds and provided to legislators to give to the public. HB1167

State property urban farms; authorize state agencies to dispose of unneeded real property for cultivation and sale of fresh produce. HB547

Statues and monuments; prohibit removal of certain unless authorized by an act of the Legislature. HB1291

UMMC property; revise leasing authority by removing certain minimum requirements of improvements to development. **HB8**

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Broadband:

- Enabling Act; require electric cooperatives to annually file certain documents with PSC and State Auditor. HB1134
- Services
 - Provide for certain participation of investor owned electric utilities in the expansion of in the state. HB86

Electric Power Association Law; bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. HB50

Emergency Telecommunications Services (911); extend repealer on. **HB74**

Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create. HB505

Mississippi Emergency Communications Act; create. HB369

Municipally-owned utilities and other utilities; authorize accounting system accommodation of certain customer uncollectible debt. HB930

Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. HB91

Public utilities; authorize investor-owned electric utilities to permit broadband provider use of the electric delivery system. HB942

Rate-regulated natural gas public utilities; require to provide PSC with periodic budgeting and accounting statements. HB870

Telecommunications Fraud Prevention and Utility Infrastructure Protection Act; create. HB112

Wireless Communication:

- Commission; remove ITS control over. HB108
- Devices and plans; revise provisions regulating by personnel of state agencies. HB198

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2020 MHSAA Mr. Football Award recipients; commend and congratulate. HC30

2021 "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the Capitol; observe virtually on May 6, 2021. HC53

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Alcorn State University; commend and congratulate upon its 150th year anniversary.
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HR10
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Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. HR54
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Civil Rights Memorial Day; designate the last Monday of April as. HB844
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College Lady Tigers Basketball Team; commend upon winning North District
Championship. HR75
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MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. HR74
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to propose amendments limited to requiring that the U. S. Supreme Court be
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years in prison and dismissal of charges. HC31
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Dorothy Jean Murray-Gilbert; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy of upon her passing. HR45

Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi; declare March 21, 2021, as. HR51

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Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals that were based on a lie. HR1

Eris Knott; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. HC49

Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Soccer Championship. HR52

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Franklin Academy; congratulate upon observance of the Bicentennial Celebration as first public school in Mississippi. HC37

Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; recognize April 2021 as. HC47

Gene Murphy; commend and congratulate upon his retirement as athletic director of Hinds Community College. HR18

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Gulfport High School Lady Admirals Soccer Team; commend for winning back-to-back championships in the Class 6A Soccer State Championship. HR36

Holmes County Central High School:
Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship. HR64
Lady Jaguars Basketball Team; commend upon finishing runner-up for Class 5A State Championship. HR65

Holy Bible; designate as the official state book of Mississippi. HB462

Homer Dee Skelton; commend life and legacy upon his passing. HR19

Honorable Judith "Judy" Hall McLeod; commend distinguished career as Ward 2 Alderwoman for the City of Louisville upon her retirement. HR66

House Rules:
Adopt permanent for the 2020-2024 term. HR14
Amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. HR5
Amend to create a new rule to require all House members representing new created circuit judicial districts to agree before adoption of bill. HR8
Amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. HR11
Create temporary rule on determining a quorum during meetings conducted remotely. HR12

Ida Pearl Peavie Minor; commend for many decades as esteemed educator and work with MDE. HR27

Indigenous Native American Day:
Declare the second Monday in October as. HB845
Designate second Monday in October as legal state holiday in observance of. HB1148

Jackson Public School District's Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) Program; recognize and commend stellar success of. HR38

Jackson State University:

Lady Tigers Basketball Team:

Commend for winning the 2021 Cricket Wireless Women's Basketball Tournament. HR62

Commend upon winning 2020 SWAC regular season championship. HR4

Dayzsha Rogan; commend upon being named 2020-2021 SWAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year. HR58

Head Coach Tomeka Reed; commend and congratulate for many accomplishments as Head Coach of the. HR15

Men's Basketball Team; commend upon winning SWAC regular season championship. HR56

James "David" Alford, Sr.; commend life and legacy upon his passing. HC34

James E. "Jim" Stigus, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate life and legacy upon his passing. HR21

James Luckett; commend and congratulate upon being named 2020 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. HR44

Jamie Cooper; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by Curriculum Associates. HC51

Jesmyn Ward; recognize novelist upon her receipt of the 2021 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Literature. HR29

Jessie Anna Cotton Robinson; commend upon occasion of 100th birthday. HR39

Joe C. Bradford; commend his life upon his passing. HR42

Joe Robinson; commend esteemed career of service with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon his retirement. HR84

Joint Rules:

Amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2022. HC26

Amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in even-numbered years. HC14

Juneteenth Freedom Day; designate June 19 as. HB252

Kidney Disease Awareness Month; recognize March 2021 as. HC36

Kratom; urge the United States Food and Drug Administration to regulate. HC45

Lanier High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning 4A State Championship. HR43

Larry Van Winborne; commend life and legacy upon his passing. HR34

Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend upon winning first-ever Class 5A State Championship. HR79

Legislature; limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote for passage to sessions in even-numbered years. HB846

Lieutenant Jerry "Ten Speed" Boyd; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement from the Corinth Police Department. HR85

Long Beach High School Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning its first Class 5A State Championship. HR78

Lumberton High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Football Championship. HR76

Madison Central High School:

Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA 6A State Soccer Championship. HR48

Girls Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 6A Girls North State Soccer Championship. HR47

Magee High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. HC11

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi; commend for its outstanding and compassionate works in granting wishes of terminally ill MS children. HR70

Mayor Leo "Chipper" McDermott; congratulate upon retirement and commend for exceptional service. HR72

Melvin Ford; commend life and express deepest sympathy upon his passing. HR28

Melvyn Eugene "Man" Page; mourn the loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing. HR57

Mississippi Day of Freedom and Abolishment of Slavery; declare February 7 as. HB847

Mississippi Electric Power Associations; commend for their tireless efforts to restore power after the winter storm in February 2021. HC42

Mississippi Highway Patrol Lt. Troy Morris; commend life and legacy upon his passing. HC27

Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week:
Designate April 12-17, 2021, as. HC43
Designate April 13-19 annually as. HB1146

Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency; support and oppose new federal regulations on. HR71

Mr. Joe and Mrs. Jane Tubb; commend and congratulate upon celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. HR41

Native Plant Appreciation Week; recognize observance of on April 19-25, 2021. HC56

New Site High School Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship. HR86

New Site Lady Royals Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Basketball Championship. HC61

Noah Harris; commend for being elected as Harvard University's First African-American student body president. HC54

Oak Grove High School Football Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. HR88

Omega Psi Phi Day; designate February 5, 2021 as in Mississippi. HR2

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Day in Mississippi; declare March 23, 2021 as. HR55

Police Chief Calvin Jackson; commend upon occasion of retirement. HR13

Popp's Ferry Elementary School; commend for receiving the 2020 National Blue Ribbon School Award. HR77

President Biden:
Urge to agree that the press is not a threat to America. HR6
Urge to cancel any plans for a military parade and use monies to help the veterans. HC15
Urge to end the tariff war that is hurting Mississippi farmers. HR7

Promotion of race and sex stereotyping or scapegoating; oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such. HC62, HR87

Representative Gary Chism; commend dedicated legislative career and public service upon his retirement. HC4

Representative Sara Richardson Thomas; commend distinguished legislative career and public service upon her retirement. HR50

Reverend Clyde Larocque Carter; commend and celebrate life and historic legacy of. HR22

Reverend Gerald F. Sawyer; commend life and legacy upon his passing. HR83

Reverend Robert L. Cook; commend upon retirement as Deputy Executive Director for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. HR40

Robert Daniel "Dan" Camp; commend life, legacy and contributions of upon his passing. HC38

Robert Earl Hill, Sr.; commend upon celebration of his 101st birthday. HR60

Roger and Margaret Taylor; commend upon 50th wedding anniversary. HR35

Ruby Kate Bowles; commend her life upon her passing. HC33

Ruth Antoninette Batton Campbell; commend her life upon her passing. HR23

Safe and Healthy Pregnancies for Working Women Day in Mississippi; designate February 14, 2021, as. HC13

Sara Barrett Harvey Roberts; commend life and legacy upon her passing. HC44

Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Mississippi; designate April 2021 as. HC32

State flag; shall be the design recommended by the Commission to Redesign the State Flag and approved in the November 2020 election. **HB1**

State Games of Mississippi:

Female Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Sarah Misiak for earning.
HR32
Youth Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Leighton Jenkins for
earning. HR30
Male Athlete of the Year; commend and congratulate Chet Nicklas for earning.
HR31
State holiday; remove Robert E. Lee's birthday as legal. HB1147
State of emergency; provide a maximum time period for and authorize Department of
Health to store dead bodies if necessary. HB1327
State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear. HC21
Steve Hale; commend distinguished public service career including as a State Senator.
HC35
Superintendent Roy Gill; congratulate on the occasion of retirement from the Harrison
County School District. HR82
Taiwan; recognize the friendship and encourage further economic ties with the State of
Mississippi. HC41
Tails n' Scales program; recognize as best scientific information available for monitoring
red snapper catch and effort in MS. HC59, HR68
Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 2-9, 2021, as week of observance
of in Mississippi. HR80
The Jones Act; affirm support for and celebrate the centennial anniversary of its passage.
HR63
The Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice; urge to create a study committee to
consider and recommend proposals. HC57
Tishomingo County High School Cheerleading Squad; commend for winning the 2020
MHSAA State Cheerleading Championship. HR73
Tommy Sappington; commend service as the cofounder of the New Albany Main Street
Association. HR25
Troop 8; boy Scouts of America of First Baptist Church of Jackson; commemorate 100th
anniversary. HR53
United States Constitutional Convention under Article V; apply for federal balanced budget
requirement. HC58
Utility shutoffs; revise governor's authority regarding. HB1321
Wayne Ulrich; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2021 by
Curriculum Associates. HC50

TOURISM

Birthplace of Southern Soul; declare the State of Mississippi as. HC5
Blue; designate as the state color. HB365
Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to
advertise state parks. HB148
Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program
and historical markers for. HB413
Mississippi State Song:
Designate "My Home Mississippi" as second official song. HB706
Study Committee; create. HB996

TRANSPORTATION

All-terrain vehicles; create voluntary certificate of number system, mandatory for public
lands, with Mississippi Department of WF&P. HB263
Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding. HB573
Disabled person's vehicle tag; remove requirement for physician's certification for annual
renewal. HB395
Department of Public Safety; make revision to gun permit residency requirement and
certain driver's license petitions for review. HB319

Driver's license:

Allow online renewal any time after expiration regardless of time transpired. HB10
Applications; bring forward code section regarding. HB740

Authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses
suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support.
HB1207, HB1208

Exempt active duty military, spouse and dependent children if they have valid
license from their home state. HB1036

Revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. HB1206

Electric bicycles; regulate. **HB1195**

Fuel taxes; allocate a portion to the City of Jackson to defray costs incurred as a result of
being the seat of state government. HB825

Gas prices on signs and gas pumps; regulate when a difference exists. HB220

Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. HB335

Highway privilege tax; add a gross vehicle weight category for carriers of property with
additional tax. **HB628**

Highway sign; authorize erection of on MS Hwy 25 near Pisgah exit to honor Olympic
Gold Medalist Tori Bowie. HB940

Intermediate driver's license; delete all references to. **HB550**

Left lane; prohibit use of hand-held mobile telephones while driving in. HB449

License:

Plates for disabled individuals

Revise various provisions relating to. HB406

Tags, certain utility trailers

Will be the same size as tags for motorcycles. HB530

Local System Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation Fund

Revise allocation formula. **HB576**

MDOT (Mississippi Department of Transportation); require maintenance of rights-of-way
of state highways inside municipal limits with 10,000 or less population.

HB1245

Memorial highway:

Designate a segment of United States Highway 61 in Jefferson County as the
Highway Patrol Lieutenant Troy Morris Memorial Highway. **HB872**

Designate a segment of United States Highway 82 in Webster County as Corporal
William Justin Cooper Memorial Highway. **HB887**

Designate entire segment of MS Highway 44 in Marion County as the "T.L.
Wallace Memorial Highway. **HB424**

Designate segment in Marshall County, Mississippi as the "Representative
Tommy Woods Memorial Highway. **HB995**

Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish. HB931

Motor carrier:

Regulation; update and streamline. HB579

Safety improvements; prohibit consideration of deployment of in determining an
individual's employment status with motor carrier. **HB341**

Motor fuel taxes; bring forward certain sections. HB336

Motor vehicle license plates; allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain
conditions. HB473

Order of support; prohibit suspension of driver's license for being out of compliance with.
HB779

Outdoor advertisement signs; revise height requirements for. HB3

Patriot Guard Act; create. HB1175

Radar; delete population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets
of municipality. HB1249

Railroad crossings; require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are
particularly dangerous. HB362

State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and
counties to contract for counties to maintain. HB328

Timber products; revise time during which vehicles transporting may operate. HB486

Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. HB459
United States Highway 49; designate segment from Hinds County to Coahoma County as an historic highway. HB1186
Window tint:
Increase inspection fee and use a portion for Trooper training expenses. HB172
Regulation; revise medical exemption. HB1165

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

2021 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act; create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. HB921
Children's Center for Communication and Development; establish special fund for the support of in providing services for certain exceptional children. HB1069
Collegiate athletics:
Authorize student athletes to receive compensation and have legal representation. HB1293
Require each public and private 4-year postsecondary institution to have an on-campus voting precinct. HB802
Community and junior colleges:
Authorize boards of trustees to approve policies permitting waiver of out-of-state tuition. HB111
Waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. HB1073
Community College Board of Trustees:
Provide for the selection of for Hinds Community College District. HB1055
Revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges. HB113
Community or junior colleges; authorize to administer construction contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, and exempt certain oversight. **HB82**
Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program
Create. HB1160
IHL (Institution of Higher Learning):
Authorize to purchase wireless communication devices to facilitate delivery of educational instruction. HB775
Continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. HB1220
Income share agreements; authorize IHLs to enter into with eligible students. HB1029
Medical marijuana; authorize Alcorn State University to enter into MOU for local farmers to grow for out-of-state vendors. HB18
Military education credits and certifications; require IHL, MCCB and SWIB to develop policy for acceptance of toward academic credit. HB48
Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; enact. HB1030
Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2020; establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community and junior college attendance. HB700
Mississippi Tuition Subsidy Forgivable Loan; create. HB171
Postsecondary educational institutions; require 50% in person instruction as condition of receiving legislative appropriation. HB1202
Public universities and colleges; require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. HB707
Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty; provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. HB435
Tuition waiver:
Provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. HB251
Provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. HB621
Provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend college. HB869

Provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend community or junior colleges. HB622

Universities and colleges:

Anti-hazing policy; require Board of Trustees of IHL to develop policy against hazing and prescribe penalties. HB6

Require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. HB12

Require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. HB43

WAYS AND MEANS

Abandoned mobile homes; establish a procedure to dispose of. **HB955**

Ad valorem tax:

Authorize counties to exempt certain new structures and new renovations from. HB1442

Exempt certain business personal property from. HB127

Exempt motor homes and trailers. HB533

Exempt property of certain not-for-profit corporations used to provide swimming lessons and training. **HB1420**

Provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. HB129

Revise certain provisions regarding the determination of true value of land used for agricultural purposes. **HB1137**

Revise certain provisions regarding when an application for change of property assessment may be made. **HB425**

Revise provisions regarding notice relating payment or nonpayment of. HB1100

Alcoholic beverages:

Allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. HB577

Allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. HB578

Allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. HB452

Authorize the sale of wine at grocery stores. HB592

Create delivery service permit. **HB1135**

Delete requirement for immediate permit revocation for certain prohibited sales. **HB667**

Increase maximum number of package retailer's permits a person may own. HB591

Remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits. HB997

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. **HB572**, HB877, HB1090

Revise definition of hotel under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. HB699

Revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. HB590

Revise provisions regarding designation of certain locations as qualified resort areas. HB7

Revise various provisions relating to distilleries. HB638

Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents/inspectors; revise certain provisions regarding powers of. **HB512**

Amusement ride operating permit decal; revise period for issuance. **HB511**

Bonds:

Authorize for West Jackson County Utility District construction of new water and sewer infrastructure at I-10 corridor. HB1352

Authorize issuance for acquiring and renovating property to house Hinds CC Maritime Training Center in Vicksburg. HB1355

Authorize issuance for construction and development of a playground in Joe Brigrance Park in Houston, MS. HB1450

Authorize issuance for construction of a multi-user airstrip at Stennis International Airport in Hancock County. HB381
Authorize issuance for construction of building for School of Public Health at Jackson State University. HB387
Authorize issuance for construction of career technical buildings at the Greenville Higher Education Center. HB1116
Authorize issuance for construction of headquarters building for Department of Public Safety. HB378
Authorize issuance for construction of new Mississippi State Veterans Home in Jackson Metropolitan area. HB184
Authorize issuance for IHL and community colleges capital improvements. HB1415
Authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. HB1431
Authorize issuance for improvements at campground at Lake Lamar Bruce in Lee County. HB139
Authorize issuance for improvements at state parks. HB89
Authorize issuance for improvements to Port of Vicksburg. HB1354
Authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center. HB727
Authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public Schools District's Career Development Center. HB1345
Authorize issuance for Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund and to assist Rankin County with improvements to Andrew Chapel Road. HB1445
Authorize issuance for Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund. HB1447
Authorize issuance for repair and renovation of War Memorial Building. HB181
Authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. HB919
Authorize issuance for the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund. HB1357
Authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. HB1297
Authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University projects. HB585
Authorize issuance of and income tax credit to offset costs of regulatory burdens on agricultural businesses. HB1455
Authorize issuance of and income tax credit to offset costs of regulatory burdens on business. HB1454
Authorize issuance of revenue bonds for various transportation projects and temporarily increase gasoline and diesel fuel excise taxes. HB1364
Authorize issuance to assist Adams County with completion of the Belwood Levee. HB1362
Authorize issuance to assist Alcorn County with purchase of land and building to house county offices. HB192
Authorize issuance to assist Alcorn County with repair and renovation of county courthouse. HB164
Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to natural gas system. HB140
Authorize issuance to assist City of Brandon with improvements to City Hall. HB770
Authorize issuance to assist City of Columbus with certain road and street improvements. HB428
Authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with construction of a wellness and aquatics center. HB438
Authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. HB439
Authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with restoration of former Holly Springs Water and Light Plant Building. HB440
Authorize issuance to assist City of Horn Lake with purchasing two ambulances. HB636

Authorize issuance to assist City of Houston with improvements to softball facilities. HB1449

Authorize issuance to assist City of Houston with repair and renovation of the Bijou-Dream Theater. HB1331

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Eubanks Creek. HB619

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Livingston Park. HB1209

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Sykes Park. HB1210

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to the Pete Brown Golf Course. HB380

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with making repairs and improvements to water and sewer systems. HB645

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. HB389

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of dilapidated and blighted properties. HB742

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with renovating the Russell C. Davis Planetarium. HB1342

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. HB507

Authorize issuance to assist City of Philadelphia with levee system improvements. HB1348

Authorize issuance to assist City of Port Gibson with road improvements. HB1236

Authorize issuance to assist City of Saltillo with repair and renovation of community center. HB137

Authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with certain drainage projects. HB1336

Authorize issuance to assist Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson and Warren Counties with infrastructure improvements. HB1235

Authorize issuance to assist counties with road and bridge improvements. HB1459

Authorize issuance to assist Delta Blues Museum's installation of permanent exhibits. HB1114

Authorize issuance to assist Dynamic Dyslexia Design; The 3-D School and Evaluation Center with construction of a new building. HB492

Authorize issuance to assist enterprises operating certain hydroponic facilities. HB1347

Authorize issuance to assist Forrest County with repair/replacement of bridges. HB1423

Authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and renovation of building. HB176

Authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with construction of a park. HB233

Authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads and buildings. HB239

Authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with repair and renovation of county courthouse. HB232

Authorize issuance to assist Lafayette County with certain road and bridge projects. HB938

Authorize issuance to assist Lee County and municipalities of Verona, Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. HB175

Authorize issuance to assist Lee County with replacement of a bridge. HB884

Authorize issuance to assist Perry County with improvements at county industrial park. HB1417

Authorize issuance to assist Pike County with repair and renovation of Pike County Courthouse Complex. HB308

Authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with improvements for county extension service building. HB1463

Authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with improvements to Chancery Court building and Youth Court facility. HB1462

Authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with repair and renovation of county courthouse. HB1460

Authorize issuance to assist Pontotoc County with repair and renovation of the W.A. Grist Building. HB1461

Authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with bridge improvements. HB1458

Authorize issuance to assist Rail Authority of East Mississippi with certain costs associated with East Mississippi Intermodal Rail Corridor. HB481

Authorize issuance to assist Rankin County with improvements to Andrew Chapel Road. HB1344

Authorize issuance to assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance with land acquisition and certain projects. HB724

Authorize issuance to assist the Delta Blues Museum with installation of permanent exhibits. HB1113

Authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with construction of a football stadium. HB231

Authorize issuance to assist the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., with costs of improvements to the Jacinto Courthouse. HB1452

Authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with purchasing fire service equipment. HB400

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Fayette with improvements to Spring Street. HB1234

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Artesia with drainage improvements. HB1337

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with infrastructure improvements. HB1361

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Fayette with improvements to Main Street. HB1233

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Meadville with certain projects. HB1343

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Shubuta with improvements to Town Hall building. HB1021

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Tchula with road improvements. HB226

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Woodland with construction of a park. HB1332

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Woodland with expansion of Woodland Clinic. HB1330

Authorize issuance to assist West Jackson County Utility District in paying costs of constructing a water tank. HB1353

Authorize issuance to assist with installation of outdoor emergency warning systems at Wheeler Attendance Center in Prentiss County. HB138

Authorize issuance to assist with maintenance of the Mississippi Telecommunication Conference and Training Center. HB646

Authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. HB436

Authorize issuance to assist Yazoo County with renovation of county courthouse. HB241

Authorize issuance to improve capacity and safety of intersection of MS Highway 7 and University Avenue in Oxford. HB939

Authorize issuance to provide funds for improvements to Jackson Zoo. HB822

Authorize issuance to provide funds for public school capital improvements. HB262

Authorize issuance to provide funds for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. HB197

Authorize issuance to provide funds for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. HB491

Authorize issuance to provide funds to assist JSU with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. HB388
Authorize issuance to provide funds to school districts for vocational education improvements. HB526
Authorize to assist Marshall County in improving Barringer Road for Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park access. HB936
Authorize to assist Marshall County with construction of emergency response center to serve the Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park. HB937
Create pilot program for grants to certain municipalities for security cameras and equipment and authorize bonds to provide funds. HB624
Create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. HB322
Create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. HB549
Increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund. HB1351
Mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. HB126
Mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. HB133
Revise purposes for which bonds authorized for Town of Wesson may be used. HB762
Businesses; require laws and regulations affecting must allow existing businesses to continue operating under previous laws or regulations. HB57
Certificate of title
Remove requirement for applicant to file a bond or deposit of cash as a condition of issuance. HB285
Charter vessel operator's permit; create to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages by the holder of. **HB1288**
Cigarettes; increase excise tax on. HB904
Citizens for Economic Development Act; create. HB303
Civil Legal Assistance Fund; provide for an assessment to be used for. HB601
Construction; revise contractor's tax regarding certain, require permits in counties/municipalities with construction codes. HB1142
Department of Health; give authority to levy and collect fee on sales of medical marijuana. HB355
Department of Revenue:
Allow department appraisers to receive certain pay increases upon completing certain training. **HB516**
Allow retiring law enforcement officer of to retain issued sidearm. **HB508**
Authorize to compromise and settle certain tax liabilities. **HB1095**
Authorize to create wholesale to retail accountability program. HB518
Distinctive motor license tag:
Authorize issuance to veterans of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. HB1054
Authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Theatre Association, Inc. **HB374**
Exempt tag for supporters of Thomas E. Edwards High School from minimum purchase requirement. HB506
Increase number that may be issued to a person who is a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. HB1065
Reauthorize issuance to supporters of Rotary International. HB142
Distinctive motorcycle license tag; authorize issuance to certain disabled veterans. HB182
Dual-phase design-build method of construction contracting:
Revise certain provisions of. **HB1197**
Revise certain provisions of. HB1198
Economically Distressed Municipalities Development Act
Create. HB963
Electric/hybrid vehicle tax; repeal sections of law authorizing. HB534
Fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes; bring forward sections relating to. HB1070

Fuel tax; authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. HB828

Historic property income tax credit:
Revise certain provisions regarding. HB944
Revise certain provisions regarding. **HB1296**

Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. HB128

Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program; create and authorize bonds to provide funds for. HB250

Housing Repair Grant Fund; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low income individuals for home repair. HB255

Income tax:
Allow deduction for Back to Business Mississippi Grant Program eligible expenses. **HB1446**
Authorize a credit for costs incurred by certain taxpayers storm shelter/safe house construction. HB2
Authorize a credit for fee imposed on gaming licensee revenue derived from mobile wagering. HB1440
Authorize a credit for investments in certain small business, authorize bonds for certain technology business assistance. HB1444
Authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures. HB1322
Authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. HB225
Authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. HB1104
Authorize rebate for certain residents with employment outside Mississippi. HB1180
Authorize tax credit for cost of qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. HB1049
Eliminate. HB1316
Exclude overtime compensation from gross income. HB266
Exempt all compensation of persons retired from military. HB1363
Exempt income of certain mental health professionals providing services in critical mental health services shortage areas. HB729
Extend repealer on tax credit for new cut and sew jobs in upholstered furniture manufacturing industry. HB838
Gasoline and diesel fuel excise taxes; revise rates of. HB574
Insurance premium tax; authorize credit for costs of qualified alternative-fuel fueling stations. HB1441
Provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. HB1144
Refund; provide check off on individual form to allow contribution to State General Fund. HB1150
Revise certain provisions to address investment in federally designated qualified opportunity zones. HB711
Revise definition of gross income to exclude income of certain small businesses. HB1430

Sales tax:
Liability; revise method of collecting from public officers or employees. HB722
Revise deduction for depreciation, exempt sales of certain aircraft. **HB1356**

Income, sales and use taxes; remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June tax liability on or before June 25. **HB1139**

Land sold for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes; provide that constables may serve notice of, increase fee paid to sheriff/constable serving notice. HB463

Law enforcement officers; exempt from concealed firearms permit fees and renewal fees.

HB886

Legislative Public Project Grant Program; create. HB28

Light wine, beer and light spirit product:

Authorize microbreweries and revise various sections of law. **HB1091**

Revise number of qualified electors required to petition for election to prohibit or authorize. **HB945**

Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. HB447

Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area" and allow package retailer's permits. HB1045

Local Taxation and Tax Extension Authority Act; create. HB589

Mineral interest; revise procedure for payment of taxes. HB664

Mississippi Development Authority:

Allow businesses located on tribal lands to be eligible for certain discretionary programs. **HB1230**

Bring forward various sections of law relating to. HB202

Mississippi Educational Talent Recruitment Act; create. HB1136

Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create. HB1416

Mississippi Home Corporation; extend reverter on authority to issue a certain amount of bonds. **HB500**, HB124

Mississippi Liquor Distribution Corporation Law; Create. HB725

Mississippi River Delta Promise Zone Act of 2021; Create. HB23

Mississippi Sound Money Tax Removal Act; Create. HB978

Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2021; create. HB1439

Mobile homes; give owner of one year to redeem the property after sold for taxes. HB741

Motor vehicles:

Certificate of title; limit period for which Department of Revenue must retain. **HB510**

License tags; remove requirement for apportioned vehicles to have decal with expiration month/year on tag. **HB519**

Revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. HB778

Municipal annexation; restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. HB125

Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act; create. HB1141

Qualified equity investment tax credits; extend authority of Mississippi Development Authority to allocate. **HB499**

Retail food establishments; prohibit from imposing cost-plus pricing formulas. HB1173

Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. HB1076

Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities. HB495

Sales tax:

Create diversion to counties. HB461

Divert an additional amount to municipalities to be used to fund infrastructure projects. HB442

Divert certain sales tax revenue to special fund for state park improvements. HB278

Exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. HB477

Exempt certain transfers of motor vehicles involving partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations. HB311

Exempt retail sales of certain electronic devices and educational software during the last weekend in July. HB1082

Exempt sales of feminine hygiene products, contraceptive products, baby formula and diapers. HB1238

Exempt sales of gold, silver, platinum and palladium bullion. HB375

Exempt sales of groceries. HB1329

Exempt sales of perishable food items to certain charitable organizations. HB146
Exempt sales of precious metals bullion. HB376
Exempt sales of tangible personal property or service to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. HB159
Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to DeafBlind Community of Mississippi, Inc. HB514
Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Itawamba Crossroads Ranch, Inc. HB527
Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Natchez Children's Services. HB71
Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. HB154
Levy on transmitting of money from MS to location outside of U.S. by licensed money transmitters. HB1443
Phase out on sales of certain food. HB737
Reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. HB496
Remove requirement that certain taxpayers pay June liability for the tax on or before June 25. HB158
Revise counties eligible for diversion of revenue from certain tax increment financing projects. HB1325
Smart State Act; create. HB93
State of Mississippi; require to pay fire fee-in-lieu of taxes to City of Jackson for fire protection services provide to state facilities. HB817
Tax credits; authorize for employers of convicted felons. HB446
Tobacco; increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. HB903
Unemployment compensation; allow withholding of state income tax. **HB509**
Use tax:
 Enhance enforcement of collection on all-terrain vehicles purchased out of state. HB157
 Revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities/counties for road improvements. **HB520**

WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Air rifle; authorize use during open season with guns for individuals exempt from hunting license requirement by reason of disability. HB1192
Chronic wasting disease; revise requirements for testing of white-tailed deer harvested within enclosures. **HB382**
Deer hunting; prohibit using dogs for. HB973
Harvest reporting program; require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. HB423
Holmes County State Park; department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may lease land in and contract for services to operate. HB264
Hunting and fishing:
 License; authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card at the time of license issuance. HB867
 Regulation changes; require Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to provide notice. HB431
Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise state parks. HB783
Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. HB1231
State parks:
 Fees; authorized MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. HB758
 Provide funding from net proceeds of the Mississippi Lottery Corporation. HB152
Wildlife management areas; authorize use of mobility-related devices on trails for certain individuals. HB1229

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

2021 Women's Economic Security Act; create. HB1260

Career and technical education:

Establish accountability system and evaluate performance of State Superintendent of Education. HB850

Revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. HB539

Revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. HB1298

Revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. HB1301

Career pathways initiative; provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. HB1121

Community and junior colleges; expand workforce development partnerships. HB1184

Construction management at risk method of project delivery; revise certain provisions related to. HB1253

Day and Temporary Labor Services Act; create. HB698

Department of Labor; create. HB748

Employee wages; require to be paid equally for women and men. HB1272

Employment-at-will doctrine; abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act. HB907

Equal pay for equal work:

Require employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. HB1278

Require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. HB1270

Require for employees of the opposite sex in the same work establishment. HB1269

Require for women in the same work establishment. HB1271

Evelyn Gandy Fair Pay Act; create to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. HB1277

E-verify program; transfer responsibility of administering to the Commission of Agriculture and Commerce. HB153

Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act; create. HB810

Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc.; establish funding for. HB686

MDA Job Training Grant Fund; repeal and transfer monies into North Mississippi

Workforce Development and Training Fund. HB470

Minimum wage:

Establish and provide for annual cost-of-living increases. HB654

Establish and provide for increases in. HB343

Establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB366, HB1109

Establish at \$8.25 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB222

Establish at \$9.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB738

Mississippi Department of Employment Security; revise various provisions regarding authority of. HB536

Mississippi Department of Labor; create. HB705

Mississippi Employment Protection Act; authorize additional penalties for an employer in violation of. HB752

Mississippi Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; create. HB809

Mississippi Remote Worker Grant Program; create to recruit certain workers to

Mississippi. HB517

Mississippi Skill Standards Board; create as an advisory board on industry standards. HB253

Mississippi Workforce Development Study Committee; create. HB531

Occupational licensing; Provide for recognition of out-of-state license if applicants satisfy certain conditions. **HB1263**, HB1262, HB1264

Office of Workforce Development; bring forward code sections related to. HB849

Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns; establish program to encourage participation in state contracts. HB965

Unemployment:

Compensation; revise weekly benefit amount for. HB56

Insurance Integrity Act of 2021; create. HB1283

Women's Economic Security Act of 2021; create. HB1261

Youth Employment Grant Program; create. HB861

YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS

Child Care For Working Families Study Committee; create. HB17

Interpretation language assistance services; provide for certain youth at juvenile detention centers. HB27

Mississippi Youthbuild Act; create. HB31

Youth and Community Safety Act; create. HB37

Youth court hearings, certain; allow family members to attend. HB669

PART VI**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
By District and Counties**

Districts

- 1 – Alcorn, Tishomingo
(R) Lester Carpenter, 128 Jefferson St, Burnsville, MS 38833
- 2 – Alcorn
(R) Nick Bain, 516 N Filmore St, Corinth, MS 38834
- 3 – Alcorn, Prentiss
(R) William Tracy Arnold, 301 Wyninegar Rd, Booneville, MS 38829
- 4 – Alcorn, Tippah
(R) Jody Steverson, 125 Woodridge, Ripley, MS 38663
- 5 – Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Tate
(D) John G. Faulkner, P.O. Box 5995, Holly Springs, MS 38634
- 6 – DeSoto
(R) Dana Criswell, P.O. Box 1321, Olive Branch, MS 38654
- 7 – DeSoto
(R) Steve Hopkins, 1205 Worthington Drive, Southaven, MS 38671
- 8 – Lafayette, Tate
(R) John Thomas “Trey” Lamar, III, 214 South Ward St, Senatobia, MS 38668
- 9 – Coahoma, Quitman, Tate, Tunica
(D) Cedric Burnett, P.O. Box 961, Tunica, MS 38676
- 10 – Lafayette, Panola, Tallahatchie
(R) Brady Williamson, 603 S 16th Street, Oxford, MS 38655
- 11 – Panola, Tate
(D) Lataisha Jackson, P.O. Box 358, Como, MS 38619
- 12 – Lafayette
(R) Clay Deweese, 5006 Bluff Cove, Oxford, MS 38655
- 13 – Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Union
(R) Steve Massengill, 424 Massengill Rd, Hickory Flat, MS 38633
- 14 – Union
(R) Sam J. Creekmore, IV, 1315 South Central Ave, New Albany, MS 38652
- 15 – Pontotoc
(R) Mac Huddleston, P.O. Drawer 300, Pontotoc, MS 38863
- 16 – Lee, Monroe
(D) Rickey W. Thompson, 191 County Rd 301, Shannon, MS 38868
- 17 – Lee
(R) Shane Aguirre, 709 Highland Cir, Tupelo, MS 38804

- 18 – Lee, Prentiss, Union
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- 19 – Itawamba, Lee
(R) Randy P. Boyd, P.O. Box 157, Mantachie, MS 38855
- 20 – Itawamba, Lee, Monroe
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- 21 – Itawamba, Tishomingo
(R) Donnie Bell, 836 Tucker Rd, Fulton, MS 38843
- 22 – Chickasaw, Pontotoc
(D) Jon Lancaster, 463 CR 85, Houston, MS 38851
- 23 – Calhoun, Grenada, Lafayette, Webster
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- 24 – DeSoto
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- 25 – DeSoto
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- 26 – Bolivar, Coahoma
(D) Orlando Paden, P.O. Box 1626, Clarksdale, MS 38614
- 27 – Attala, Leake, Madison, Yahoo
(D) Kenneth Walker, P.O. Box 265, Carthage, MS 39051
- 28 – DeSoto
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- 29 – Bolivar, Sunflower
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- 30 – Bolivar, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie
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- 31 – Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower, Washington
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- 32 – Leflore
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- 33 – Grenada, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha
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- 34 – Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Tallahatchie
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- 35 – Attala, Choctaw, Webster, Winston
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- 36 – Clay, Monroe
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- 37 – Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha

- (R) Joseph L. Wright, 1989 Lake Lowndes Road, Columbus, MS 39702
- 38 – Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha
(D) Cheikh Taylor, 383 Steele Rd, Starkville, MS 39759
- 39 – Lowndes, Monroe
(R) Dana Underwood McLean, 332 Williamsburg Rd, Columbus, MS 39705
- 40 – DeSoto
(D) Hester Jackson-McCray, 3420 Laurelwood St, Horn Lake, MS 38637
- 41 – Lowndes
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- 43 – Oktibbeha, Winston
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- 44 – Leake, Neshoba
(R) C. Scott Bounds, 45 Carla Drive, Philadelphia, MS 39350
- 45 – Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Winston
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- 48 – Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake
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- 49 – Washington
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- 50 – Bolivar, Issaquena, Washington
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- 51 – Humphreys, Sharkey, Yazoo
(D) Rufus Straughter, 107 Van Buren St, Belzoni, MS 39038
- 52 – DeSoto, Marshall
(R) Bill Kinkade, 71 Peachtree Rd, Byhalia, MS 38611
- 53 – Franklin, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike
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- 55 – Warren
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- 56 – Hinds, Madison
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- 57 – Madison
(D) Edward Blackmon, Jr., P.O. Drawer 105, Canton, MS 39046
- 58 – Madison
(R) Joel Bomgar, P.O. Box 1998, Madison, MS 39130
- 59 – Rankin
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- 60 – Rankin
(R) Fred Shanks, 107 Lori Circle, Brandon, MS 39042
- 61 – Rankin
(R) Gene Newman, 801 Country Place Drive, Pearl, MS 39208
- 62 – Copiah, Rankin, Simpson
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- 67 – Hinds
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- 69 – Hinds
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- 70 – Hinds
(D) Bo Brown, P.O. Box 3434, Jackson, MS 39207
- 71 – Hinds
(D) Ronnie C. Crudup, Jr., P.O. Box 7003, Jackson, MS 39282
- 72 – Hinds, Madison
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- 73 – Madison
(R) Jill Ford, P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215
- 74 – Rankin
(R) Lee Yancey, P.O. Box 4215, Brandon, MS 39047
- 75 – Rankin, Scott
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- 76 – Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds
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- 77 – Rankin, Simpson
(R) Price Wallace, 125 Price Wallace Drive, Mendenhall, MS 39114
- 78 – Leake, Newton, Scott
(R) Randy Rushing, P.O. Box 424, Decatur, MS 39327
- 79 – Jasper, Smith
(R) Mark K. Tullos, P.O. Box 505, Raleigh, MS 39153
- 80 – Clarke, Jasper, Jones
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- 81 – Clarke, Lauderdale
(R) Stephen A. Horne, 5904 Causeyville Rd, Meridian, MS 39301
- 82 – Lauderdale
(D) Charles Young, Jr., P.O. Box 5393, Meridian, MS 39302
- 83 – Lauderdale
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- 84 – Clarke, Jasper, Newton
(R) Troy Smith, 320 Smith Ridge Lane, Enterprise, MS 39330
- 85 – Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Warren
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- 86 – Greene, Perry, Wayne
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- 87 – Forrest, Lamar
(R) Joseph Tubb, 30 Pin Oak Lane, Purvis, MS 39475
- 88 – Jasper, Jones
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- 89 – Jones
(R) Donnie Scoggin, 1203 Pine St, Ellisville, MS 39437
- 90 – Covington, Jefferson Davis, Simpson
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- 91 – Copiah, Covington, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Simpson
(D) Bob Evans, P.O. Box 636, Monticello, MS 39654
- 92 – Copiah, Lawrence, Lincoln
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- 93 – Hancock, Pearl River, Stone
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- 94 – Adams, Franklin, Jefferson
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- 96 – Adams, Amite, Pike, Wilkinson
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- 97 – Adams, Amite, Franklin, Pike
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- 98 – Pike, Walthall
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- 99 – Lamar, Marion, Walthall
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- 100 – Lamar, Marion
(R) Ken Morgan, 1640 Highway 587, Morgantown, MS 39483
- 101 – Lamar
(R) Kent McCarty, 13 Leaf Lane, Hattiesburg, MS 39402
- 102 – Forrest, Lamar
(R) Missy Warren McGee, P.O. Box 19089, Hattiesburg, MS 39404
- 103 – Forrest
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- 104 – Forrest
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- 105 – George, Greene, Perry
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- 106 – Lamar, Pearl River
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- 107 – George, Stone
(R) Doug McLeod, 1211 Bexley Church Rd, Lucedale, MS 39452
- 108 – Pearl River
(R) Stacey Hobgood Wilkes, P.O. 1165, Picayune, MS 39466
- 109 – George, Jackson
(R) Manly Barton, 7905 Pecan Ridge, Moss Point, MS 39562
- 110 – Jackson
(D) Jeramey D. Anderson, P.O. Box 311, Escatawpa, MS 39562
- 111 – Jackson
(R) Charles Busby, 901 Beach Blvd, Pascagoula, MS 39567
- 112 – Jackson
(R) John Read, 2396 Robert Hiram Drive, Gautier, MS 39552
- 113 – Jackson
(R) Henry Zuber, III, 503 Minor Lane, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
- 114 – Harrison, Jackson

(R) Jeffrey S. Guice, P.O. Box 549, Ocean Springs, MS 39566

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(R) Randall Patterson, 1352 Kensington Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530

116 – Harrison

(R) Casey Eure, 11839 Sleeping Deer Lane, Saucier, MS 39574

117 – Harrison

(R) Kevin Felsher, P.O. Box 4721, Biloxi, MS 39535

118 – Harrison

(R) Greg Haney, 104 45th St, Gulfport, MS 39507

119 – Harrison

(D) Sonya Williams-Barnes, 2018 31st Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501

120 – Harrison

(R) Richard Bennett, 20108 Daugherty Rd, Long Beach, MS 39560

121 – Harrison

(R) Carolyn Crawford, 23155 Stablewood Cir, Pass Christian, MS 39571

122 – Hancock

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**PART VII
BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

SPEAKER

Gunn, Philip; P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39215. 56 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Gunn was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lisa Watkins. He is of Baptist faith. Representative Gunn is a member of the Clinton Chamber Commerce, Hinds County Bar Association and the Mississippi Bar Association. House 2004-Present. Speaker 2012-Present. Republican.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

White, Jason; P.O. Box 246, West, 39192. 48 - Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake. Representative White was born December 28, 1972 and married to the former Jolynn McLellan. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College School of Law, Mississippi College; Attorney; Representative White is a member of the MS BAR Assoc.(President), Attala County BAR Assoc.(President), West Historical & Preservation Society, Board of Dir., Attala County Forestry Assoc., and Attala County Farmers Co-op. House 2012-Present. Speaker Pro Tempore 2020-Present. Republican.

REPRESENTATIVES

Aguirre, Shane Michael; 709 Highland Cir., Tupelo, 38804. 17 - Lee. Representative Aguirre was born December 11, 1972 in Tupelo, MS. He is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi State University of Mississippi; Accountant; HOUSE 2016-Present. Republican

Anderson, Jeramey; P. O. Box 311, Escatawpa, 39562. 110 - Jackson. Representative Anderson was born December 6, 1991 in Pascagoula, MS. He is of the Roman Catholic faith. Tulane University, Pearl River Community College, Moss Point High School. Executive Director. Representative Anderson is a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County Alumni, Foundation For a Brighter America (ED), Real South United FC (CEO), the Knights of Peter Clover and Let America Vote Advisor. HOUSE 2014-Present. Democrat

Anderson, Brent; P. O. Box 4601, Bay St. Louis, 39521. 122 - Hancock. Representative Anderson was born October 17, 1972 in Gulfport, MS and is married to Maureen Hennessey Anderson. They are of the Catholic Faith. MS Dept. of Health, MS Fire Academy. Bay High School. Public Works Administration. Representative Anderson is affiliated with Knights of Columbia, Coastal Conservation Association, Hancock Co. Sportsman Club, GOP, and St Clare Church.; HOUSE 2020-Present. Republican.

Anthony, II, Otis; P. O. Box 962, Indianola, 38751. 31 - Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower, Washington. Representative Anthony was born on July 12, 1979 in Indianola and is married to the former Porchia Caldwell. They are of Christian Baptist denomination. Tougaloo College, Political Science Pre law, Agape Bible College, Theology. Pastor, Financial Advisor, and Insurance. Representative Otis is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and Cutting Edge Gentlemen's Club. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Arnold, William Tracy; P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39215. 3 - Alcorn, Prentiss. Representative Arnold was born February 14, 1969 in Prentiss County and married to the former Neecy Shook. They are of the Christian faith. Logos Bible College and New Site

High School. Senior Pastor of The Vineyard Church. Representative Arnold is a member of the Farm Bureau, NRA, and Pro-life. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Bailey, Willie; P. O. Drawer 189, Greenville, 38702. 49 - Washington. Representative Bailey was born April 25, 1946 in Isola and is of the Methodist faith. Tougaloo College, George Washington University, Law School; Attorney; Representative Bailey is affiliated with the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association and the Magnolia and Mississippi Bar Associations. He is a former judge. House 1995-Present. Democrat.

Bain, Nick; 516 N. Fillmore St, Corinth, 38839. 2 - Alcorn. Representative Bain was born September 18, 1979 in Corinth, Mississippi and is married to the former Lesley Lewis. They have three children, Baylee Anna, Brooks, and Baker and they are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Alcorn Central High School; Attorney; Representative Bain is a member of the Rotary Club, Mississippi Bar Assoc., Mississippi Municipal Assoc., Oakland Baptist Church, the Alliance and a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Corinth.. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Banks, Earle S.; P. O. Box 2539, Jackson, 39207. 67 - Hinds. Representative Banks was born June 25, 1954 in Jackson. He is of the Catholic faith. Jackson State University (JSU) and Mississippi College School of Law. Occupation: Attorney, Funeral Director. Representative Banks is associated with the Mississippi and National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association and Magnolia and Mississippi Bar Associations. He is active in the JSU Foundation and many other community organizations. House 1993-Present. Democrat.

Barnett, Shane; 86 - Greene, Perry, Wayne. Representative Barnett was born July 4, 1986 in Laurel, MS. He is of the Roman Catholic faith. Jones County Junior College; Real Estate Appraiser; Representative Barnett is affiliated with the Rotary Club; House 2016-Present. Republican

Barton, Manly; 7905 Pecan Ridge, Moss Point, 39562. 109 - George, Jackson. Representative Barton was born March 14, 1949 in Mobile, Alabama, and is married to the former Sarah Thornton. They are of the Methodist faith. Alabama Christian College, Vancleave High School. Retired, Systems Analyst, Chevron. Representative Barton is a member of the Military Order Purple Heart, American Legion, VFW, NRA, and East Central Civic Association. He was also a Jackson County Supervisor for 12 years. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Beckett, Charles Jim; P. O. Box 722, Bruce, 38915. 23 - Calhoun, Grenada, Lafayette, Webster. Representative Beckett was born July 25, 1958 in Bruce, Mississippi, and is married to the former Susan Bryant. He is of the Baptist faith. Bruce High School, Northwest Community College, A. A., University of Mississippi, B.A., University of Mississippi Law School, J.D.; Attorney. Representative Beckett is affiliated with the Calhoun County Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association, American Bar Association, Mississippi Association of School Board Attorneys, Bruce Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Prosecutors Association and Mississippi Association of City Attorneys. House 2004-Present. Republican.

Bell, Donnie; 836 Tucker Rd, Fulton, 38843. 21 - Itawamba, Tishomingo. Representative Bell was born March 3, 1963 in Tupelo Mississippi. He is married to the former Nelda Higginbotham. Itawamba Community College, Mississippi State University, B.S.; Teacher; Representative Bell is a member of the Farmhouse Fraternity. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Bell, Christopher; 510 George St Suite 239, Jackson, 39202. 65 - Hinds. Representative Bell was born in Chicago, Illinois and is of the United Methodist faith. Jackson State University; Insurance Broker; Omega Psi Phi, Board of Trustees Leadership Greater Jackson, Anderson United Methodist Church, Sunrise Rotary Club, Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and Anderson Outreach CDC Board. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Bennett, Richard; 20108 Daugherty Rd, Long Beach, 39560. 120 - Harrison. Representative Bennett was born June 25, 1957 and is married to the former Tricia Clark. He is of the Catholic Faith. Gulf Coast Jr. College, University of Southern Miss; Retired - 29 years DuPont. Representative Bennett is a member of the Foreign Trade Zone, Gulf Coast Council of Governments, Long Beach Drug Task Force, and Hazard Mitigation Council. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Blackmon, Jr., Edward; P. O. Drawer 105, Canton, 39046. 57 - Madison. Representative Blackmon was born in Canton and is married to the former Barbara Martin. He is of the Baptist faith. Tougaloo College, George Washington University, Tuskegee Institute, Emory University. Attorney. Representative Blackmon is affiliated with the NAACP, the Magnolia and American Bar Associations, and the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association. House 1979-1980, 1984-Present. Democrat.

Bomgar, Joel; P. O. Box 1998, Madison, 39130. 58 - Madison. Representative Bomgar was born February 6, 1980. He is married to the former Rachel Roberts. He is of the Presbyterian faith. Belhaven University. Entrepreneur. Representative Bomgar is Founder of Bomgar Corporation. He served in the Mississippi Air National Guard and on the Steering Council of Mississippi Economic Council's Blueprint Mississippi. He is a former board member of the Madison County Foundation and Belhaven University. House 2016-Present. Republican

Bounds, C. Scott; 45 Carla Drive, Philadelphia, 39350. 44 - Leake, Neshoba. Representative Bounds was born February 12, 1962 in Philadelphia and is married to the former Jennifer Cheatham. He is of the Baptist faith. Philadelphia High School, Mississippi State University. Territory Manager - Working Solutions, LLC. Representative Bounds is a member of the NRA, Wildlife Mississippi, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation, Neshoba County Forestry Assn., Neshoba County Farm Bureau, the Community Development Partnership and is Vice-President and Program Director of the Neshoba County Fair Association. Representative Bounds also serves on the National Association of Sportsmen's Caucus Executive Council and serves as Co-Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus. House 2004-Present. Republican

Boyd, Randy P.; P.O. Box 157, Mantachie, 38855. 19 - Itawamba, Lee. Representative Boyd was born March 23, 1954 in Russellville, Alabama, and married to the former Sherry Holland. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi State University, Itawamba Community College, Tremont High School. Forester, Land Surveyor. Representative Boyd is a member of the Mantachie Lion's Club, M.A.P.S., S.A.F., M.F.A., and Deacon's Board. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Brown, Chris; 33112 Highway 45 N, Nettleton, 38858. 20 - Itawamba, Lee, Monroe. Representative Brown was born March 5, 1971 and is the father of five children: Caleb, Joshua, Virginia, Elijah and Gabriel. They are of the Primitive faith. University of Memphis, Northeast MS CC. Business Owner. Representative Brown is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Gideon's International, NRA, Republican Executive Committee, Monroe County Republican Executive Committee, Leadership Monroe and AOPA. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Brown, William Bo; P.O. BOX 3434, Jackson, 39207. 70 - Hinds. Representative Brown was born November 8, 1949, and is married to the former Imelda Anderson. They are of the Baptist denomination. Tennessee State University B.A.; Political Science; Jackson State University M.P.P.A Public Policy and Administration; Post Graduate, University of Santa Clara (CA) Urban Affairs. Insurance Broker. New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and Board of Trustees, BelAir Homeowners' Association, Tennessee State University Alumni Association, Jackson State University Alumni Association, YMCA, Jackson Association of Life Underwriters and Financial Planners, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Member of Lodge #242- Prince Hall Masons- M W Stringer Grand Lodge, F&AM State of Mississippi. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Burnett, Cedric; 9 - Coahoma, Quitman, Tate, Tunica. Representative Burnett was born February 24, 1966 in Sardis and is married to the former Tishia Holloway. They are of the Methodist denomination. Northwest Community College, University of Memphis. Mortician. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Busby, Charles; 901 Beach Blvd, Pascagoula, 39567. 111 - Jackson. Representative Busby was born July 24, 1963 in Laurel, Mississippi, and married to the former Felicia Hillman. They are of the Episcopal faith. University of South Alabama, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Engineer, Business Owner. Representative Busby is a member of the Pascagoula Rotary Club, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Jackson County Economic Development FDN, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Council of Engineering Companies, and the NRA. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Byrd, Larry; 17 Byrd Rd, Petal, 39465. 104 - Forrest. Representative Byrd was born August 1, 1948 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is married to the former Karen Devereaux. He is of the Southern Baptist faith. Petal High School. Contractor. Representative Byrd is a member of the Petal Chamber of Commerce, Macedonia Baptist Church, Petal Masonic Lodge no. 516 Hattiesburg York, K.Y.C.H. & Scottish Rite 32 degrees Bodies, K.C.C.H., V.F.W. Life Member, and U.S. Army Veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Calvert, Billy Adam; P.O. Box 5774, Meridian, 39302. 83 - Lauderdale. Representative Calvert was born in Meridian and is married to the former Jessica Courville. They are of the Christian faith. University of Mississippi 2002; East Central Community College; Kemper Academy. CEO of Southern Business Supply; Farmer. Representative Calvert is a member of the NRA; Gun owners of America; U of M (Mclub). House 2020-Present. Republican.

Carpenter, Lester; 8 Carpenter Drive, Burnsville, 38833. 1 - Alcorn, Tishomingo. Representative Carpenter was born on September 1, 1970 and is married to Niesha Carpenter. They have one son, Noah Carpenter. They are of the Methodist faith. Burnsville High school, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Paramedic School, Wallace State Community College. Paramedic. Representative Carpenter is the current chairman of the Mississippi House of Representatives Conservative Coalition, Burnsville area Chamber of Commerce, Tishomingo Economic Foundation, and affiliated with Boy Scouts of America. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Clark, Bryant W.; 271 Clark Road, Pickens, 39170. 47 - Attala, Holmes, Yazoo. Holmes Community College; AA, Mississippi Valley State; BS, Mississippi college School of Law; JD; Attorney. Representative Clark is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the Magnolia Bar Association. He is the President of the Holmes County NAACP. He was

born October 31, 1974 in Jackson and is of the Baptist faith. House 2004-Present. Democrat.

Clarke, Alyce G.; 1053 Arbor Vista Boulevard, Jackson, 39209. 69 - Hinds. Representative Clarke was born in Yazoo City and was married to the late Lee William Clarke, Jr. She is of the Baptist faith. Alcorn State University, Tuskegee University. Nutritionist. Representative Clarke is affiliated with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alcorn Alumni, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., MS Public Health Association, Regional Association of Drug Free Schools and Communities and State PTA. House 1985-Present. Democrat.

Cockerham, Angela; P. O. Box 613, Magnolia, 39652. 96 - Adams, Amite, Pike, Wilkinson. Ms. Cockerham was born in Jackson, Mississippi. She is of the Baptist faith. Jackson State University; B. A., Loyola University-New Orleans; J. D., Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, M.A. Attorney. Adjunct Professor for MS College School of Law; Representative Cockerham is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha and is a member of the Mississippi and Louisiana Bar Associations. House 2005-Present. Independent.

Crawford, Carolyn; 23155 Stablewood Cir, Pass Christian, 39571. 121 - Harrison. Representative Crawford is married to Mike Crawford; they have three children: Marly, Emily, and Jackson, and they are of the Catholic faith. University of South Alabama, Long Beach High School. Former Social Worker. Representative Crawford is a member of the Harrison County Republican Women, Harrison County Republican Club, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, L. B. Youth Recreation League and lifetime member of the NRA. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Creekmore, Samuel; 1315 South Central Ave., New Albany, 38652. 14 - Union. Representative Creekmore was born on September 24, 1966, in Starkville and is married to the former Warner Poindexter. They are of the Methodist denomination. Mississippi State University. Landscape Architect. Representative Creekmore is a member of the following: America Society of Landscape, National Federation of Independent Business, New Albany Sustainability Advisors, and New Albany Main Street.. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Criswell, Dana; P. O. Box 1321, Olive Branch, 38654. 6 - DeSoto. Representative Criswell was born October 9, 1963, in Pascagoula, Mississippi and is married to the former Julie Strum. They are of the Christian faith. University of Louisiana Monroe, M. A, Delta State University, BAvn. Pilot. Representative Criswell is affiliated with Airline Pilots Association, National Rifle Association, National Association for Gun Rights, and Desoto County Conservative Coalition. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Crudup, Ronnie C.; P. O. Box 7003, Jackson, 39282. 71 - Hinds. Representative Crudup was born June 12, 1977, and he is married to the former Andrea Davis. They are of the Christian faith. Murrah High School 1995, Belhaven University 2006. Executive Director Administrator. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Currie, Becky; 407 Oliver Dr, Brookhaven, 39601. 92 - Copiah, Lawrence, Lincoln. Representative Currie was born on May 2, 1957. She is married to Bruce Currie. She is of the Episcopal faith. Southwest Community College, A.S., University of Southern Mississippi. Registered Nurse. Representative Currie is a member of the Mississippi Nurses' Association. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Darnell, Jerry; 4250 Green Village Drive, Hernando, 38632. 28 - DeSoto. Representative Darnell was born on November 27, 1962, in Memphis, Tennessee, and is married to the former Fay Wright. They are of the Baptist denotation. University of Mississippi M.A.; B.A.,

Northwest Mississippi Community College A. A., Coldwater High School. Retired District Office Administrator/ Principal. Representative Darnell is a member of the following: Mississippi Association of School Administrators, Farm Bureau member, and Mississippi State Extension Service Board Member. House 2020-Present. Republican

Denton, Oscar; 5024 Rollingwood E. Drive, Vicksburg, 39180. 55 - Warren. Representative Denton was born July 30, 1953, in Vicksburg. He is married to the former Margaret C. Naylor. They are of the Baptist faith. Rosa A. Temple High School, Utica Jr. College, George Meany Institute; AT & T, Businessman. Representative Denton is a member of AFL-CIO, CWA, Local 3518, and the NAACP. House 2014-Present. Democrat.

Deweese, Clay; 5006 Bluff Cove, Oxford, 38655. 12 - Lafayette. Representative Deweese was born November 13, 1981, in Clarksdale and is married to the former Katie Qaaka. They are of the Presbyterian denomination. Business Administration from University of Mississippi 2004. Real Estate Broker. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Eubanks, Dan; P. O. Box 184, Walls, 38680. 25 - DeSoto. Representative Eubanks was born June 11, 1970, in Hicksville, OH, and is married to the former Corey Moore-Luckhardt. They are of the Christian faith. North Little Rock Northeast (HS), Kilgore College (CGP), Univ. of Arkansas (B.B.A. Finance), Karl Franzens Univ, Universidad de Autodenama, Mid America Baptist Seminary; Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Representative Eubanks is affiliated with Desoto Co. Republican Club and Desoto Co. Conservative Coalition. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Eure, Casey; 11839 Sleeping Deer Lane, Saucier, 39574. 116 - Harrison. Representative Eure was born March 1, 1978, in Jackson, MS. He is married to the former Jill Gary and they have two children, Kennedy and Gunner. He is of the Catholic faith. MS Gulf Coast Community College, USM Law Enforcement Academy; Self-employed - Eure Properties. Representative Eure is a member of the National Rifle Association, Coast Young Professionals, Harrison County Republican Club and Woolmarket Little League Association. He was previously affiliated with the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, MS Bureau of Narcotics and MS Public Service Commission.. House 2011-Present. Republican.

Evans, Michael T.; 1147 Mount Harmony Rd, Preston, 39354. 45 - Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Winston. Representative Evans was born September 16, 1975, and is married to the former Heather Luke. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Fire Academy, Nanih Waiya High School. Fireman, Farmer. Representative Evans is a member of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs' Association, Mississippi Farm Bureau, Rotary, Mason, and Mississippi Poultry Association. House 2012-Present. Independent.

Evans, Bob; P.O. Box 636, Monticello, 39654. 91 - Copiah, Covington, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Simpson. Representative Evans was born on February 3, 1950, and is married to the former Jane Allen. He is of the Baptist faith. Monticello High School, Mississippi State University, B.A. , Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. Attorney. Representative Evans is a member of Habitat for Humanity, Southern Poverty Leadership Council, American Bar Association, and Mississippi Public Defenders' Association. House 2008-Present. Democrat.

Faulkner, John G.; P.O. Box 5955, Holly Springs, 38634. 5 - Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Tate. Representative Faulkner was born August 20, 1965, and is of the Baptist faith. Holly Springs High School, Army School of Nursing, Strayer University. Youth Counselor. Representative Faulkner is the chairman of Crime Stoppers for Marshall/Panola Counties,

a member of Marshall County IDA Board of Directors, 32nd Degree Mason (Shriners) Prince Hall Affiliated, and NAACP. House 2014-Present. Democrat.

Felsher, Kevin; P. O. Box 4721, Biloxi, 39535. 117 - Harrison. Representative Felsher was born October 10, 1975, in Biloxi, MS. He is married to Crystal Lucas Felsher and they are of the Catholic faith. USM, Sports Coaching and Education, B.S. Real Estate Broker. Representative Felsher is affiliated with MS Coast Crime Stoppers, Catholic Charities of South MS, Main Street Biloxi board member, City of Biloxi Architectural and Historic Commission, and Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Ford, Kevin; 206 Willow Way, Vicksburg, 39183. 54 - Issaquena, Warren, Yazoo. Representative Ford was born March 8, 1979, in Jackson, Mississippi. He is married to the former Julie Alberts and they are of the Methodist faith. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Hinds Community College, Warren High school. Insurance Agent. Representative Ford is affiliated with Red Carpet Bowl. House 2018-Present. Republican.

Ford, Jill; 73 - Madison. Representative Ford was born February 18 and is married to Mike Ford. They have two sons, Patton and Crockett and are of the Baptist faith. Northeast Community College, Mississippi State University. Broker/Ford & Company, LLC. Representative Ford is affiliated with MS Assoc. of Realtors (MAR), Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors (NAR), Madison Co Business League and Foundation (MCBLF), NRA, American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), Madison Republican Women, MS Blood Services (board member), Life Teacher at Broadmoor Baptist, and Founder of Inherit Movement and Gutherings Design. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Foster, Stephanie; 120 Western Hills Drive, Jackson, 39212. 63 - Hinds, Warren, Yazoo. Representative Foster was born March 8 and is married to the late Jimmie Foster. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College, Hinds Community College, Raymond High school. Representative Foster is president of Western Hills Homeowners Association, Association of South Jackson board member, PTSO, PTA member of Utica Elementary Middle school, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Gibbs, Karl; 543 George Walker Rd., West Point, 39773. 36 - Clay, Monroe. Representative Gibbs is married to the former Sonya Deanes and they are of the Baptist faith. Alcorn State, B.S., Educational Psychology. Police Officer. Representative Gibbs is affiliated with The American Legion. House 2013-Present. Democrat.

Gibbs, Debra; 1223 Hallmark Drive, Jackson, 39206. 72 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Gibbs was born in Gulfport, MS. She is married to Robert L. Gibbs and they are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College of Law, JD, Mississippi College, MBA, University of Southern Miss, BS. Attorney. Representative Gibbs is affiliated with Links Incorporated; Lefleur's Bluff (MS) Chapter; Mississippi Bar Association; AKA Sorority, Incorporated. Graduate; Leadership MS Graduate; and Leadership Jackson. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Goodin, Dale; 72 Memorial Church Rd, Richton, 39467. 105 - George, Greene, Perry. Representative Goodin was born October 13, 1958, in New Orleans, LA. He is married to the former Jeanette Francis and they are of the Baptist faith. USM-Educational Leadership, M.S. Vo-Tech Director (Retired). Representative Goodin is affiliated with Disciples Chapel, Exchange Club, Farm Bureau, MS Forestry Assn, MOAA, Retired Army, METLA, and MSACTE. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Guice, Jeffrey S.; P. O Box 549, Ocean Springs, 39566. 114 - Harrison, Jackson. Representative Guice was born December 22, 1959, in El Paso, Texas, and is married to

the former Belinda Gryder. He is of the Presbyterian faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Real Estate Broker. Representative Guice is a member of the National Association of Realtors and the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Gunn, Philip; P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39215. 56 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Gunn was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lisa Watkins. He is of Baptist faith. Representative Gunn is a member of the Clinton Chamber Commerce, Hinds County Bar Association and the Mississippi Bar Association. House 2004-Present. Speaker 2012-Present. Republican.

Hale, Jeff; 2303 Westwind Drive, Nesbit, 24 - DeSoto. Representative Hale was born August 8, 1966, in Corinth, MS, and is married to the former Traci Sims. They are of the Cornerstone Assembly faith. MS Fire Academy, Northwest College; Public Safety/Sales. Representative Hale is affiliated with the Southern Rotary Club, Bridgetown Fire Dept., and MS Firefighters Assoc. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Haney, Greg; 104 45th St, Gulfport, 39507. 118 - Harrison. Representative Haney was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Greg and his wife, Rhonda, are longtime residents of Gulfport and have raised three sons on the Coast. They are of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Gulfport East High School. Real Estate Broker. Representative Haney is a member of the Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors, MS Assoc. of Realtors, MS Gulf Coast Realtors, MS Gulf Coast MLS, Harrison County Republican Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Harness, Jeffery; P. O. Box 758, Fayette, 39069. 85 - Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Warren. Representative Harness was born April 8, 1978, in McComb, Mississippi. He is married to the former LeCourtney Young. They are of the Baptist faith. Southern Univ. School of Law, Alcorn State Univ., M.A., Alcorn State Univ., B.S., Jefferson County High. Attorney. Representative Harness is affiliated with the Magnolia Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association, and Citizens for Progress. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Hines, Sr., John W.; P. O. Box 114, Greenville, 38701. 50 - Bolivar, Issaquena, Washington. Representative Hines was born in Greenville. He has three children and is of the non-denominational faith. Greenville High School, Mississippi Valley State University. Insurance Agent and Investigator. Representative Hines is member of 100 Black Men of the Mississippi Delta, a member of the NAACP, a member of Young Men Making a Difference, a member of the FEMA National Advisory Council, youth mentor and Little League coach. House 2001-Present. Democrat.

Hobgood-Wilkes, Stacey; P. O. Box 1165, Picayune, 39466. 108 - Pearl River. Representative Hobgood-Wilkes was born August 9, 1968, and is of the Baptist faith. University of Southern MS, Pearl River Community College, Picayune Memorial High school. Insurance/Public Relations, Business Owner. Representative Hobgood-Wilkes is affiliated with MS Republican State Executive Committee, Pearl River County Republican Executive Committee, Pearl River County Republican Women Rotarian, Paul Harris Fellow recipient, Picayune Junior Auxillary - lifetime member, and Senior Center of South Pearl River County board member. House 2017-Present. Republican.

Holloway, Sr., Gregory; 115 Edgewood Drive, Hazlehurst, 39083. 76 - Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds. Representative Holloway was born in Hazlehurst. He is married to the former April Singleton. They have two children, Gregory L. Holloway, II and Joshalyn Holloway. He is a member of the Church of Christ Holiness, U.S.A. Hazlehurst High School, Alcorn State University, B.A., Jackson State University, M.P.P.A. Legislator.

Representative Holloway is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a Master Mason F&AM and Past Worshipful Master. He is affiliated with the NAACP, the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, Outstanding Young Men of America, and National Selection Committee for Outstanding Young Men of America. He is a member of the Executive Council for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission of Colleges (S.A.C.S.C.O.C). He is a former employee of Jackson State University. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Mississippi Headstart Association. House 2000-Present. Democrat.

Hood, Joey; P. O. Box 759, Ackerman, 39735. 35 - Attala, Choctaw, Webster, Winston. Representative Hood was born December 11, 1976, in Amory, Mississippi, and married to the former Cynthia Oswalt. They are of the Presbyterian faith. Mississippi State University, B.A., Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. Attorney. Representative Hood is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, Choctaw County Medical Foundation, and Simpson Volunteer Fire Department. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Hopkins, Steve; 1205 Worthington Drive, Southaven, 38671. 7 - DeSoto. Representative Hopkins is married to Beckie Hopkins and they are of the Christian faith. University of Mississippi. FedEx/Service and Quality Assurance. Representative Hopkins is affiliated with the Conservative Coalition of Mississippi and Desoto County Conservative Coalition. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Horan, Kevin; P. O. Box 2166, Grenada, 38901. 34 - Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Tallahatchie. Representative Horan was born October 29, 1961, in Water Valley, Mississippi, and is married to the former Clarissa DeHart. Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Water Valley High School. Attorney; Chief Financial Officer-Milestone Hospice, Inc. Representative Horan is a member of the Milestone Hospice, Inc. and Mississippi Bar Association. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Horne, Stephen A.; 5904 Causeyville Road, Meridian, 39301. 81 - Clarke, Lauderdale. Representative Horne was born June 10, 1958 in Meridian and is married to the former Suzy Coker. They have three children; Lauren (deceased), Tommy and Hunter. They are of the Southern Baptist faith. Jefferson Davis Academy, University of Southern Mississippi, B.S.; Insurance; Representative Horne is a member of the National Rifle Association, Pi Kappa Alpha and is a mason. House 2004-Present. Republican.

Huddleston, Mac; P. O. Drawer 300, Pontotoc, 38863. 15 - Pontotoc. Representative Huddleston was born on September 16, 1943, and is married to the former Flavia Hutchinson. He is of the Baptist faith. Durant High School, Mississippi State University, B.S., Auburn University, D.V.M, U.S. Army Rotary Wing Aviator Course, North Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy, Certified Investigator Program, MDPS. Veterinarian, Criminal Investigator. Representative Huddleston is a member of the Pontotoc Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Pontotoc Band Boosters, and Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Hudson, Abe M.; 207 Dr. RT Hollingsworth, Shelby, 38774. 29 - Bolivar, Sunflower. Representative Hudson was born September 30, 1976, in Hollandale, MS. He is married to the former Adrienne Synelle White. They have one daughter, Abee. They are of the non-denominational faith. MS State Univ, MBA and MSBA, Univ of Southern Miss, BSBA, Jackson St. Univ, PhD Student. Consultant, Tour Guide and Writer. Representative Hudson is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Jackson, Lataisha; P. O. Box 358, Como, 38619. 11 - Panola, Tate. Representative Jackson was born August 4, 1983, in Fort Ord, California, and is of the Baptist faith. North Panola High School, Alabama State University; B.A. English Language Arts Education,

Alabama State; M.A. Education Leadership. Executive Director of E.D.V.C.A.T.E Inc. Representative Jackson is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and an active member of Askew Grove Baptist Church. House 2013-Present. Democrat.

Johnson, III, Robert L.; P. O. Box 1678, Natchez, 39121. 94 - Adams, Franklin, Jefferson. Representative Johnson was born November 29, 1958, in Natchez. He is married to the former Evelyn Joiner and is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal faith. Washington University (St. Louis), University of Illinois, University of Illinois College of Law. Attorney. Representative Johnson is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association. He is President of the Adams County Voters League. Senate: 1993-2003, House of Representatives: 2004-Present. Democrat.

Karriem, Kabir; P. O. Box 255, Columbus, 39703. 41 - Lowndes. Representative Karriem is married to the former Carolyn Turner. They have five children. Mississippi State University, Hinds Community College. Business Owner. Representative Karriem is affiliated with various organizations in his community and through out the state. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Kinkade, Bill; 71 Peachtree Rd, Byhalia, 38611. 52 - DeSoto, Marshall. Representative Kinkade is married to the former Debra Sue Pritchard. They are of the Baptist faith. Orange High School, Orange, California. V.P. Operations/Sales. Representative Kinkade is a member of the Byhalia Chamber of Commerce, Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce, Byhalia Lions Club, and the AutoZone Liberty Bowl Board of Directors. House 2013-Present. Republican.

Ladner, Timmy; 6 Michael D. Smith Rd, Poplarville, 39470. 93 - Hancock, Pearl River, Stone. Representative Ladner was born July 4, 1963, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and is married to the former Carrie Smith. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Realtors Institute, Pearl River Community College. Realtor, Business Owner. Representative Ladner is a member of the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors, MS Association of Realtors, and National Association of Realtors. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Lamar, III, John Thomas (Trey); 214 South Ward Street, Senatobia, 38668. 8 - Lafayette, Tate. Representative Lamar was born August 5, 1980, in Memphis, Tennessee, and is married to the former Jill Anthony. They are of the Christian faith. Washington University (St. Louis), Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Magnolia Heights School. Attorney. Representative Lamar is a member of First Baptist Church of Senatobia, Senatobia Rotary Club, Tate County Economic Development Foundation, MS BAR Association, and Ole Miss M-Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Lancaster, Johnathan Ray; 22 - Chickasaw, Pontotoc. Representative Lancaster was born in Amory, MS. He is married to the former Kelly Porter and they are of the Christian faith. Houston High school. Farmer. Representative Lancaster is affiliated with NRA, MS Cattlemen's Assn, Mason, and Deacon of Arbor Grove Baptist Church. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Mangold, Vince; P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39201. 53 - Franklin, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike. Representative Mangold was born July 22, 1964, in the Clark Air force Base, Republic of the Philippines, and is married to the former Michelle Lofton. They are of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Miss, B.A., Copiah-Lincoln CC, A. A, Hazlehurst High School. Self-employed farmer. Representative Mangold is affiliated with the Mississippi Cattleman's Association, Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, and the Referees Association. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Massengill, Steve; 424 Massengill Road, Hickory Flat, 38633. 13 - Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Union. Representative Massengill was born November 21, 1966 and married to the former Dina Whiteside. They are of the Methodist faith. Hickory Flat High School. Big M Transportation. Representative Massengill is a member of Ebenezer Men's Club (President) and Pott's Camp Booster Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

McCarty, Kent; 13 Leaf Lane, Hattiesburg, 39402. 101 - Lamar. Representative McCarty was born January 1, 1993, in Hattiesburg, MS. He is of the Baptist faith. USM-Banking and Finance, OGHS. Small business owner (Java Moe's Coffee Co.). Representative McCarty is affiliated with the Pine Belt Foundation, Development Committee and Area Development Partnership. House 2019-Present. Republican.

McCray, Hester Jackson; 3420 Laurel Wood Street, Horn Lake, 38637. 40 - DeSoto. Representative Jackson-McCray was born May 19 in Drew, MS. She is of the Baptist faith. Triton College, River Forest, IL., Westinghouse Vocational High school. Nurse-Certified Dementia Practitioner. Representative Jackson-McCray is affiliated with Desoto Marshal County Federation of Democratic Women, NAACP, AARP Chapter 5371, and Brown Baptist MB Church in Southaven, MS. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

McGee, Missy; P. O. Box 19089, Hattiesburg, 39404. 102 - Forrest, Lamar. Representative McGee was born March 31, 1966, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She is married to Sean McGee and they are of the Methodist faith. University of Southern Miss, Speech Communication, BS/MS, Hattiesburg High School. Former Instructor of Speech Communication-USM, Former Legislative Asst. to Sen. Trent Lott. Representative McGee is a lifetime member of USM Alumni Association, former board member of the USM Athletic Foundation, life member of the Hattiesburg Jr. Auxiliary Leadership Pine Belt; Area Development Partnership, Hattiesburg Dixie Youth baseball, and member of Main Street United Methodist Church. House 2017-Present. Republican.

McKnight, Jay; 22160 Hwy 53, Gulfport, 39503. 95 - Hancock, Harrison. Representative McKnight was born December 16, 1974, in Gulfport, MS. He is married to the former Melinda Parker and they are of the Catholic faith. MS Gulf Coast CC; Real Estate/Broker. Representative McKnight is affiliated with the NRA, Hancock and Gulf Coast chamber, Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors, Harrison Co. Representative Club, Hancock Co. Representative Club, and Knights of Columbus. House 2020-Present. Republican.

McLean, Dana; 332 Williamsburg Rd, Columbus, 39705. 39 - Lowndes, Monroe. Representative McLean was born July 9 in Russellville, AL. She is of the Christian faith. Stetson University College of Law, JD and LLM, University of Alabama, BA, Stephen D. Lee High school. Realtor, Attorney (licensed in FL). Representative McLean is affiliated with the Florida Bar Assn., Nat'l Assn. of Realtors, Greater Golden Triangle Realtor Assn., Columbus-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce, and Exchange Club Columbus Arts Council. House 2020-Present. Republican.

McLeod, Doug; 1211 Bexley Church Rd, Lucedale, 39452. 107 - George, Stone. Rep McLeod was born December 15, 1960, in Lucedale, Mississippi, and is married to the former Michele R. Fontenelle. They are of the Presbyterian faith. Hinds Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, George County High School. Business Owner. Representative McLeod is a member of the George Co. Economic Development Board of Directors, Academic Board, and Farm Bureau. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Mickens, Carl L.; P. O. Box 427, Brooksville, 39739. 42 - Lowndes, Noxubee, Winston. Representative Mickens was born August 8 in Noxubee County, Mississippi, and is married to the former Cheryl Richardson. They are of the Baptist faith. Kentucky State

University, B.S. Retired Circuit Court Clerk, Funeral Services. Representative Mickens is affiliated with the Kentucky State University alumni chapter, NAACP, Prince Hall Mason, MS Farm Bureau, Earl Nash PTO, and NCHS Booster. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Miles, Tom; 807 Hwy 35 South, Forest, 39074. 75 - Rankin, Scott. Representative Miles was born November 3, 1979, in Morton, Mississippi. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi State University, Morton High School. Business Owner. Representative Miles is a member of Forest Baptist Church. Morton, Rankin, and Forest County Chambers of Commerce, Forest Rotary and Lion's Club, lifetime member of the NRA, Scott County Dive Team, Habitat for Humanity and Relay for Life, and MSU Alumni Assoc. House 2012-Present. Democrat.

Mims, Sam C.; 605 Lakeshore Drive, McComb, 39648. 97 - Adams, Amite, Franklin, Pike. He was born in McComb and is married to the former Amy Legg of Summit. They are the parents of two daughters and one son and are members of Centenary United Methodist in McComb. McComb High School, Delta State University, B.B.A.; Marketing and Business Developer; National Rifle Association, the McComb Rotary Club, former member of the Pike County Republican Executive Committee, and former chairman of the City of McComb Republican Executive Committee. House 2003-Present. Republican.

Morgan, Ken; 1640 Highway 587, Morgantown, 39483. 100 - Lamar, Marion. Representative Morgan was born September 10, 1951, in Columbia, Mississippi, and is married to the former Wanda G. Stringer. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy. Small business owner. Representative Morgan is the former Marion County Representative for the Pearl River Basin Development District; Marion County Forestry Association, National Wild Turkey Federation, and NRA. He is also the past president of the Cattleman's Association, Pearl River Land and Conservation Association, Chief, Morgantown Vol. Fire Department, and a Mason and a Shriner. House 2007-Present. Republican.

Newman, Gene; 801 Country place Drive, Pearl, 39208. 61 - Rankin. Representative Newman was born December 12, 1955, in Brookhaven, MS. He is married to the former Betty Miles, and they are of the Baptist faith. University of Cincinnati, (M.S.), University of Southern Miss, (B.S. in Economics), Copiah Lincoln Jr. College, Pearl High school. Bail Agent/Insurance Agent. Representative Newman is affiliated with the Pearl Chamber of Commerce and Pearl Kiwanis. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Oliver, Karl; P. O. Box 95, Winona, 38967. 46 - Carroll, Grenada, Leflore, Montgomery, Webster. Representative Oliver was born in Winona, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lynn Kellum Glenn. They are of the Baptist faith. Representative Oliver is a member of the MS Funeral Directors Assoc., the National Funeral Directors Association, Nat'l Rifle Assoc., and The Boone and Crockett Club. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Osborne, Solomon C.; P. O. Box 8175, Greenwood, 38935-8175. 32 - Leflore. Representative Osborne was born May 26, 1948, in Minter City, Mississippi, and is married to the former Deborah Brock. They are of the Baptist faith. Amanda Elzy High School, BA Tougaloo College Political Science, Juris Doctorate University of Illinois College of Law. Attorney. Representative Osborne is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, NAACP, American Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, National Bar Association and the National Conference of Black Lawyers. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Owen, Jansen T.; P. O. Box 249, Poplarville, 39470. 106 - Lamar, Pearl River. Representative Owen was born July 2, 1993, in Hattiesburg, MS, and is married to the former Colbie Marshall. They are of the Baptist denomination. Tulane Law School J.D.,

University of Southern Mississippi B.A., Pearl River Community College A.A. Attorney; Business Owner. Representative Owen is a member of: National Rifle Association; Poplarville Area Chamber of Commerce; Pearl River County Bar Association; Mississippi Bar Association; American Bar Association; and The Federalist Society. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Paden, Orlando; 3731 Stovall Rd, Clarksdale, 38614. 26 - Bolivar, Coahoma. Representative Paden was born June 5, 1984, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and is of the C.O.G.I.C. faith. Belhaven University, Alcorn State University, Coahoma Community College, Coahoma Agricultural High School. College Administrator. Representative Paden is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Aaron E Henry Health Service Board, NAACP, Nat'l and Southern Assoc. of Student Employment Administrators, ASPIRE, Clarksdale Revitalization Inc., and Jonestown Family Center of Education and Wellness Church of God in Christ. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Patterson, Randall; 1352 Kensington Drive, Biloxi, 39530. 115 - Harrison. Representative Patterson was born February 4, 1948, in Biloxi, Mississippi, and is married to the former Vickie Lackey. He has one son, Grant, and a daughter, Randi. He is of the Methodist faith. Biloxi High School, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, A.A. (PERK Campus), University of Southern Mississippi, B.S., William Carey College, M. Ed. Contractor. Representative Patterson is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council, Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce, Association of General Contractors of Mississippi, City of Biloxi Plumbing and Mechanical Board and the Biloxi Elks' Lodge #606. House 2004-Present. Republican.

Pigott, Bill; 92 Pigott Easterling Rd, Tylertown, 39667. 99 - Lamar, Marion, Walthall. Representative Pigott was born on October 13, 1946, in Tylertown, Mississippi, and is married to the former Doris Revette. He is of the Baptist faith. Dexter High School, Pearl River Community College, Mississippi State University, B.S. Farmer. Representative Pigott is a member of the Farm Bureau, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Mississippi Beef Council, and the ADA of Mississippi. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Porter, Daryl; P. O. Box 772, Summit, 39666. 98 - Pike, Walthall. Representative Porter was born September 30, 1990, in McComb, MS. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College of Law-2018, University of MS-2013, McComb High school-2009. Attorney. Representative Porter is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Founder of Yancy Men's Mentoring, a member of Summit Missionary Baptist Church, and a church trustee. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Powell, Brent; P. O. Box 5454, Brandon, 39047. 59 - Rankin. Representative Powell was born February 8, 1969, in Oklahoma City, OK, and is married to the former Natasha Goff. He is of the Methodist faith. Northwest Rankin High School, Mississippi State University. Realtor; Forester. Representative Powell is affiliated with the National Association of Realtors. House 2013-Present. Republican.

Read, John; 2396 Robert Hiram Drive, Gautier, 39553. 112 - Jackson. Representative Read was born July 8, 1941, in Bunkie, Louisiana, and is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, North East Louisiana University. Pharmacist. Representative Read was previously a City Councilman and Mayor of the City of Gautier. House 1993-Present. Republican.

Reynolds, Thomas U.; P. O. Drawer 280, Charleston, 38921. 33 - Grenada, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha. He was born November 15, 1954, in Charleston and is married to the former Elizabeth Fedric. He is a deacon, and of he Baptist faith. University of Mississippi,

University of Mississippi School of Law. Attorney. Representative Reynolds is affiliated with Phi Kappa Phi and Rotary. House 1980-Present. Democrat.

Roberson, Rob; 212 East Main Street, Starkville, 39759. 43 - Oktibbeha, Winston. Representative Roberson was born August 8, 1968, in Greenville, Mississippi, and is married to the former Karen Shurden. Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., Mississippi State University, B.B.S., Starkville High school. Attorney. Representative Roberson is affiliated with the Greater Starkville Partnership and is the board attorney for the town of Sturgis. House 1998-2003; 2016-Present. Republican.

Robinson, Robin; 1179 Township Road, Laurel, 39443. 88 - Jasper, Jones. Representative Robinson was born September 12, in Laurel, Mississippi. She is married to Sam Britton and she is of the Pentecostal faith. USM; B.S., Jones C.C.; A.A., N.E. Jones High school. Sanderson Farms, Retired. Representative Robinson is presiding President of the Institution of Higher Learning Board of Trustees; Chairman of Leadership Mississippi, a member of the Board of Directors for the USM Foundation, Mississippi Center for Obesity Research at UMMC Neuro Institute, and Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi board member. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Rosebud, Tracey T.; P. O. Box 236, Tutwiler, 38963. 30 - Bolivar, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie. Representative Rosebud was born February 27, 1976, in Charleston, Mississippi. He is married to the former Nichole G. Harris and they are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Delta C.C., Tennessee Valley Public Power Academy. Consulting. House 2018-Present. Democrat.

Rushing, Randy; 672 North 8th Ave, Decatur, 39327. 78 - Leake, Newton, Scott. Representative Rushing was born September 9, 1963, in Carthage, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lea Ann Kline. He is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi Fire Academy, Mississippi Law Enforcement Minimum Standards, Community College of the Air Force, East Central Community College, Newton County Academy. Business Owner. U.S. Air Force, Mississippi Air National Guard, Retired. Representative Rushing is a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post 89, NRA, and North Decatur Water Assoc. Board. Representative Rushing previously served as Alderman and Mayor in Decatur, police officer, and served over 21 years as a Volunteer Firefighter and EMT. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Sanford, Noah; P. O. Box 1900, Collins, 39428. 90 - Covington, Jefferson Davis, Simpson. Representative Sanford lives in Collins, MS, and is of Southern Baptist faith. University of MS School of Law, J.D., University of MS, B.A., Jones County Jr. College, A.A., Seminary High school. Attorney. Representative Sanford is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, MS Bar Assoc., Cattleman's Assoc., and the Covington County Historical Society. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Scoggin, Donnie; 1203 Pine Street, Ellisville, 39437. 89 - Jones. Representative Scoggin was born August 12, 1962, and is married to the former Donna Grantham. They are of the Baptist faith. M.U.W MS, U.S.M. BS, J.C.J.C. AA. Nurse Practitioner. Representative Scoggin is affiliated with Jones County E.D.A., Jones County Republican, a Member of the Mississippi Nurse Practitioner's Assoc. and Mississippi Nurses Association. House 2017-Present. Republican.

Scott, Omeria; 615 East 19th Street, Laurel, 39440. 80 - Clarke, Jasper, Jones. Representative Scott was born November 21, 1956, in Laurel and is married to the late Charles Scott. She is of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Nursing Home Administrator. Representative Scott is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, National Council of Negro Women, Federated Women of America, Association for

Excellence in Education and Beacon of Hope Mississippi Scholarship Foundation. House 1993-Present. Democrat.

Shanks, Fred; 107 Lori Circle, Brandon, 39042. 60 - Rankin. Representative Shanks was born on December 26, 1977, in Flowood. He is of the Baptist faith. University Christian School, Hinds Community College, Mississippi State University. Businessman. Representative Shanks is a member of the following: Rankin County Republican Executive Committee, Reserve Police Officer of Brandon, NRA Member, Former Alderman of Brandon. House 2018-Present. Republican.

Smith, Troy; 320 Smith Ridge Lane, Enterprise, 39330. 84 - Clarke, Jasper, Newton. Representative Smith is born June 29, 1965 and is married to the former Michell Ballard. They are of the Baptist faith. Jones County Jr. College, Quitman High school. Clarke County District 3 Supervisor, Owner of Long's Fish Camp. Representative Smith is affiliated with the MS Assoc. of Sup. Education Committee, NRA, and NWTF. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Stamps, De'Keither, 396 Woodcliff Drive, Jackson, 39212. 66 - Hinds. Representative Stamps was born November 21, 1976, in Learned, MS, and is married to the former Shonda Scott. They are of the Southern Baptist faith. Representative Stamps is affiliated with VFW, CMPDD, and CMDC. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Steverson, Jody; 125 Woodridge, Ripley, 38663. 4 - Alcorn, Tippah. Representative Steverson was born August 21, 1968, in Tupelo, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lauren Bailey. They have one son, Bailey, and are of the Presbyterian faith. Mississippi State University, Northeast Mississippi Community College. Cable TV Operator/High Speed Internet provider. Representative Steverson is a member of the Ripley Main Street Assoc., Tippah County MSU Alumni Assoc., Tippah County Dev. Assoc., and Career Pathway Experience Advisory Comm. of the Tippah County Career and Tech. Center. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Straughter, Rufus; 107 Van Buren Street, Belzoni, 39038. 51 - Humphreys, Sharkey, Yazoo. Representative Straughter was born May 4, 1937, and is married to the former Mattie B. Banks. He is of the Protestant faith. Tougaloo College, Delta State University, Jackson State University. Educator. Representative Straughter is affiliated with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Elks, NEA, MAE, HCAE, NCTM and the NAACP. HOUSE 1996-Present. Democrat

Summers, Zakiya; P. O. Box 21210, Jackson, 39289. 68 - Hinds, Rankin. Representative Summers was born January 14, in Houston, Texas. She is married to Andra Harlee and they are of the Church of Christ (Holiness) faith. University of Missouri-Columbia, Bachelor's in Journalism. Former Director of Communication and Advocacy for the ACLU of MS, Owner/operator of Lady Godiva Productions, LLC. Representative Summers is affiliated with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., MS Sickle Cell Foundation-Vice chair, Jayne Ave. Neighborhood Assn-secretary, NAACP, ACLU, Women For Progress, Federation of Dem. Women, S.T.A.N.D., UMMC Community Advisory Board, Jackson Association of Black Journalist, and W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community leadership Network Fellow. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Taylor, Cheikh; 383 Steele Rd, Starkville, 39759. 38 - Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha. Representative Taylor was born December 12, 1973, in Columbus, MS. He is married to the former Jamila Boudreaux. They are of the Christian faith. Howard University, BS, Starkville High school. Executive Director/Community Development. Representative Taylor is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity, Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors'

Advisory Council, Starkville Area Arts Council, Oktibbeha County Food Policy Council, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and NAACP. House 2018-Present. Democrat.

Thompson, Rickey; 191 County Rd 301, Shannon, 38868. 16 - Lee, Monroe. Representative Thompson was born June 30, 1964, in Shannon, MS. He is married to the former Shelia Dianne Ivory and they are of the Baptist faith. Itawamba Community College-1981, Shannon High school-1981. License Practical Nurse. Representative Thompson is affiliated with Create Foundation (past member), Minority PUL Alliance, Current: Brotherhood President, and Spring Hill District MS Worker's Center for Human Rights. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Tubb, Joseph; 30 Pin Oak Lane, Purvis, 39475. 87 - Forrest, Lamar. Representative Tubb was born September 30, 1963, in Jackson, MS. He is of the Baptist Faith. Representative Tubb is affiliated with HUB City Business Network. House 2021-Present. Republican.

Tullos, Mark; P. O. Box 505, Raleigh, 39153. 79 - Jasper, Smith. Representative Tullos was born September 28, 1964, in Yazoo City, MS, and is married to the former Sonja Glenn. They are of the Baptist faith. JD-MS College School of Law, BS-University of Southern MS. Attorney. Representative Tullos is affiliated with the MS Bar Association, Smith County Republicans, US Army Reserves, MS Army Nat'l Guard, and a Deacon of Union Baptist Church. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Turner, Jerry R.; 1290 Carrollville Ave, Baldwyn, 38824. 18 - Lee, Prentiss, Union. Representative Turner is married to the former Mary Ellen Blaylock. They have 3 children, Jerry, Terry, and Suzanne, and they are of the Church of Christ faith. Adv. Bus. Management./Operations Courses, Tupelo H. S. Owner/President of Turner's Big Star Supermarkets, Northfork Used Cars/Trucks; Northfork Farm/Construction. Equipment.; Landowner. Representative Turner is affiliated with the Community Development Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Baldwyn Development, the Mississippi Cattleman's Association, and Pro-Life. House 2004-Present. Republican.

Walker, Kenneth; P. O. Box 265, Carthage, 39051. 27 - Attala, Leake, Madison, Yazoo. Representative Walker was born January 11, 1953, in Carthage, Mississippi, and is of the Baptist faith. Jackson State University, M.S., Jackson State University, B.S. Project Manager. Representative Walker is affiliated with the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Volunteer Fireman, and Farmer's Co-op. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Wallace, Price; 125 Price Wallace Dr., Mendenhall, 39114. 77 - Rankin, Simpson. Representative Wallace was born on November 24, 1961, in Jackson, Mississippi, and is married to the former Cindy Stevenson. He is of the Methodist faith. Simpson Academy; Farmer; Representative Wallace is a member of the Farm Bureau, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, and Trust Advisory Board in Magee. House 2018-Present. Republican.

Watson, Percy W.; P. O. Box 1767, Hattiesburg, 39403. 103 - Forrest. Representative Watson was born June 5, 1951, in Hattiesburg and is married to the former Barbara Smith. He is of the Baptist denomination. University of Iowa School of Law, University of Iowa. Attorney. Representative Watson is affiliated with the Jesse Brown Lodge, Phi Beta Kappa, NAACP, Mississippi, Iowa, Alaska, National and American Bar Associations. House 1980-Present. Democrat.

Weathersby, Tom; 3806 Highway 49 S, Florence, 39073. 62 - Copiah, Rankin, Simpson. Representative Weathersby was born July 24, 1944, in Jackson, and is married to the former Beverly Cook. He is of the Baptist faith. Hinds Junior College, University of

Southern Mississippi, Mississippi College. Businessman. Representative Weathersby is a deacon and a Mason and is affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Rankin and Copiah Counties Chambers of Commerce, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Kiwanis, ALEC and the NRA. House 1992-Present. Republican.

White, Jason; P. O. Box 246, West, 39192. 48 - Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake. Representative White was born December 28, 1972 and married to the former Jolynn McLellan. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College School of Law, Mississippi College; Attorney; Representative White is a member of the MS BAR Assoc.(President), Attala County BAR Assoc.(President), West Historical & Preservation Society, Board of Dir., Attala County Forestry Assoc., and Attala County Farmers Co-op. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Williams-Barnes, Sonya; 2018 31st Ave, Gulfport, 39501. 119 - Harrison. Representative Williams-Barnes is of the Baptist faith. Jackson State University, Bishop State College. Funeral Director Funeral Services. Representative Williams-Barnes is a member of AKA Sorority Inc., NAACP, Saving Our Sisters-Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Morning Star M. B. Church, and Youth Council Advisory Board. House 2012-Present. Democrat.

Williamson, Brady; 603 South 16th Street, Oxford, 38655. 10 - Lafayette, Panola, Tallahatchie. Representative Williamson was born December 29, 1976, in Jackson, MS. He is married to Cory High Williamson and they are of the Christian faith. Univ. of Miss (Accounting), Army Officer, Engineer. Small Business Owner. Representative Williamson is affiliated with Fathers in Field Ministry, Community Church of Oxford, Panola Partnership, and Oxford Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Wright, Joseph Lynn; 1989 Lake Lowndes Road, Columbus, 39702. 37 - Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha. Representative Wright was born July 22, 1952, in Columbus, MS. He is married to the former Ginger Kay Howell and they are of Baptist faith. Representative Wright is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon. He is affiliated with MASS, MASA, MPE, EMCED, New Hope Service Club, Lowndes County Republican Women, and Steens Community Center. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Yancey, Lee; P. O. Box 4215, Brandon, 39047. 74 - Rankin. Representative Yancey was born July 29, 1968, in Ripley, MS, and is married to the former Courtney Fagan. They are of the Baptist faith. B.A. Mississippi College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary M. Div, D. Min., Series 65 Licensed, Accidental Heath Licensed, Life Licensed. Investment Advisor-Element Wealth. Representative Yancey is a member of the Rotary Club (former Flowood President), Paul Harris Fellow, former member of the Rankin County Republican Executive committee, and NRA. House 2020-Present. State Senate 2008-2012. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Yates, Shanda; P. O. Box 16409, Jackson, 39236. 64 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Yates was born March 29 in Jackson, MS. She is married to Yancy Burns and they are of the Methodist faith. MC School of Law-JD, University of Southern Miss-BA, Hinds CC-AA. Attorney. Representative Yates is affiliated with the MS Bar Assn, Junior League of Jackson, MS Assn. Justice, and Galloway United Methodist Church. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Young, Jr., Charles; P. O. Box 5393, Meridian, 39302. 82 - Lauderdale. Representative Young was born July 9 and is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi State University, Meridian, Tougaloo College, Meridian Community College, Meridian High School.

Cosmetic Sales, E. F. Young, Jr. Manufacturing Company. Representative Young is a member of the Democratic Party, Masonic Lodge, and Newell Chapel C.M.E. Church. House 2012-Present. Democrat.

Zuber, III, Henry; 503 Minor Lane, Ocean Springs, 39564. 113 - Jackson. Representative Zuber was born June 11 and is a life long citizen of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He is of the Catholic faith. Ocean Springs High School, Millsaps College, University of Mississippi School of Law. Attorney/Real Estate Developer. Representative Zuber is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. House 2000-Present. Republican.

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PART X**A. HOUSE RULES****THE SPEAKER AND SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

1. The Speaker, when elected, shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, or until the next regular session of the Legislature following an election for Governor and members of the Legislature, and shall take the chair on every legislative day precisely at the hour to which the House has adjourned at the last sitting, immediately call the members to order, cause the roll to be called finally, and, on the appearance of a quorum, cause the Journal of the proceedings of the last day's sitting to be read.

2. He shall preserve order and decorum, and, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or in the lobby, may cause the same to be cleared, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose.

3. He shall have general control, except as provided by rule or law, of the Hall of the House, and of the corridors and passages and the disposal of the unappropriated rooms in that part of the Capitol assigned to the use of the House, until further order.

4. He shall sign all acts, addresses, joint resolutions, writs, warrants and subpoenas of, or issued by order of, the House, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by permission of the House. The Speaker may require points of order in writing and may take reasonable time to examine and study same before ruling thereon, during which period consideration of that particular subject matter may be suspended without prejudice and the House proceed to the next order of business.

5. He shall rise to put a question and shall put questions in this form: "All those in favor (of the question), say 'Aye'"; and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "All those opposed, say 'No'"; if he doubts, or if a count is required by at least one-tenth (1/10) of the members present, he shall call the roll in the manner prescribed in Rule 69 or take the vote using the electronic roll-call system in Rule 97.

6. He shall not be required to vote in ordinary legislative proceedings, except where his vote would be decisive, or where the House is engaged in voting by ballot; and in cases of a tie vote for, question shall be decided in the negative.

7. He shall have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair when the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be unable to do so, but such substitution shall not extend beyond one (1) legislative day; provided, however, that in the case of illness or unavoidable absence of both the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore, he may make such appointment for a period not exceeding five (5) days, with the approval of the House at the time the same is made.

8. Upon the death of a member of the House, the Speaker or any member of the House designated by him shall incur such expenses as may be necessary for the purchase on behalf of the House a State Flag for use in connection with the funeral and burial of said member, which flag shall be presented to the family of said member.

9. No member or visitor shall visit in the Speaker's stand during the session of the House, except at the instance of the Speaker. The Speaker may call a member to preside when necessary or desirable to confer with a member or visitor.

10. All committees, except the Rules Committee and the Management Committee, shall be appointed by the Speaker unless otherwise specially directed by the House.

10A. (1) There is created in the House of Representatives the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives (hereinafter Speaker Pro Tempore).

(2) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected on the same day and in the same manner and method as may be designated for the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve a term of four (4) years, which term as Speaker Pro Tempore shall expire concurrently with the term being served by the Speaker Pro Tempore as a member of the House of Representatives. There is no limit on the number of times that a member may serve as Speaker Pro Tempore.

(4) Any vacancy in the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore occurring during a regular or special legislative session shall be filled by election of the House of Representatives within five (5) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any vacancy occurring during an interim between legislative sessions shall be filled within the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session. The person so elected shall serve only the remainder of the unexpired term.

(5) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

(a) To serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives during the absence, illness or disability of the Speaker, thereby assuming all powers, duties, responsibilities and privileges conferred upon the Speaker by the Constitution, statute, law or rule;

(b) To become Speaker of the House of Representatives in the event of the death or resignation of the Speaker, thereby assuming all powers, duties, responsibilities and privileges conferred upon the Speaker by the Constitution, statute, law or rule. He or she shall serve as Speaker until the beginning of the next succeeding regular legislative session, at which time an election for Speaker shall be held under the same terms and conditions as a regular Speaker's election, except that the person elected as Speaker shall hold the office only for the remainder of the term. If the Speaker Pro Tempore becomes the Speaker of the House, a new Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected;

(c) To preside over the House of Representatives when the Speaker is not presiding and to preside over the House when sitting as the Committee of the Whole unless the Speaker Pro Tempore moved that the House go into the Committee of the Whole;

(d) To serve as the Chairman of the House Management Committee, having full powers of discussion, participation and voting;

(e) To serve as a member of the Rules Committee, having full powers of discussion, participation and voting;

(f) To consult with the Speaker in resolving points of order or other parliamentary matters; and

(g) Such other powers, duties and responsibilities as may be conferred upon the Speaker Pro Tempore by law or legislative rule.

RULES COMMITTEE

11. The Rules Committee shall be composed of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and eight (8) other members, two (2) from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020, to be selected by the members from their respective congressional districts by caucus. The place of residence of a member representing such district shall determine the congressional district caucus in which he or she shall participate and for which he or she may hold membership on the Rules Committee. The Speaker shall appoint the chairman and the vice chairman from among the members of the Rules Committee, but neither the Speaker

nor the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be eligible to serve as chairman or vice chairman of the Rules Committee.

The members of the Rules Committee shall be elected during the first calendar week of each regular session having one hundred twenty-five (125) calendar days. Members shall serve a term of four (4) years, and each member's term shall end on the date on which the member's term in the House of Representatives expires.

Any vacancy of a congressional district position occurring during a regular annual legislative session shall be filled by election of the appropriate caucus within ten (10) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any such vacancy occurring between regular annual sessions shall be filled by caucus election during the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session of the Legislature.

No member of the Rules Committee shall concurrently serve as a member of the House Management Committee, except that the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve on the Management Committee as provided in Rule 11A.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

11A. (1) There is created the House of Representatives Management Committee (hereinafter Management Committee) to be composed of the Speaker Pro Tempore, who shall serve as chairman, the Speaker, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and eight (8) other representatives, two (2) from each congressional district of Mississippi as constituted on January 1, 2020, to be elected by caucus of the representatives from each such district. The place of residence of a representative shall determine the congressional district caucus in which the representative shall participate and from which the representative may hold membership on the Management Committee. The members of the Management Committee shall select, from among its members, a vice chairman and secretary.

The members of the Management Committee shall be elected during the first calendar week of each regular session having one hundred twenty-five (125) calendar days. Members shall serve a term of four (4) years, and each member's term shall end on the date on which the member's term in the House of Representatives expires.

(2) No member of the Management Committee shall serve concurrently as a member of the House Rules Committee, except that the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve on the Rules Committee as provided in Rule 11.

(3) Any vacancy of a congressional district position occurring during a regular annual legislative session shall be filled by election by the appropriate caucus within ten (10) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any vacancy occurring between regular annual legislative sessions shall be filled by election by the appropriate caucus during the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session of the Legislature.

(4) The Management Committee shall meet at such times as are necessary for the proper exercise of its functions, and shall have the authority to adopt policies, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with these rules, as it deems necessary for the efficient operation of the committee.

(5) Action by a majority vote of the Management Committee shall control and be conclusive on any matter properly concerning the House of Representatives.

(6) The committee shall function on a year-round basis and when the Legislature is not in session, members of the committee shall be compensated as provided in Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, for each day spent in actual discharge of their duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. No committee member may incur per diem, travel or other expenses unless

authorized by vote at a meeting of the committee, which action shall be recorded in the official minutes of the committee.

(7) The Management Committee, in addition to its other responsibilities, shall perform the following duties:

(a) Conduct the business affairs of the House of Representatives;

(b) Investigate the feasibility of new and additional staff agencies and make recommendations to the House of Representatives;

(c) Assign such space in the Capitol or in such other buildings or parts thereof as may be reserved for the House of Representatives and have complete control, authority and jurisdiction over such rooms, chambers, offices and other areas. Any assignment of space shall be subject to change by the Management Committee. No other branch of the government, or a department or agency thereof, shall use any room, chamber, office or other area without specific written authorization from the Management Committee. The Management Committee is authorized to delegate its powers with regard to any such room, chamber, office or other area in connection with the maintenance, repairing, construction, reconstruction and refurbishing thereof in such a manner as it deems advisable;

(d) Staff interim committees;

(e) Staff standing committees; and

(f) Continually assess ways and means to improve the organization, procedures, facilities and working conditions of the House of Representatives.

(8) The Management Committee shall have the authority to designate a director, who may also serve as the Clerk or as the Director of the House Legislative Services Office, and who shall carry out the directives of the Management Committee and shall perform any and all duties of the Management Committee delegated to him or her. The Management Committee may employ other personnel as may be necessary to discharge its duties and responsibilities. All such personnel shall serve at the pleasure of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall also have the authority to fix the salaries of all personnel employed by the House of Representatives.

All employees of the House of Representatives required to travel in the performance of official duties shall be reimbursed for actual subsistence and travel expenses incurred by them while on official business as provided by law, provided such travel has prior approval of the Management Committee or the director under such authority as may be granted to him or her by the Management Committee.

(9) In providing for the staffing of the committees, the Management Committee shall have the responsibility for determining the necessity of any staff positions requested by the chairman of any committee. The persons to be employed for the positions that are approved by the Management Committee shall be hired by the committee with approval of the Speaker. At the beginning of each term, the Management Committee shall authorize a certain amount to be expended during each year of the term for the operation of the Speaker's Office.

(10) The Management Committee, upon request of the chairman of any standing committee of the House of Representatives, may authorize expenses, to include per diem, mileage, meals and lodging, to be paid for members attending the meeting of any standing committee or subcommittees thereof during the period in which the Legislature is not in session, which shall not exceed the compensation provided for members of the Management Committee provided for in subsection (6) of this rule. The Management Committee shall adopt rules and regulations concerning time, places and number of

meetings that may be held for which members will be compensated, such rules and regulations to require prior approval of meetings in order for members to be compensated.

(11) The Management Committee shall have general administrative powers and the responsibility for the proper operation of the House Legislative Services Office.

(a) The director, subject to approval of the Management Committee, shall employ full-time professional, technical, clerical and stenographic assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

(b) The House Legislative Services Office shall assist the House of Representatives, its committees, commissions and individual members of the House of Representatives as follows in:

- (i) Bill research;
- (ii) Bill drafting;
- (iii) Bill analysis;
- (iv) Preparation and writing of standing and interim committee reports; and
- (v) Such other duties as prescribed by the Management Committee.

(c) The House Legislative Services Office must be authorized, in writing, by a House member to prepare a draft before it undertakes the preparation thereof.

(d) No employee of the House Legislative Services Office shall:

- (i) Reveal to any person outside his or her office the contents or nature of any request for services made by any member of the House except with the written consent of the person making such request;
- (ii) Urge, oppose or attempt to influence any legislation;
- (iii) Give legal advice on any subject to any person, firm or corporation, except members of the House; nor
- (iv) During his or her employment be associated or interested in the private practice of law in any matter without prior approval of the Management Committee.

A violation of any provision of this section by an employee shall be sufficient cause for his or her immediate dismissal. However, this paragraph shall not be a limitation on the authority of the Management Committee to dismiss or change its employees.

(12) No employee of the House shall reveal to any person outside his or her department the contents or nature of any request for services made by any member of the House except with the written consent of the person making such request. A violation of this subsection by an employee shall be sufficient cause for his or her immediate dismissal.

(13) The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this rule shall be paid from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives Contingent Fund made by the Legislature for the purposes herein set out.

(14) At such time as there may be designated or created in the Senate of the State of Mississippi a committee with like duties and responsibilities of the House Management Committee, the House Management Committee is authorized to meet jointly with such corresponding Senate committee in order to more effectively carry out the provisions of this rule.

DUTIES OF THE CLERK

12. When a bill has passed, it shall be certified by the Clerk, who shall note thereon the day it passes.

13. He shall stand while reading papers to the House, he shall attest all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House.

14. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall keep a correct Journal of the proceedings of the House, and, on each day, shall read over the Journal of the preceding day to the House. He shall number, file and preserve in its proper order, each bill, resolution, memorial, or other paper introduced in the House, and carefully engross and enroll all bills, resolutions, memorials and other papers that may be ordered to be engrossed or enrolled; and shall promptly and faithfully discharge all the duties incident to the House, provide for control of employees of the House under Speaker, provide for pay of members, employees, and control pages and porters. (Statutory)

15. Pages shall be appointed to serve for one (1) week at a time each, under the control and direction of the Clerk of the House. Only persons over the age of thirteen (13) years shall be eligible to serve as pages.

16. The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall have general supervision, under the direction of the Speaker of the House, in maintaining the decorum and security of the House. He shall attend the sittings of the House, preserve order, execute its commands and all processes issued by its authority or by a House committee's authority, and have control of the assistants to the Sergeant at Arms. He shall clear the House of all visitors one (1) hour before each session convenes and not allow visitors on the Floor of the House for ten (10) minutes after a session has recessed or adjourned. He shall see that the Hall of the House and the Committee Rooms and the Room of the Speaker of the House, the anterooms, lobbies and galleries thereof are secure during the sitting of the House, and that all necessary conveniences are supplied to the members, officers and committees.

17. Each assistant to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall be known as an Assistant Sergeant at Arms, and shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Sergeant at Arms.

DECORUM AND DEBATE

18. When any member desires to speak, to make a motion, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise at his desk and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker" and, on being recognized, may address the House from any place on the floor and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

18A. Whenever a member is on the floor of the House while the House is in session, each male member of the House shall wear a coat and necktie, except when seated, and each female member of the House shall wear appropriate attire. No visitor or guest on the House floor shall be required to comply with this rule.

18B. Smoking shall not be permitted in any areas of the Capitol that are assigned to the House of Representatives and under the jurisdiction of the House Management Committee. As used in this rule, "smoking" means to inhale, exhale, burn, carry or otherwise possess any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other object or device of any form that contains lighted tobacco or any other smoking product. The Sergeant at Arms shall enforce the provisions of this rule.

18C. The regular floor proceedings of the House shall be telecast by high-speed wireless Internet transmission. Cameras used in making such telecasts may be allowed only to show a House member speaking at the podium and the Speaker or other officer presiding over the House while the House is convened. Reporters and technicians necessary to effectuate the telecasts may be admitted to the House chamber for this limited purpose; however, no camera, apparatus or procedure that would interfere with the proceedings of the House shall be used, and all telecasting shall be done from areas reserved or set aside for such activities by the Committee on Rules. No member or any other person shall use a phone, camera or other streaming device while in the House chamber to telecast, livestream or broadcast the regular floor proceedings of the House in any manner other than the telecast required by this rule, unless approved by the Committee on Rules.

19. No member shall call by name another member present in debate.
 20. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may on point of order ask the Speaker to call the transgressor to order; and the member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the House if appealed to, shall decide on the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if against him and the case requires it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House, or such other punishment as the House may deem proper.
 21. If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's desk and read aloud to the House; but he shall not be held to answer, nor be subject to the censure of the House therefor, if further debate on other business has intervened.
 22. When two (2) or more members seek recognition at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak.
 23. No member shall speak more than ten (10) minutes on any main question, or five (5) minutes on an amendment or any subsidiary question, without leave of the House, unless he or she is the mover, proposer, or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he or she shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak has spoken. A member who has spoken once, but who has not consumed his or her whole time shall not be permitted to speak again on the same question until each member that desires to do so has spoken.
 24. After the motion to lay on the table, those in opposition to the motion shall be allowed five (5) minutes for discussion.
 25. While the Speaker is putting a question, or addressing the House, no member shall walk out of, or across or about the Hall or converse with another, nor when a member is speaking, pass between him and the Chair, or entertain private discourse. And during the session of the House, no member or other person shall remain at the Clerk's desk at any time. No member or others shall expectorate upon the floor of the House, and the Sergeant at Arms and doorkeepers are charged with the strict enforcement of this rule.
 26. No member shall vote on any question in the result of which he is pecuniarily interested, nor in any other case where he was not present when the question was put.
 27. Every member who shall be in the House when a question is put shall vote on one (1) side or the other unless the House shall, for special reasons, excuse him.
 28. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he shall have leave, or be sick, or unable to attend. Fifteen (15) members shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members and order a call of the House.
- ON MOTIONS, THEIR PRECEDENCE, ETC.**
29. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when operating under the previous question, but a motion to adjourn being lost, shall not be renewed until some business has intervened.
 30. Every motion made to the House and entertained by the Speaker shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member, and may be entered on the Journal with the name of the member making the motion.
 31. When a motion has been made, the Speaker shall state it or (if it be in writing) cause it to be read aloud by the Clerk before being debated, and it shall then be in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn by unanimous consent at any time before a decision or amendment.

32. No dilatory motion shall be entertained by the Speaker.

33. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but:

- (1) To adjourn
- (2) To lay on the table
- (3) For the previous question
- (4) To lay on the table subject to call
- (5) To postpone to a day certain
- (6) To refer
- (7) To amend
- (8) To postpone indefinitely

which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day at the same stage of the question.

34. A motion to postpone a question beyond the time at which it can be considered is equivalent to complete disapproval and should be treated as a motion to postpone indefinitely.

The motion to postpone indefinitely is debatable and opens the main question to debate.

A majority vote of the members voting is required for the adoption of the motion to postpone indefinitely. The adoption of a motion to postpone indefinitely shall be treated as a vote on the final passage of a measure and shall be subject to reconsideration as such.

35. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of an amendment; nor shall any amendment be adopted changing the original purpose of the bill.

36. The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendments to that section. If a measure is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be made. The Speaker shall, in recognizing members for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, endeavor to cause all amendments to Section 1 to be considered first, then all those to Section 2 and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the whole measure shall be open for amendment.

An amendment to strike all after the enacting or resolving clause or to strike out the enacting or resolving clause of a measure shall, if carried, be considered as equivalent to rejection of the measure by the House, and the vote thereon shall be taken by a roll-call vote. Amendments to an amendment shall be voted on before substitute is taken up. Only one (1) amendment to the amendment is in order at one time; but as rapidly as one is disposed of by rejection or adoption, another is in order as long as any member desires to offer one. A substitute amendment may be offered to an amendment. An amendment to the substitute may be offered. No other amendment can be offered since the third degree has been reached. The vote shall be taken in the following order: the amendment to the amendment shall first be voted on; then the amendment to the substitute; then the substitute amendment and if the substitute is adopted, then the original amendment shall be regarded as automatically tabled.

An amendment to a pending question requires only a majority vote for its adoption, even though the question may require a vote greater than a majority, for adoption.

It is in order for a House bill with Senate amendments to be referred to the proper committee or committees.

On all questions, whether in committee or in the House, the last amendment, the most distant day or hour and the largest sum shall be put first.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

37. No rule shall be suspended except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

38. All motions to suspend the rules shall embrace fully the object for which they are to be suspended.

39. A motion to suspend the rules shall be deemed a privileged motion, and shall take precedence of all other motions except the motion to adjourn, but it shall not be in order to make a motion to suspend the rules while the House is engaged in the consideration of other business.

40. On a motion to suspend the rules for reading a bill a third time, no debate shall be allowed unless the motion prevails.

41. An affirmative vote on a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up any particular bill, or resolution, shall not have the effect of precluding any motion or amendment in relation thereto which would have been in order if the bill or resolution had been brought before the House in the regular order.

42. A motion to suspend the rules for a particular purpose having been decided in the negative, it shall not be in order to renew the motion for the same purpose during the same day.

MOTION TO REFER

43. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House may be referred upon original reference at the pleasure of the House by suspension of the rules; provided, however, any bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report, or other paper being before the House after the original reference thereof may be referred to a standing or select committee by a majority vote of the members of the House present and voting.

44. The vote on a motion to refer to committee may not be reconsidered. A motion to recommit or commit to committee shall be considered a motion to refer.

45. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House may be presented by any member who shall state briefly to the House the contents thereof; and no such bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report or other paper addressed to the House shall be read in full to the House but shall be filed with the Clerk, attention called thereto, and referred to the proper committee, unless by a majority vote of those present in the House should desire the same read.

46. Any member upon recognition by the Speaker may object to the reading of any document before the House. After such objection, the question of reading shall be determined without debate by a majority vote of the members present, upon a brief statement of its substance by the Speaker.

47. When a bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report and other paper addressed to the House is offered, a motion made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:

- A standing committee
- A select committee
- Committee of the Whole

When more than one (1) standing committee is proposed, the last proposed shall be the first voted upon as an amendment to strike out and insert.

48. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House shall, upon introduction, be referred by the Speaker to the committee having

jurisdiction over the subject matter, and shall be considered by the House only after having been reported by such committee.

Provided, however, it shall be in order to consider a bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report, and other papers under the suspension of rules.

49. When a bill or concurrent resolution is originally referred to two (2) or more committees and favorably reported by them, the chairman of the first-named committee shall have the option of handling the bill or resolution on the floor.

Local and private bills may, in the discretion of the Speaker, be referred to two (2) or more committees, if, in the discretion of the Speaker, the nature and effect of said local and private bill shall require the consideration of another committee.

General bills written in such a way as to be local and private in nature shall be referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Local and Private Legislation and/or such other committee as permitted by the rules.

READING OF BILLS

50. After a bill has been read for the first time, if there is no objection, the rules shall be considered suspended and the bill placed on its second reading.

51. After a bill has been read the second time it shall be subject to amendment, but no discussion shall be allowed, or amendment adopted, until the bill shall have been referred to a committee with the proposed amendments thereto.

52. When a bill is up for final passage, and two (2) or more major amendments have been adopted, a motion to recommit shall be in order and have precedence over all other business. However, it shall be in order for the chairman of the first-named committee from which the bill was reported to the House or any member of the House designated by the chairman to make a motion to recommit without two (2) or more major amendments having been adopted.

53. Special order after the reading of the Journal of the preceding day shall be:

- (1) Senate messages.
- (2) Senate bills on the first and second reading and for the proper reference to the committees.
- (3) House bills on second reading.

REGULAR ORDER

54. The regular order shall be:

- (1) Report of select committees.
- (2) Report of standing committees in their order.
- (3) Introduction of bills and constitutional amendments.
- (4) Resolutions, petitions, memorials and other papers.
- (5) Introduction of guests and visitors.
- (6) Disposition of pending business on previous day, provided that nothing shall be considered under this section except propositions actually pending before the House at the time of adjournment on the previous day.
- (7) Consideration of conference reports.

When a conference report is called up, only three (3) courses are open: (a) agree, (b) disagree, or (c) recommit to the same or another conference committee with or without instructions. However, only two (2) motions for the three (3) courses are in order: (a) agree, or (b) recommit to the same or another conference committee with or without instructions. If both motions are offered, the motion to recommit shall take precedence.

A conference report must be acted on as a whole and dealt with in its entirety.

A conference report may not be amended except by a concurrent resolution.

When conference results in disagreement, conferees reporting such disagreement in writing are thereby discharged and new conferees may be appointed.

(8) Consideration of bills for concurrence.

When Senate amendments to a House bill are before the body, they shall be either concurred in or not concurred in their entirety and not separately. The motion that the House do not concur in Senate amendments but invite conference shall take precedence over the motion that the House do concur. The concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall require for adoption the same vote as was required for the original passage of the measure and shall be on roll call duly entered and recorded in the Journal of the House. However, if the Senate amendments would make the House bill a revenue bill under the Joint Rules or the Mississippi Constitution if the amendments were engrossed into the bill, then the vote on concurrence in the Senate amendments shall require the same vote as required for the final passage of a revenue bill.

(9) Consideration of motions to reconsider.

(10) Consideration and passage of bills and resolutions on the general calendar.

(11) The Rules Committee may report at any time.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

55. The order of business shall not be changed except by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, and all questions relating to the priority shall be decided without debate.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

56. In all cases in forming a Committee of the Whole, which shall be done by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, the Speaker shall leave his chair and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall preside. If the Speaker Pro Tempore is absent or if the Speaker Pro Tempore moved to go into the Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall appoint a chairman to preside, who shall, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, have the power to cause the same to be cleared, but the member making the motion to go into Committee of the Whole shall not be called to the chair.

57. Upon a bill being referred to the Committee of the Whole, the same shall first be read through by the Clerk, unless the committee shall otherwise order, and then read and debated by sections, leaving the title to be last considered. After report, the bill shall again be subject to debate and amendment before the question of engrossing it be taken.

58. The only motions permitted in Committee of the Whole are: to limit debate; to propose amendments; to recommend; to recess committee subject to the call of the chairman; to reconsider, provided said motion to reconsider may be called up immediately or at any time during the time the House is resolved into the Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the matter before the committee; and to rise.

59. The rules of the procedure in the House shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far as they may be applicable and in all committees, provided standing and select committees may exclude from their committee procedures those House Rules not compatible, in the opinion of said committee, with the proper function of said committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES

60. (1) The following shall be the standing committees of the House:

- (a) Rules Committee, as provided for in Rule 11 of these rules;
- (b) Management Committee, as provided for in Rule 11A of these rules;
- (c) Ethics Committee, as provided for in Rule 63A of these rules;

(d) Committee	Number of Members
Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency	11
Agriculture	33
Apportionment and Elections	17
Appropriations	33
Banking and Financial Services	29
Conservation and Water Resources	17
Constitution	9
Corrections	17
County Affairs	19
Drug Policy	15
Education	27
Energy	27
Forestry	11
Gaming.....	19
Insurance.....	27
Interstate Cooperation	7
Judiciary A.....	25
Judiciary B.....	25
Local and Private Legislation	7
Marine Resources	11
Medicaid	19
Military Affairs.....	15
Municipalities.....	17
Ports, Harbors and Airports	11
Public Health and Human Services.....	29
Public Property	15
Public Utilities	23
Technology.....	11
Tourism	21
Transportation	29
Universities and Colleges	27
Ways and Means.....	33
Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.....	15
Workforce Development	15
Youth and Family Affairs.....	8

(2) No member shall serve on both the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations. Each member who is not a member of the Committee on Ways and Means or the Committee on Appropriations shall serve on at least four (4) committees listed in this rule.

(3) The Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means each shall consist of thirty-three (33) members appointed by the Speaker, six (6) members from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020, and nine (9) members from the state at large. Appointments from the congressional districts shall be made on the basis of seniority. For the purposes of this rule, "seniority" shall mean length of service, continuous or interrupted, in either the House of Representatives or the Senate. However, seniority among members having the same length of service shall be determined as follows: first, continuous, uninterrupted service in the House; second, continuous, uninterrupted

service in the House and Senate; third, interrupted service in the House; and fourth, interrupted service in the House and Senate.

(4) In order for a member to be eligible for the rights accorded by this subsection (4), a member shall submit a list of his or her committee preferences, setting forth at least ten (10) committees in order of preference with the most preferred being first on the list, to the Clerk of the House by 5:00 p.m. on the third calendar day of the first legislative session immediately following the year in which the members of the Legislature are elected. With regard to committee appointments, the following shall be followed by the Speaker of the House in making such appointments:

(a) Each member of the House who has served in the House for less than four (4) years, whether such service be continuous or interrupted, and who is not appointed to be a member of the Committee on Appropriations or the Committee on Ways and Means shall, as a matter of right, be appointed to serve on at least two (2) of the first seven (7) committees on such list, not to include Appropriations and Ways and Means; and

(b) Each member of the House who has served in the House for four (4) years or more, whether such service be continuous or interrupted, and who is not appointed to be a member of the Committee on Appropriations or the Committee on Ways and Means shall, as a matter of right, be appointed to serve on at least three (3) of the first seven (7) committees on such list, not to include Appropriations and Ways and Means.

(5) In making committee appointments, the Speaker shall give consideration to the preferences as expressed by the members on their lists as provided in subsection (4) of this rule, and to the seniority, abilities, and geographic location of the members.

61. The first member named on a committee shall be its chairman and the second member named shall be its vice chairman, except that the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee shall be elected as provided in Rule 11A. However, no member who serves as chairman or vice chairman of a standing committee shall serve as chairman or vice chairman of another standing committee, except that the Chairman of the Ethics Committee, the Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee and the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee may be the chairman of another standing committee. There shall be no further rank on committees, the remaining members being listed thereon in alphabetical order. Each committee shall, after its organization, immediately determine by a majority vote what shall constitute a sufficient quorum for it to proceed to business, which quorum shall be not less than a majority of the committee, and shall report that action to the Clerk of the House.

62. Bills, resolutions and other measures, at the discretion of the Speaker, may be referred to Judiciary en banc, in which event the Judiciary A Committee and the Judiciary B Committee shall sit as one (1) committee and be presided over by the Chairman of Judiciary A.

63. The chairman of each House committee shall keep a record of meetings and attendance and shall make with his report each time a statement showing the hour his committee met and the hour it adjourned, together with the names of all the members of the committee who were absent from the meeting, who had not been previously excused by him or by the Speaker to attend to other legislative duties.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

63A. As used in the context of this rule, the word "committee" shall mean the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives, and the phrase "majority of the committee" shall mean a majority of the members to which the committee is entitled.

The committee shall consist of eight (8) members, one (1) from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and one (1) from each Supreme Court district, appointed by the Speaker.

The Speaker shall appoint from the members a chairman, vice chairman and secretary for the committee.

The chairman shall notify all members of the committee at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the date, time and place of a meeting. Whenever the chairman shall refuse to call a meeting, a majority of the committee may vote to call a meeting by giving two (2) days' written notice to the Speaker of the House setting forth the time and place for such meeting. Such notice shall be posted in the office of the Clerk of the House, and if such meeting is called while the Legislature is in session the notice shall be read to the House. Thereafter, the meeting shall be held at the time and place specified in such notice.

The committee shall conduct its investigations, hearings and meetings relating to a specific investigation or a specific member, officer or employee of the House in closed session, and the fact that such investigation is being conducted or to be conducted, or that hearings or such meetings are being held or are to be held shall be confidential information, unless the person subject to investigation advises the committee in writing that he elects that such hearing shall be held publicly. In the event of such an election, the committee shall furnish such person a public hearing. All other meetings of the committee shall be open to the public.

The committee shall receive complaints from any citizen against members, officers and employees of the House alleging improper or unethical conduct. Any such complaint must be in writing signed by the person filing the complaint and acknowledged by a notary public, and must set forth in detail the conduct in question and the section of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute, or of the Constitution violated. The person against whom the complaint has been brought shall be notified in writing and given a copy of the complaint. Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the complaint, such person may file a written answer thereto with the committee. Upon receipt of the answer, by vote of a majority of the committee, the committee shall either dismiss the complaint within ten (10) days or proceed with a formal investigation, to include hearings, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after notice in writing to the person so charged that the committee is proceeding with a formal investigation. Personal service of such notice shall be made by the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and a return made thereon to the committee. Failure of the person charged to file an answer shall not be deemed to be an admission or create an inference or presumption that the complaint is true, and such failure to file an answer shall not prohibit a majority of the committee from either proceeding with a formal investigation or dismissing the complaint.

A majority of the committee may, on its own, initiate a preliminary investigation of any suspected violation of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute, or Constitution by a member, officer or employee of the House. If it is determined by a majority of the committee that a violation of a rule or law may have occurred, the person in question shall be notified in writing of the conduct in question and the section of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute or Constitution violated. Within fifteen (15) days, such person may file a written answer thereto. Upon receipt of the answer, by vote of a majority of the committee, the committee shall either dismiss the charges within ten (10) days or proceed with a formal investigation, to include hearings, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after notice in writing to the person so charged that the committee is proceeding with a formal investigation. Personal service of such notice shall be made by the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and a return made thereon to the committee. Failure of the person charged to file an answer shall not be deemed to be an admission or create an inference or presumption that the charge is true, and such failure to file an answer shall not prohibit a majority of the committee from either proceeding with a formal investigation or dismissing the charge.

In the event that the committee desires to review the statement of economic interest or any other statement filed with the Mississippi Ethics Commission by any member, officer or

employee of the House, the commission shall furnish a certified copy of the statement to the committee.

In the event that the committee shall elect to proceed with a formal investigation of the conduct of any member, officer or employee of the House, the committee may, in its discretion, employ independent counsel who shall not be employed by the House for any other purpose or in any other capacity during such investigation.

Such person shall be entitled to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, face his accuser, and be represented by counsel.

The chairman may continue any hearing for reasonable cause, and upon the vote of a majority of the committee or upon the request of any person subject to investigation, the chairman shall issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence relating to any matter under formal investigation by the committee.

All testimony, documents, records, data, statements or information received by the committee in the course of any investigation shall be private and confidential, except in the case of public hearings or in a report to the House. The committee may release any confidential information, including a report thereon, regarding any member, officer or employee at the request of such member, officer or employee. No report shall be made to the House unless a majority of the committee has made a finding of unethical or improper conduct on the part of the person under investigation. No finding of unethical or improper conduct shall be valid unless signed by at least a majority of the committee. Any such report may include a minority report. No action shall be taken on any finding of improper or unethical conduct nor shall such finding or report containing such finding be made public sooner than seven (7) days after a copy of the finding is sent by certified mail to the member, officer or employee under investigation.

The committee may meet with a committee of the Senate to hold investigations or hearings involving employees of the two (2) houses jointly or employees of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and any other joint committee created by the Legislature; provided, however, no action may be taken at a joint meeting unless it is approved by a majority of the committee.

In the event that a member of the committee shall be under investigation, such member shall be temporarily replaced on the committee in a like manner as the member's original appointment.

The committee, upon the written request of a member, officer or employee of the House, shall issue opinions in writing with regard to real or hypothetical situations pertaining to legislative ethics or decorum. When a request made under this paragraph has stated all the facts to govern the opinion and an opinion has been prepared and issued with reference to the request, there shall be no liability, civil or criminal, accruing to or against the person requesting the opinion who, in good faith, follows the direction of the opinion and acts in accordance with the opinion, unless a court of competent jurisdiction, after a full hearing, judicially declares that the opinion is manifestly wrong and without substantial support. No opinion shall be considered or issued if the opinion is requested after suit is filed, prosecution begun, or a complaint has been filed with the committee under this rule. All requests for opinions and all opinions issued under this paragraph shall be confidential and the committee shall not publicly disclose any opinion issued or the fact that an opinion has been requested or issued unless the person requesting the opinion gives his or her written permission to the committee. However, opinions of the committee, with such deletions and changes as are necessary to protect the identity of the person involved or seeking them, may be published and distributed to all the members of the House.

Any member of the committee breaching the confidentiality of materials and events as set forth in this rule shall, by a majority vote of the committee, be removed immediately from

the committee and replaced by another member of the House in a like manner as the member's original appointment.

Any officer or employee of the House shall be subject to the same restriction of confidentiality as a member of the committee, and a breach of this restriction shall be grounds for dismissal of any officer or employee.

The committee may adopt rules of procedure for the orderly conduct of its affairs, investigations, hearings and meetings, which rules are not inconsistent with this rule.

The committee shall continue to exist and have authority and power to function after the sine die adjournment of the Legislature, and shall so continue until the expiration of the then current term of office of the members of the committee.

CODE OF ETHICS

63B. In addition to the other rules of the House of Representatives, and in supplement thereto, the following Code of Ethics is established as a standard of conduct for members.

(1) No member, officer or employee of the House shall:

(a) Accept employment or engage in any business or professional activity which will require him to disclose confidential information which he has gained by reason of his official position or authority;

(b) Improperly disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties nor use such information to further his personal interests;

(c) Use or attempt to use his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others;

(d) Use for private gain any information not available to the public at large and acquired by him solely by virtue of his position, and no information described in this subsection shall be disclosed by a member to others for purposes of their use for private gain.

(2) Each member of the House shall file the statement of economic interest or any other statement required to be filed by the Mississippi Ethics Commission which shall be signed under oath as to the accuracy and completeness of the information set forth to the best knowledge of the person submitting such statement.

Required statements hereunder shall be filed with the Mississippi Ethics Commission with such information as is required by law. In the event of any substantial change occurring after the time required for filing as to matters covered in this section, a supplemental statement shall be filed within thirty (30) days thereafter reflecting such new information.

(3) Any member who shall undertake to represent or to intervene for any person for compensation before any state agency shall file a statement with the Ethics Committee within thirty (30) days after undertaking that representation. Such statement shall identify the person represented and the nature of the business involved; however, this provision shall not apply: (a) where such representation involves only the uncontested or routine actions of administrative officers or employees of the state in issuing or renewing a license, charter, certificate or similar document, and (b) where such representation is before the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission.

(4) In addition to the filings required herein, copies of the statements required to be filed under this rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State. Such statements shall be open to the general public and shall be filed at the same time as filings required hereinabove.

64. Appropriation and revenue bills shall, at regular sessions of the Legislature, have precedence over all other business and no such bill shall be passed during the last five (5) days of the session.

65. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills to examine all engrossed and enrolled bills, correct all mistakes therein, and report the bills to the House and this report shall be in order at any time.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

66. There shall be a motion for the previous question, which being ordered by a majority of members voting, if a quorum be present, shall have the effect to cut off all debate and bring the House to a direct vote upon the immediate question, or questions, on which it has been asked and ordered, except that each side shall be allowed ten (10) minutes on the main question and five (5) minutes on any subsidiary question for debate, the affirmative closing the debate. The previous question may be asked and ordered upon a single motion, a series of motions allowable under the rules, or an amendment or amendments, or may be made to embrace all authorized motions or amendments and include the bill to its recommitment, passage or rejection. It shall be in order after the previous question shall have been ordered on its passage, for the Speaker to entertain and submit a motion without debate to recommit, with or without instruction, to a standing or select committee. Provided, however, a motion to reconsider the vote whereby an amendment has been adopted or rejected shall not be in order after the previous question has been ordered.

67. If the previous question is lost, the motion may not be renewed until a subsequent vote has been taken on any matter.

68. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether an appeal or otherwise, without debate.

ON CALLS OF THE ROLL

69. Upon every roll call where the vote is not taken using the electronic roll-call system in Rule 97, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically by surname, except when two (2) or more have the same surname, in which case the name of the county shall be added; and if there are two (2) such members from the same county, the name and initials shall be called, and after the roll has been once called, the Clerk shall call in their alphabetical order the names of those not voting; and thereafter the Speaker shall not entertain a request to record a vote or announce a pair; and the yeas and nays on any question shall be entered on the Journal, at the request of one-tenth (1/10) of the members present; and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the Journal on the final passage of every bill.

ABSENCE OF QUORUM

70. In the absence of a quorum, fifteen (15) members, including the Speaker, if there is one, shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, and in all calls of the House the doors shall be closed, the names of the members shall be called by the Clerk, and the absentees noted; and those for whom no sufficient excuse is made may, by order of a majority of those present, be sent for and arrested, wherever they may be found, by officers appointed by the Sergeant at Arms for that purpose, and their attendance secured and retained; and the House shall determine upon what condition they shall be discharged. Members who voluntarily appear shall, unless the House otherwise direct, be immediately admitted to the Hall of the House, and they shall report their names to the Clerk to be entered upon the Journal as present.

71. On the demand of any member, or at the suggestion of the Speaker, the names of members sufficient to make a quorum in the Hall of the House who do not vote shall be

noted by the Clerk and recorded in the Journal, and reported to the Speaker with the names of the members voting and be counted and announced in determining the presence of a quorum to do business.

72. Whenever a quorum fails to vote on any question and a quorum is not present and objection is made for that cause, unless the House shall adjourn there shall be a call of the House, and the Sergeant at Arms shall forthwith proceed to bring absent members, and the yeas and nays on the pending question shall at the same time be considered as ordered.

The Clerk shall call the roll, and each member as he answers to his name may vote on the pending question, and, after the roll call is completed, each member arrested shall be brought by the Sergeant at Arms before the House, whereupon he shall be noted as present, discharged from arrest, and given an opportunity to vote and his vote shall be recorded. If those voting on the question and those who are present and decline to vote shall together make a majority of the House, the Speaker shall declare that a quorum is constituted, and the pending question shall be decided as the majority of those voting shall appear; and thereupon further proceedings under the call shall be considered as dispensed with. At any time after the roll call has been completed, the Speaker may entertain a motion to adjourn, if seconded by a majority of those present, to be ascertained by actual count by the Speaker; and if the House adjourns, all proceedings under this section shall be vacated.

DIVISION OF QUESTION

73. On demand of any member, before the question is put, a question shall be divided if it include propositions so distinct in substance, that one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain.

74. (1) Questions of privilege shall be:

First, those affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity and the integrity of its proceedings.

Second, the rights, reputation and conduct of members individually in their representative capacity only.

(2) No member shall speak more than ten (10) minutes on any question of privilege.

HOURS OF MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

75. Two o'clock in the afternoon on each legislative day shall be the standing hour to which the House adjourns, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the members present and voting.

76. The hour at which every motion to adjourn is made shall be entered on the Journal.

77. It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to prescribe a schedule for regular meetings of standing committees.

78. Every bill or resolution, when favorably reported by the proper committee, shall be made available for viewing on the members' computers and shall be reproduced with sufficient copies so that copies thereof may be placed on the desk of every member who requests to have a copy, before any such bill or resolution is placed on final passage. No bill or resolution shall be considered by the House unless it is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members who request to have a copy of the bill or resolution have been furnished copies thereof, except by unanimous consent. When a bill or resolution is being considered by the House, all amendments offered have been disposed of, and two (2) or more major amendments have been adopted, any member may move that the bill be engrossed. If such motion is adopted by a majority of those present and voting, further consideration of such bill or resolution shall be suspended until the bill or

resolution has been engrossed and the engrossed bill or resolution is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members present who request to have a copy have been furnished copies of the engrossed bill or resolution. When the engrossed bill or resolution is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members who request to have a copy have been furnished copies of the engrossed bill or resolution, the bill or resolution shall then become pending business of the House as soon as the main question then under consideration has been disposed of. The committee or any member proposing a substitute or an amendment which is, in effect, a substitute for an entire bill or resolution, shall provide the substitute or amendment to the Clerk to make it available for viewing on the members' computers and provide copies of the substitute or amendment to all members who request a copy before the same shall be voted on for consideration or adoption, except on suspension of the rules.

79. When a bill, memorial or resolution has been finally rejected in the House, it shall not again be introduced or considered during the same session without notice of three (3) days and leave of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, and a bill so offered for reintroduction shall be regarded as the same, if it deals substantially with the same subject matter.

SPECIAL ORDER

80. Special orders of the day not disposed of on the day assigned, shall stand for every succeeding day, until disposed of.

81. (1) A motion to postpone to a day certain shall require a majority of those present and voting for its adoption, but a motion to postpone to a time certain shall be deemed, and treated as, a motion to set as a special order. (2) A motion to set a special order may be amended as to time. It is debatable only as to the question of setting the special order and does not open up the main question to debate. (3) A motion to set a special order shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting. (4) When special orders that have been made at different times come into conflict, the one that was first made takes precedence over all special orders made afterwards, although the latter were made for an earlier hour.

CALENDARS

82. Bills reported by committees shall be given a serial number by the Clerk and shall be placed on the calendar in the order in which reported by the committee and shall be called for consideration in that order. Bills on the calendar may only be called up by the chairman of the first-named committee from which the bill was reported to the House, or any member of the House designated by the chairman. When a bill is called for consideration in the order in which placed on the calendar and is not considered by the House, it shall go to the heel of the calendar, unless a majority of the members present allow the bill to retain its place on the calendar. Separate calendars shall be kept for the bills reported by the Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, Rules, and Local and Private Legislation.

83. Any committee or individual member of the House may apply to the Committee on Rules to set a time for the taking up, ahead of its regular place on the calendar, of any measure favorably reported by the committee to which the measure has been referred. The Committee on Rules may grant such request by a majority vote. The Committee on Rules may designate a day of each legislative week as a noncontroversial bill day. When such a day be designated, all bills appearing on the calendar shall be considered in their regular order provided, however, that should ten percent (10%) of the membership object to any measure on the noncontroversial calendar stating that it is of a controversial nature, that measure shall go to the heel of the General House Calendar.

84. The calendar shall be made up from day to day.

MINORITY REPORT

85. Bills adversely reported by the committees shall not be placed on the calendar at all unless accompanied by a minority report signed by one or more members who were present at the committee meeting at which the bill was reported. Minority reports must be filed within three (3) legislative days after the bill has been reported by the committee; a minority report shall be placed on the calendar at the heel of favorably reported bills and shall not be considered until all favorably reported bills are disposed of, except on a suspension of the rules on a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those elected to the House and on roll call, whereupon, the House may proceed immediately to the consideration thereof.

86. Matters affecting the public interest and regarded as of immediate necessity may be advanced on the calendar by the Rules Committee, and such matters may also be advanced on the calendar by a vote of a majority of the members elected to the House of Representatives.

RULES

87. The permanent Rules of the House may not be changed or amended except by three (3) days' notice by a motion entered in writing and placed on the Journal and by a vote of three-fifths (3/5) of those present and voting, except that no rule shall be changed or amended unless at least a majority of the elected members of the House of Representatives vote for said change or amendment.

Provided, however, the rules, or a rule, may be amended or changed by a resolution referred to the Rules Committee, reported favorably, and adopted by a majority of the elected members of the House of Representatives, and such resolutions, once reported, shall not be amended except by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the elected members of the House of Representatives.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby a rule has been adopted or failed shall not be in order at any time.

88. The current Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the foregoing rules, the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi.

89. No person shall be entitled to enter upon the Floor of the House except: Members, their spouses, former members of the Legislature, unless said former member is a registered lobbyist, officers and employees of the House; members, officers and employees of the Senate; members of the news media who have proper credentials issued by the Rules Committee; ministers invited by the Speaker or the Clerk; and such others as the Committee on Rules may designate.

Doors between the lobby and the cloak room, and the door between the lobby and the Hall of the House shall be kept closed. Visitors invited and personally accompanied by members are permitted in the lobby. The Speaker is charged with the enforcement of this rule, and it shall be the duty of any member, officer or employee of the House to inform the Speaker of any violation of this rule. This rule is applicable from one (1) hour before the House convenes each day until the House adjourns each day.

90. Privilege of reports from Committee on Rules, and limitations thereon.

It shall always be in order to call up for consideration a report from the Committee on Rules and, pending the consideration thereof, the Speaker may entertain one (1) motion that the House adjourn; but after the result is announced, he shall not entertain any other dilatory motion until the report has been fully disposed of.

91. No committee, except the Committee on Rules, shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

92. Each member, who desires to introduce a bill shall place same in box in front of the Clerk's desk at any hour to suit his convenience, and the Clerk is instructed to take these out at each session when the order for introduction of bills and constitutional amendments is reached, and read their titles, and after the expiration of not less than one (1) legislative day, the Speaker shall refer them to the proper committees; provided, however, that this shall not prevent the immediate references of said bills or constitutional amendments under a suspension of the rules.

93. All bills and resolutions must be typewritten or printed. Bills and resolutions must be introduced in original form (not carbon, photocopy or facsimile) and should be free from interlineations, corrections and strikeouts, whether with ink, pencil or typewriter. Amendments proposed by members or by committees must not be written into a bill or resolution until such amendments shall be adopted by the House.

94. In addition to any other time provided by law or by rule, members of the House may file bills or resolutions with the Clerk of the House at any time during the period between sessions of the Legislature. Such prefiled bills shall be numbered by the Clerk of the House and referred by the Speaker to the appropriate standing committee of the House for study. Such prefiled bills shall be introduced in the order filed on the first day of the next succeeding regular session of the Legislature, or special session if included within the Governor's call, and referred to committee in the regular order of business of the House.

WITHDRAW FROM COMMITTEE

95. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, every House bill, resolution or measure referred to any committee, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation by the twenty-seventh day of a ninety-day session and by the sixty-second day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and every Senate bill, resolution or measure referred to any committee, and not reported therefrom by the fifty-fifth day of a ninety-day session and by the ninetieth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, may be withdrawn from the committee on a motion made in writing, which motion must be read by the Clerk immediately upon its introduction, setting forth the reasons why the bill should be withdrawn from the committee, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting. It may then be taken up and considered by the Committee of the Whole House in accordance with the procedure set forth in House Rule 56, or, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting it may be recommitted to a standing committee. During extraordinary or special sessions of the Legislature, any bill, including an appropriation or revenue bill, may be withdrawn from committee after three (3) days from the date of reference. A motion to withdraw a bill from a committee shall not be voted upon by the House on the day which the motion is made, except upon suspension of the rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

(2) Any House appropriation bill or revenue bill referred to the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule if the motion for withdrawal is made by the fiftieth day of a ninety-day session and by the eighty-fifth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session.

(3) Any Senate appropriation bill or revenue bill referred to the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule if the motion for withdrawal is made by the seventieth day of a ninety-day session and by the one-hundred-fifth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session

(4) Any House resolution or House concurrent resolution that is referred after the twenty-ninth day of a ninety-day session or after the sixty-fourth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and any Senate concurrent resolution that is referred to a House committee after the fifty-seventh day of a ninety-day session or after the ninety-second day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule.

(5) For the purposes of this rule, the term "revenue bill" shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily for regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall not be considered as revenue bills for the purposes of this rule.

(6) If the Legislature shortens a ninety-day regular session or a one-hundred-twenty-five-day regular session by moving the deadlines for processing legislation that are set forth in Joint Rule 40 to dates earlier than the dates otherwise set for those sessions, the dates set forth in this subsection (6) shall apply to the motion for withdrawing a bill from committee. A general bill, resolution or measure that has not been reported from the committee to which it has been referred may be withdrawn from the committee after the second day before the deadline for the committee to report the bill, resolution or measure. An appropriation or revenue bill that has not been reported from the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee, as the case may be, within ten (10) legislative days after referral, may be withdrawn from the applicable committee if the motion for withdrawal is made by the day before the deadline for original House floor action on the bill. A House resolution or House concurrent resolution that is referred after the deadline for committees to report House general bills, and any Senate concurrent resolution that is referred to a House committee after the deadline for House committees to report Senate general bills, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule. All other provisions of this rule regarding the procedure to follow and the associated vote requirements for withdrawing bills from committee shall apply.

BILLS SHALL LIE ON TABLE ONE DAY

96. Every bill or resolution requiring the signature of the Governor, all resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution, and all reports of committees except the report of the Committee on Rules, shall lie on the table one (1) day before being considered except by suspension of the rules.

ROLL CALLS

97. When taking the yeas and nays on any question to be voted upon, the electrical roll-call system may be used, and, when so used, shall have the same force and effect as a roll call taken as otherwise provided in the Rules of the House.

When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring a roll call and the vote is to be taken by the electrical roll-call system, the Speaker shall announce:

"The question is on the passage of (designating the matter to be voted upon). All those in favor (of such question) vote 'Aye'; all those opposed vote 'No.' The House will now vote."

When sufficient time has been allowed the members to vote, the Speaker shall announce one or more times: "Have all voted?" And after a short pause, the Speaker shall direct the Clerk to lock the machine and record the vote.

The Clerk shall immediately start the vote-recording equipment and, when the vote is completely recorded, shall advise the Speaker of the result, and the Speaker shall

announce the result to the House. The Clerk shall enter upon the Journal the result in the manner provided by the Rules of the House.

After the voting machine has been locked, but prior to the display of the tabulated vote on the electric voting board of the result of a roll call, any member may request to (1) change his or her vote, or (2) vote. After the vote has been tabulated and displayed on the electric voting board, a member with unanimous consent may change his or her vote on the measure, except that no such change of vote shall be permitted where such vote would alter the final vote on the measure.

No member shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member cast a vote for a member. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member may be punished in such a manner as the House may determine. If a person not a member shall vote or attempt to vote for any member, he or she shall be barred from the Floor of the House for the remainder of the session and may be punished further in such manner as the House may deem proper, in addition to such punishment as may be prescribed by law.

98. Neither the Speaker nor the House exercises jurisdiction over pairs, and the only cognizance of them taken by the rules is the provision for the announcement and publication.

99. No member shall be permitted to give an oral explanation of his vote but may reduce his explanation to writing in not more than one hundred (100) words, and upon filing with the Clerk, this explanation shall be spread on the Journal.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

100. Any member voting on any measure, shall be privileged to enter a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the measure is disposed of, at any time within the period prescribed by the rules of this House.

101. A motion to reconsider having been properly made and entered in the Journal shall become the property of the House and may be called up only by the chairman of the first-named committee from which the measure was reported to the House, or any member of the House designated by the chairman.

When a measure requires more than a majority vote for passage, it may still be reconsidered by a majority vote.

102. When a bill is read the third time in regular order, and not under suspension of the rules, it shall be considered engrossed and the House on the next or any succeeding legislative day may proceed to a vote on its final passage in the same manner as if the rules had been suspended for its consideration.

PASSAGE OVER VETO

103. (1) Upon return of a bill without the approval of the Governor accompanied by the Governor's objections to the bill, the House shall proceed to reconsider the bill by either an immediate vote on the motion for passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding, or by referral to the committee which originally recommended the bill. The manner of reconsideration shall be determined, upon proper motion, by majority vote of those present. If the bill is reconsidered by referral to the committee of origin, the committee shall report, with written recommendations, to the full House not more than three (3) legislative days from the referral of the bill in question; however, in the first year of a term, the committee shall report to the full House not more than three (3) legislative days from the date that the members of the committee are appointed. At the time of the report of such committee, only two (2) courses shall be open:

- (a) Allow Governor's veto to stand.

(b) Override Governor's veto.

The motion for the first course is a motion to allow the Governor's veto to stand, and the motion for the second course is a motion for passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding. Such a motion, while not mandatory, shall be in order at any time on the same legislative day that the report of the committee is made, but shall not be in order thereafter. However, if the committee does not report to the full House by the end of the third legislative day from the referral of the bill to committee, or by the end of the third legislative day from the date that the members of the committee are appointed in the first year of a term, then it shall be in order for any member of the House to make a motion for either of the two (2) courses on the fourth legislative day from referral or the appointment of the committee members, as the case may be, but not thereafter.

(2) Upon calling up a bill for reconsideration and passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding, the question before the House is not of reconsideration but that of overriding the Governor's veto.

(3) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting, a quorum being present, is required to pass a bill over a Governor's veto.

(4) A motion to reconsider the vote by which a vetoed bill is passed or rejected is not in order.

104. The Rules Committee shall set aside space to accommodate representatives of the press, radio and television media wishing to report proceedings and such representatives shall be admitted to such area under such regulations as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe. The supervision of such portion of the floor shall be fixed in the Committee on Rules.

(a) The correspondents shall abide by such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Rules Committee.

(b) The press table allotted to representatives of the news media shall be for their exclusive use and persons not holding correspondents' cards shall not be entitled to admission thereto.

OPEN MEETINGS

104A. All official meetings of any standing, interim or special committee of the House of Representatives, but not including conference committees, unless otherwise provided by this rule or the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi, are declared to be public meetings and shall be open to the public at all times unless declared an executive session as provided herein. Any such House committee may enter into executive session for the transaction of public business; provided, however, all meetings of any such committee shall commence as an open meeting, and an affirmative vote of a majority of all members present shall be required to declare an executive session. The procedure to be followed by such committee in declaring an executive session shall be as follows: Any member shall have the right to require a closed determination upon the issue of whether or not to declare an executive session. Such member, by motion, shall require the meeting to be closed for a preliminary determination of the necessity for executive session. No other business shall be transacted until the discussion of the nature of the matter requiring executive session has been completed and a vote taken on the issue. The total vote on the question of entering into an executive session shall be recorded and spread upon the minutes of such committee. Any such vote whereby executive session is declared shall be applicable only to that particular meeting.

Any such House committee may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of persons attending its meetings.

Minutes shall be kept of all House committees, in open or executive session, and shall consist of a written record of attendance and final actions taken at such meetings. Such minutes shall be open to public inspection during regular business hours within a reasonable time after adjournment.

During a regular or special session of the Legislature, notice of meetings of all House committees, other than conference committees, shall be given by announcement on the loudspeaker during sessions of the House or by posting on a bulletin board provided for that purpose.

When not in session, the meeting times and places of all House committees shall be kept by the Clerk of the House of Representatives and shall be available at all times during regular working hours to the public and news media.

ELECTION CONTEST

104B. The procedure for handling the contest of the election, other than a primary election, of a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives shall be as follows:

(1) Anyone desiring to contest the election, other than a primary election, of a member returned as elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives shall file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, within thirty (30) days after a regular general election or ten (10) days after a special election to fill a vacancy, a sworn petition stating particularly the grounds upon which the election is contested. A copy of the petition shall be served on the member whose election is being contested. Any allegations concerning the election, or any grounds for the contest contained in the petition, shall be stated and averred in the same manner in which circumstances constituting fraud are required to be stated with particularity when pleading special matters under the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(2) Upon the timely filing of the petition, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a special committee to resolve the election contest. Any special committee appointed by the Speaker under this subsection (2) shall be composed of the chairman, who shall be appointed from the state at large, and one (1) member of the House of Representatives from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020. In making the committee appointments, the Speaker shall give consideration to the seniority, abilities and geographic location of the members. Within fifteen (15) days after the Speaker's appointment of the special committee, the committee shall meet to organize and review the petition.

(3) (a) Either party to such an election contest may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the particular grounds stated in the petition or any response thereto, and he may use any method of discovery that is authorized under the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) Either party shall have the right of full examination of ballot boxes in accordance with Section 23-15-911, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(c) All forms of discovery shall be completed within twenty (20) days before the convening of a regular session on the Tuesday after the first Monday in January, except that in the case of a special election to fill a vacancy, discovery shall be completed within thirty (30) days after the special election.

(d) The special committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the determination of whether the filing of the petition and discovery related thereto have been timely made. If the filing of the petition or the discovery related thereto is not made timely, the election contest shall be void, and the contest and any rights related thereto shall expire by operation of law.

(4) On the first day of the regular session next occurring after the election being contested, the person who was certified by the appropriate election officials as the duly

elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives from the district in question shall be administered the oath of office by the Secretary of State as required by the Constitution, along with all other members present, and he shall not be requested to stand aside if he has been so certified. In the case of a special election contest, the oath shall be administered by the Speaker as in the case of administering the oath after any special election in which no contest has been filed. The seating and swearing in of a member who has been certified by the appropriate election officials before the special committee has concluded its deliberations shall be conditional and not permanent. The conditional seating and swearing in of the member shall vest in the member all the rights, privileges, and emoluments of the office, but without prejudice to the contest filed by the petitioner.

(5) The special committee appointed by the Speaker shall meet on the first day of the regular session next occurring after the election being contested, except that in the case of a special election to fill a vacancy, the special committee shall meet within five (5) days of the completion of discovery. The work of the special committee shall be a matter of the highest priority for the House, and any conflicts in scheduling meetings of the committee shall be resolved in favor of expediting the committee's work. The special committee shall have the power to investigate all facts concerning the election or qualifications of any member or petitioner, but shall not place itself in the position of investigating matters not alleged in the petition or any response thereto. It also shall have the power to issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of such documents or papers as may be required. The special committee shall have the authority to enforce any subpoena issued by the committee and to enforce compliance with the time limitations set forth in this rule, with the assistance of the State Attorney General or his designee.

(6) After the committee concludes its deliberations, it shall report a resolution recommending one (1) of the following courses of action to the House: (a) to seat permanently the House member who was certified and sworn in under subsection (4) of this rule, failure of which shall vacate the seat for the House district in question held by that person; (b) to seat permanently the petitioner in the election contest, passage of which will vacate the seat for that House district and the petitioner shall be sworn in for that seat; or (c) to declare the office of representative for that House district as vacant. The House shall consider the recommendation of the committee, and it shall adopt one (1) of the courses of action specified in this subsection (6), which must be adopted by a majority vote of House members present and voting.

(7) For purposes of this rule, "day" means a calendar day and includes any legal holiday.

(8) Section 55, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, which requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present to expel a seated member, shall not apply to any votes taken with regard to an election contest of a member of the House of Representatives.

(9) If the House determines that the person conditionally sworn in under subsection (4) of this rule is not qualified as a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, any vote cast in the interim shall stand and any compensation and expenses paid shall be retained by that person. If the petitioner prevails on the merits of his contest, he shall receive the regular compensation and expenses of a member of the House, retroactive to the beginning of the session, or in the case of a special election, retroactive to the date upon which the House member conditionally sworn in was seated.

(10) Under the inherent authority of the House to create procedures and rules for the governing of its internal affairs, if any provision of this rule conflicts with any provision of Sections 23-15-955 and 23-15-957, Mississippi Code of 1972, the provisions of this rule shall prevail.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

105. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three (3) days, nor to any other place than that in which the two (2) houses shall be sitting. (Art. 4, Sec. 57, Constitution).

106. No law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sections, as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length. (Art. 4, Sec. 61, Constitution).

107. No appropriation bill shall be passed by the Legislature which does not fix definitely the maximum sum thereby authorized to be drawn from the Treasury. (Art. 4, Sec. 63, Constitution).

108. All votes on the final passage of any measure shall be subject to reconsideration for at least one (1) whole legislative day, and no motion to reconsider such vote shall be disposed of adversely on the day on which the original vote was taken, except on the last day of the session. (Art. 4, Sec. 65, Constitution).

109. No new bill shall be introduced into either house of the Legislature during the last three (3) days of the session. (Art. 4, Sec. 67, Constitution).

110. No law granting a gratuity or donation in favor of any person or object shall be enacted except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members-elect of each branch of the Legislature, nor by any vote for a sectarian purpose or use. (Art. 4, Sec. 66, Constitution).

111. General appropriation bills shall contain only the appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government; to pay interest on state bonds and to support the common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one (1) subject. Legislation shall not be engrafted on appropriation bills, but the same may prescribe the conditions on which the money may be drawn, and for what purposes paid. (Art. 4, Sec. 69, Constitution).

112. No revenue bill, or any bill providing for assessments of property for taxation, shall become a law except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house present and voting. (Art. 4, Sec. 70, Constitution).

113. Every bill introduced into the Legislature shall have a title, and the title ought to indicate clearly the subject matter or matters of the proposed legislation. Each committee to which a bill may be referred shall express, in writing, its judgment of the sufficiency of the title of the bill, and this, too, whether the recommendation be that the bill do pass or do not pass. (Art. 4, Sec. 71, Constitution).

114. No bill shall become a law until it shall have been referred to a committee of each house and returned therefrom with a recommendation in writing. (Art. 4, Sec. 74, Constitution).

115. No bill passed after the adoption of this Constitution to make appropriations of money out of the State Treasury shall continue in force more than two (2) months after the expiration of the fiscal year ending after the meeting of the Legislature at its next regular session; nor shall such bill be passed except by the votes of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature. (Art. 4, Sec. 64, Constitution).

116. There shall be appointed in each house of the Legislature a standing committee on Local and Private Legislation; the House committee to consist of seven (7) Representatives, and the Senate committee of five (5) Senators. No local or private bill shall be passed in either house until it shall have been referred to said committee thereof, and shall have been reported back with a recommendation in writing that it do pass, stating affirmatively the reasons therefor, and why the end to be accomplished should not be reached by a general law, or by a proceeding in court; or if the recommendation of the committee be that the bill do not pass, then it shall not pass the house to which it is so reported unless it be voted by a majority of all the members elected thereto. If a bill is passed in conformity to the

requirements hereof, other than such as are prohibited in the next section, the courts shall not, because of its local, special, or private nature, refuse to enforce it. (Art. 4, Sec. 89, Constitution).

B. JOINT CONVENTION

1. The Senate and the House may meet in joint convention by concurrent resolution duly adopted by both houses. Such resolution shall state the day, hour and location of such joint convention and the order of business for which it is called.

2. All joint conventions of the two (2) houses shall be in the hall of the House of Representatives, unless another location is specified in the concurrent resolution, and in elections the members shall vote viva voce, and in all cases a majority of the votes of those present and voting shall be requisite to constitute an election.

Only senators and members of the House of Representatives shall be permitted on the floor of the House during joint meetings except for the newspaper, radio, and television reporters and necessary Senate and House personnel and others as may be directed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives respectively. During joint meetings, preference to gallery seats shall be given to elected state officials and families of the legislators.

3. When the two (2) houses have met in joint convention, the Speaker of the House shall call the joint convention to order and shall then turn the gavel over to the President of the Senate who shall preside, and all questions of order shall be decided by the latter, subject to an appeal to the joint convention as one (1) body. In the absence of the President of the Senate, the Speaker shall preside and perform all the duties herein provided for.

4. A call of either house may be had in joint convention by majority vote of the House for which the call is desired.

5. In a joint convention a member shall not speak longer than five (5) minutes. Any extension of time shall be specific.

6. A motion to adjourn, or to postpone the business of a joint convention shall be decided on a majority vote of those present and voting, acting as one (1) body. Upon demand of one-tenth (1/10) of the combined membership, the yeas and nays shall be taken on any matter under consideration by the joint convention, and such yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journals of both houses.

7. Upon questions arising during a joint convention, requiring the separate decision of either or both houses, the decision of the House shall be first made, then the decision of the Senate. A question for call of either house shall not come within the scope of this rule.

8. On all questions of order or parliamentary procedure not in conflict with these joint rules, the rules of the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, insofar as applicable, shall be the authority.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

9. The style of all laws shall be: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:" which shall be typed immediately preceding Section 1 of a bill. No other enacting word, such as "Be it further enacted," shall be used in any bill.

9A. (1) In a bill or other measure proposing an amendment to a code section or other provision of law, or in a resolution proposing an amendment to a constitutional provision, a change to an existing code section, other provision of law or constitutional provision shall be indicated as follows:

(a) New language that is being added shall be underlined.

(b) Existing language that is being deleted shall be denoted by the insertion of three (3) asterisk symbols; however, the text of the deleted language shall be available on the official website of the Mississippi State Legislature, by means of displaying all of the deleted language within a document pursuant to the selection of that display option by the user.

(2) The provisions of this rule shall not apply to handwritten amendments that are proposed or adopted by members while the bill, measure or resolution is under consideration by either house.

10. While bills, resolutions and messages are on their passage between the two (2) houses, they shall be under the signature of the Secretary or Clerk, respectively, as the case may be.

11. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed one (1) house has been postponed to a day so distant that it will not be taken up again at the current session, indefinitely postponed, or rejected, by a vote of the other house, information thereof shall be given by message immediately to the house in which the same shall have passed.

12. When a bill or resolution, which has passed one (1) house is rejected in the other, by a vote of that house, it shall not again be introduced during the same session, except on three (3) days' notice and on two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting in the house in which it was rejected.

13. Each house shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution may be founded.

14. Each house shall have the liberty of ordering the printing of bills, messages and reports, without the consent of the other.

15. Bills or resolutions transmitted to either the Senate or House by the other before the constitutional time has expired for entering a motion to reconsider may be recalled by message upon proper entering of a motion to reconsider.

16. Whenever any message, bill, resolution, report or document shall be ordered to be printed by the Senate or House, for use of both houses, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, immediately to report the fact of the passage of that order to the other branch of the Legislature together with the number so ordered to be printed. Payment thereof shall be made from the contingent funds of each house in the proportion ordered by each house.

17. No new bill shall be introduced into either house during the last three (3) days of the session.

18. All general bills modifying, adding, deleting or repealing language, or a repealer on language, providing for the levying of taxes, borrowing of money, issuing bonds, notes, or other evidence of debt, providing for fees or imposing the issuance of licenses, of whatever kind by the state or any subdivisions thereof, or the exemption of property from state taxes or taxes of any subdivisions thereof, shall be considered as revenue bills, and no revenue bills, or conference committee report thereon, or concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall be passed or adopted by either the Senate or the House except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of the Senate and House, respectively, present and voting.

19. Appropriation and revenue bills shall have precedence in each house, over all other business, and no such bill shall be passed during the last five (5) days of a regular session.

20. Every bill and concurrent resolution, the purpose or effect of which is to expend any state funds or enable the spending of any state funds or to increase or decrease the revenue of the state, either directly or indirectly, shall have attached to it at the time of its being reported by any committee of either house of the Legislature a brief explanatory statement or note which shall include a reliable estimate of the anticipated change in state expenditures or revenues under its provisions. These statements or notes shall be known as fiscal notes. They shall be attached to the original of each proposed bill or resolution but shall be separate therefrom, shall be clearly designated as a fiscal note, and shall not constitute a part of the law proposed by the bill or resolution.

The author of each bill or any committee considering same shall present a copy of the bill or resolution, with his or her request for a fiscal note, to either the Legislative Budget Office, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Revenue, the State Auditor, the state agency with which the bill or resolution is concerned, the state agency having jurisdiction over the subject of the bill or resolution, the Joint Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, or the Legislative Reference Bureau. The fiscal note shall be prepared by the commission or agency and furnished to the author of the bill or committee considering same within seven (7) days after the request is made. If the author of, or committee considering, the bill disagrees with the findings of the agency or agencies, then the author or committee may also attach and furnish a fiscal note, based upon his, her or its information, research, study and belief which shall then be incorporated in and become a part of the fiscal note. If the appropriate agency does not furnish a fiscal note, after seven (7) days' request, then the author or committee may furnish the fiscal note, based upon his, her or its information, research, study and belief. If, after careful investigation, it is determined that no dollar estimate is possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect, setting forth the reasons why no dollar estimate can be given. No comment or opinion shall be included in the fiscal note with regard to the merit, or lack thereof, of the measure for which the note is prepared.

Whenever the author of any measure or the committee considering same is of the opinion that no fiscal note is necessary and the measure is considered by either house of the Legislature without a fiscal note, any member of either house may thereafter request a fiscal note be obtained, and in such case the matter shall be decided by majority vote of those present and voting in the house of which he or she is a member.

This rule shall not apply to general appropriation bills, conference reports and local and private bills.

20A. (1) For the purpose of this rule:

(a) "State support funds" means funds in the State General Fund and all state support special funds, which are funds in the Budget Contingency Fund, the Education Enhancement Fund, the Health Care Expendable Fund, the Tobacco Control Program Fund, and any other special funds that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) determines to be state support special funds.

(b) "House" means either house of the Legislature, unless it is clear from the context that it is referring to the House of Representatives.

(2) (a) When an amendment is offered to an appropriation bill on the floor of either house that would increase the amount of state support funds authorized for expenditure by the state agency, official or program being funded in that appropriation bill, the amendment must also include a reduction in the amount of state support funds for one (1) or more other state agencies, officials or programs by a total amount that equals the amount of the increase in the amendment.

(b) The other appropriation bill or bills in which the reductions are to be made do not have to be designated by bill number or line numbers in the amendment if they are

described sufficiently enough to be identified, but the amounts by which they are to be reduced must be specific for each bill in which the reduction is to be made.

(c) The reductions required to be made by this rule must be made in an appropriation bill or bills that are still in the house or in an appropriation bill or bills from the other house that will be considered in the house later in the session. After a bill has passed in the house and been released to the other house, none of the reductions required by this rule may be made in that bill.

(3) If such an amendment is adopted, the amendment shall be considered to be an amendment to the other bill or bills in which the reductions are to be made as well as to the bill in which the increase is made. Therefore, no additional vote shall be required on the amendment making the reductions in the bill or bills when that bill or bills are under consideration by the house. The manner by which the reduction is made shall be a separate amendment to the bill that is designated as an amendment by the house, rather than an amendment by the Appropriations Committee or by an individual member.

(4) (a) When a bill in which the reduction is to be made comes before the house for consideration, the reduction shall be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be expended in the bill before the bill is voted on by the house.

(b) If a bill in which the reduction is to be made has already been considered by the house, the reduction shall be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be expended in the bill before the bill is released to the other house.

(5) No appropriation bill that authorizes the expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal year may be released to the other house until all of the appropriation bills originating in the house or all of the appropriation bills originating in the other house, as the case may be, that authorize the expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal year have been passed by the house.

(6) If any statute or rule of either house of the Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or rule to the extent of the conflict.

CONFERENCE

21. When a bill or resolution is returned by either house to the other with amendments, and the house where the bill or resolution originated declined to concur in the amendments, a conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message in which shall be included the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting house. Upon receipt of such message, the other house may, in like manner, grant such conference notifying the requesting house by message and stating the names of the conferees.

22. A conference committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House and three (3) members of the Senate to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate respectively.

23. Conference committees shall meet as soon as practicable and proceed to confer on the differences between the two (2) houses, seeking to resolve such differences. The conference committee shall report in writing. Such report shall be signed by a majority of the conference committee members appointed from the House and a majority of the conference committee members appointed from the Senate. The report shall be submitted to both houses, and six (6) copies of each report shall be prepared.

23A. (1) All official meetings of any conference committee on a bill or on a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be open to the public at all times, unless

declared an executive session in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) The chairman of each Senate and House committee to which such a measure is first referred shall designate one (1), two (2) or three (3) rooms in which official meetings of the conference committees pertaining to such measures shall be held. For the first session of a new term, the designation of the rooms shall be announced within three (3) legislative days after adoption of these joint rules. For all other sessions, the designation of the rooms shall be announced not later than the third legislative day of each session. Copies of a list of these rooms shall be available in the respective offices of the committee chairmen. This announcement shall constitute notice of the place of the official meetings of conference committees, and notice that the time of each meeting shall not be announced individually. If a conference committee meets in a location other than a designated room, a written notice giving the location of the meeting shall be placed in a conspicuous place in one (1) of the designated rooms.

(3) Proper decorum during any official meeting of a conference committee requires that the committee's deliberation be directly related to the committee's primary purpose of resolving the differences between the two (2) houses that pertain to a specific measure. Therefore, the following shall not be allowed during any official meeting of a conference committee:

(a) The use of a cell phone by a conferee or other person in the room in which the conference committee meeting is being conducted;

(b) Any oral, written or electronic communication between a conferee and another person who is not a legislator or legislative staff member, except that a conferee may request that any person at the meeting meet with the conferee outside the room, and any conferee may request a person who is not a member of the conference committee, upon approval of a majority of the members of the committee present, to address the committee in the room.

(4) If any statute or rule of either house of the Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or rule to the extent of the conflict.

24. Only matters in disagreement between the two (2) houses are subject to consideration by conference committee. However, when one (1) house strikes out of a bill all after the enacting clause and inserts new text as an amendment thereto, the conferees may disregard the text of the original bill and of the amendment and may exercise wide discretion in the incorporation of germane new text.

25. When a conference report is considered by the house of origin and it contains an amendment by the other house which adds code sections not included in the bill as passed the house of origin, a point of order that the conference report is not in order shall be sustained and the bill shall be returned to conference.

When a conference report is considered and it contains code sections not included in the bill as passed the house of origin or in an amendment by the other house, a point of order that the conference report is not in order shall be sustained in either house and the bill shall be returned to conference.

26. In the event of the failure of either house to adopt the conference report, or to concur in amendments, the bill or resolution under such consideration shall be lost.

27. All conference reports, and concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall require for adoption the same vote as is required for the passage of the bill,

resolution or measure under consideration, and shall be on roll call duly entered and recorded in the journal of the house voting thereon.

28. No bill making an appropriation from, or authorizing the expenditure of money from, any special fund in the State Treasury shall be passed except by the votes of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature.

29. A motion to reconsider the vote whereby a conference report is adopted or rejected is in order in either house from the time of such adoption or rejection in one (1) house until the end of the session of the next legislative day after notice of disposition by rejection, recommitment to the same conference committee or appointment of a new conference committee by the other house. The provisions of this rule shall supersede any Senate or House rule which may be in conflict herewith.

ENROLLED BILLS

30. When a bill or resolution shall have passed both houses it shall be enrolled, and the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall certify on the margin of the enrolled bill the fact that it originated in his or her house. The enrolled bill may be examined by the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, and carefully compared by the committee with the engrossed bill and all typographical errors, if any, corrected; and the committee shall forthwith report in writing to each house, and the report shall be entered in the journals of both houses. The reports shall be signed by the chairman or acting chairman of the Enrolled Bills Committee on the part of each house.

31. After the Committee on Enrolled Bills has reported a bill or resolution duly enrolled, it shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of the Senate during the legislative session in which the bill or resolution was passed.

32. After a bill shall have been signed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, it shall be presented by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to the Governor for his or her approval. The Secretary or Clerk shall report the day of presentation to the Governor, which time shall be carefully entered on the journals of each house.

33. All Senate and House concurrent resolutions and memorials, which are not to be presented to the Governor, shall be enrolled, signed and delivered to the Secretary of State.

JOINT COMMITTEES

34. The following joint committees shall be appointed:

(a) Committee on Executive Contingent Fund, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

(b) Committee on State Library, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

(c) Committee on Enrolled Bills, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

(d) Committee to Investigate State Offices or Departments, nine (9) on the part of the Senate and nine (9) on the part of the House; the committee shall meet and apportion the labor of such investigation amongst subcommittees and shall report the result of each investigation to the two (2) houses.

(e) A chairman and vice chairman for the Senate members on each of the above committees shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and a chairman and vice chairman for the House members on each committee shall be appointed by the Speaker. A chairman and vice chairman for each of the above committees shall be elected by the respective committees in joint session; however, both the chairman and the vice chairman shall not come from the same house.

MESSAGES

35. When a message shall be sent from one (1) house to the other, such message shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, respectively, as the case may be. A receipt shall be signed for each message so delivered.

LIQUOR AND FIREARMS PROHIBITED

36. No spirituous or malt liquors, or wines, shall be offered for sale, exhibited, or kept within the Capitol building, or in any room connected therewith, or on the public grounds adjacent thereto. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms under the supervision of the respective presiding officers to enforce the foregoing provisions; and any officer, or employee of either house, who shall in any manner violate or connive at the violation of this rule, shall be dismissed from office and service.

37. No member of the Senate or the House or other person, except an official duly authorized by law, shall carry or have on his or her person, concealed in whole or in part, any firearm while in the Capitol, except upon permission granted by a majority vote of the Senate or the House. Any member of the Senate or the House or other person violating this rule shall be subject to such penalty as may be imposed by the Senate or the House, as the case may be, first taking jurisdiction thereof.

LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

38. In addition to observing the injunctions and prohibitions set out in the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, the Senate and the House Committees on Local and Private Legislation shall observe and adhere to the following additional rules and requirements in the consideration of local and private Senate and House bills:

(a) Require that local and private bills, originating in either the Senate or the House, and granting power to any governing authority to perform any official act shall be accompanied by an order or resolution setting out the reasons therefor, duly certified as being a part of the official minutes of that authority. In the event more than one (1) official authority is involved, such certified order or resolution shall be made for each of them.

(b) Require that any bill providing for the transfer of funds shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as provided in paragraph (a) of this rule. Such order or resolution shall state whether or not funds proposed to be transferred are pledged for the payment of any outstanding bonds or notes for which there is not already a sufficient surplus accumulated.

(c) Require that any such bills providing for the payment of any claims shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as provided in paragraph (a) of this rule, setting out the name of claimants, the nature, amount and reasons for justification of the claim and that with proper authority such claim would be paid.

(d) Require that there shall accompany any bill proposing the issuance of bonds, a certificate from the governing authorities stating that the issuance of such proposed bonds, when added to the present bonded indebtedness of such county, or subdivision thereof, municipality or district, will not exceed any limitation now imposed by law.

JOINT MEETING OF APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

39. When the chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees consider it desirable and possible, their subcommittees may meet jointly to hear testimony and question the heads of a department or agency on their budgetary needs for the next fiscal year.

40. TIMETABLE FOR PROCESSING LEGISLATION

90-day Session	2021 Regular Session	
9th day	37th day	Deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted.***
14th day	42nd day	Deadline for introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments.*
29th day	57th day	Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*+
38th day	66th day	Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
39th day	67th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
42nd day	70th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
51st day	79th day	Deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
52nd day	80th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
53rd day	81st day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
57th day	85th day	Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*+
65th day	93rd day	Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
66th day	94th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
67th day	95th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
71st day	99th day	Deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
72nd day	100th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.

73rd day	101st day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
74th day	102nd day	Deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other house to appropriation and revenue bills, and for introduction of local and private bills that are revenue bills.
77th day	105th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider concurrence or nonconcurrence in appropriation and revenue bills.
80th day	108th day	Deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other house to general bills and constitutional amendments.
81st day	109th day	Deadline for introduction of local and private bills that are not revenue bills.
82nd day	110th day	Deadline for conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills to be filed.**+
84th day	112th day	Deadline for final adoption of conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills and for conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments to be filed.**+
85th day	113th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills.
86th day	114th day	Deadline for first consideration of conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.
87th day	115th day	Deadline for filing conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments that had been recommitted for further conference.+
88th day	116th day	Deadline for adoption of conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments after recommittal.
89th day	117th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.
90th day	118th day	Sine die.

*Appropriation, revenue, and local and private bills, and bills to restore suffrage are excluded from these deadlines. For purposes of the deadlines herein set forth, the term "revenue bills" shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily for regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall not be considered as revenue bills for deadline purposes. The deletion from a bill of the features which made it a revenue bill shall render the bill a general bill for deadline purposes.

**Conference reports on all bills must be filed with the Secretary/Clerk no later than the time of adjournment on the day prior to being called up and considered. Appropriation bills which actually appropriate money and are recommitted for further conference are excluded from the requirement that the subsequent conference report be filed and lay on table one (1) day before being considered; however, original action must be taken on all appropriation conference reports by 2:00 p.m. on the 84th/112th# day and subsequent reports must be filed no later than 6:00 p.m.

***Requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted must be made no later than 6:00 p.m. on the 9th/37th day. The Rules Committee of the House or Senate, as the case may be, may authorize any member of its respective house to make requests, for one or more general bills or constitutional amendments to be drafted, after the expiration of the deadline for making such drafting requests but before the deadline for introduction of bills and constitutional amendments, upon a determination by the Rules Committee that such drafting requests are in response to conditions of an emergency nature arising subsequent to the deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted.

+Committee reports and conference reports that are subject to being filed on these deadlines must be filed with the Secretary/Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m.

#When the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor have jointly set a date and time to reconvene the Legislature as provided in this resolution, these deadlines shall be adjusted to later dates in seven-day periods which shall be counted in a manner to ensure that each of the deadlines occurs on the same day of the week as the original date for the deadline, with the first deadline occurring no more than fourteen (14) days from the date and time that the Legislature reconvenes.

Whenever the word "day" appears in this rule, it shall mean calendar day.

The above schedule shall not be deviated from except by the passage of a concurrent resolution adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the House and Senate present and voting.

**C. CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS
AFFECTING
THE LEGISLATURE AND LEGISLATION****RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Section 54. A majority of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a less number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as each shall provide.

Section 55. Each house may determine rules of its own proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, expel a member; but no member, unless expelled for theft, bribery or corruption, shall be expelled the second time for the same offense. Both houses shall, from time to time, publish journals of their proceedings, except such parts as may, in their opinion, require secrecy; and the yeas and nays on any question shall be entered on the Journal, at the request of one-tenth (1/10) of the members present; and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the Journal on the final passage of every bill.

Section 56. The style of the laws of the State shall be: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi."

Section 57. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three (3) days, nor to any other place than that in which the two (2) houses shall be sitting.

Section 58. The doors of each house, when in session, or in Committee of the Whole, shall be kept open, except in cases which may require secrecy; and each house may punish, by fine and imprisonment any person not a member, who shall be guilty of disrespect to the house by any disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence, or who shall in any way disturb its deliberations during the session; but such imprisonment shall not extend beyond the final adjournment of that session.

Section 59. Bills may originate in either house, and be amended or rejected in the other, and every bill shall be read by its title on three (3) different days in each house, unless two-thirds (2/3) of the house where the same is pending shall dispense with the rules; and every bill shall be read in full immediately before the vote on its final passage upon the demand of any member; and every bill, having passed both houses, shall be signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives during the legislative session.

Section 60. No bill shall be so amended in its passage through either house as to change its original purpose; and no law shall be passed except by bill; but orders, votes, and resolutions of both houses, affecting the prerogatives and duties thereof, or relating to adjournment, to amendments to the Constitution, to the investigation of public officers, and the like, shall not require the signature of the Governor; and such resolutions, orders and votes may empower legislative committees to administer oaths, to send for persons and papers, and generally make legislative investigations effective.

Section 61. No law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sections, as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length.

Section 62. No amendment to bills by one (1) house shall be concurred in by the other, except by a vote of the majority thereof, taken by yeas and nays and the names of those voting for and against recorded upon the journals; and reports of committees of conference shall in like manner be adopted in each house.

Section 63. No appropriation bill shall be passed by the Legislature which does not fix definitely the maximum sum thereby authorized to be drawn from the Treasury.

Section 64. No bill passed after the adoption of this Constitution to make appropriations of money out of the State Treasury shall continue in force more than two (2) months after the expiration of the fiscal year ending after the meeting of the Legislature at its next regular session; nor shall such bill be passed except by the votes of a majority of all members elected to each house of the Legislature.

Section 65. All votes on the final passage of any measure shall be subject to reconsideration for at least one (1) whole legislative day, and no motion to reconsider such vote shall be disposed of adversely on the day on which the original vote was taken, except on the last day of the session.

Section 66. No law granting a donation or gratuity in favor of any person or object shall be enacted except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members-elect of each branch of the Legislature, nor by any vote for a sectarian purpose or use.

Section 67. No new bill shall be introduced into either house of the Legislature during the last three (3) days of the session.

Section 68. Appropriation and revenue bills shall, at regular sessions of the Legislature, have precedence in both houses over all other business, and no such bills shall be passed during the last five (5) days of the session.

Section 69. General appropriation bills shall contain only the appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government; to pay interest on state bonds and to support the common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one (1) subject. Legislation shall not be engrafted on appropriation bills, but the same may prescribe the conditions on which the money may be drawn, and for what purposes paid.

Section 70. No revenue bill, or any bill providing for assessment of property for taxation, shall become a law except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house present and voting.

Section 71. Every bill introduced into the Legislature shall have a title, and the title ought to indicate clearly the subject-matter or matters of the proposed legislation. Each committee to which a bill may be referred shall express, in writing, its judgment of the sufficiency of the title of the bill and this, too, whether recommendation be that the bill do pass or do not pass.

Section 72. Every bill which shall pass both houses shall be presented to the Governor of the state. If he shall approve, he shall sign it; but if he does not approve, he shall return it, with his objections, to the house in which it originated, which shall enter the objections at large upon its Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration, two-thirds (2/3) of that house shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, with the objections, to the other house, by which, likewise, it shall be reconsidered; and if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of that house, it shall become a law; but in all such cases the votes of both houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the Journal of each house respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor within five (5) days (Sundays excepted) after it has been presented to him, it shall become law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Legislature, by adjournment, prevented its return, in which case such bill shall be a law unless the Governor shall veto it within fifteen (15) days (Sundays excepted) after it is presented to him, and such bill shall be returned to the Legislature, with his objections, within three (3) days after the beginning of the next session of the Legislature.

Section 73. The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law.

Section 74. No bill shall become a law until it shall have been referred to a committee of each house and returned therefrom with a recommendation in writing.

Section 75. No law of a general nature, unless therein otherwise provided, shall be enforced until sixty (60) days after its passage.

Section 76. In all elections by the Legislature, members shall vote viva voce, and the votes shall be entered on the journals.

Section 77. The Governor shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies as may occur in either house of the Legislature, and the persons thereupon chosen shall hold their seats for the unexpired term.

Section 129. The Lieutenant Governor shall, by virtue of his office, be President of the Senate. In Committee of the Whole he may debate all questions, and where there is an equal division in the Senate, or on a joint vote of both houses, he shall give the casting vote.

Section 139. The Legislature may empower the Governor to remove and appoint officers, in any county or counties or municipal corporations, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law.

Section 253. The Legislature may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of both houses, of all members elected, restore the right of suffrage to any person disqualified by reason of crime; but the reasons therefor shall be spread upon the journals, and the vote shall be by yeas and nays.

INJUNCTIONS

Section 78. It shall be the duty of the Legislature to regulate by law the cases in which deductions shall be made from salaries of public officers for neglect of official duty, and the amount of said deductions.

Section 79. The Legislature shall provide by law for the sale of all delinquent tax lands. The courts shall apply the same liberal principles in favor of such titles as in sale by execution. The right of redemption from all sales of real estate, for the nonpayment of taxes or special assessments, of any and every character whatsoever, shall exist, on conditions to be prescribed by law, in favor of owners and persons interested in such real estate, for a period of not less than two (2) years.

Section 80. Provisions shall be made by general laws to prevent the abuse by cities, towns, and other municipal corporations of their powers of assessment, taxation, borrowing money, and contracting debts.

Section 81. The Legislature shall never authorize the permanent obstruction of any of the navigable waters of the state, but may provide for the removal of such obstructions as now exist, whenever the public welfare demands. This section shall not prevent the construction, under proper authority, of drawbridges for railroads, or other roads nor the construction of booms and chutes for logs, nor the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities incident to the exploration, production or transportation of oil, gas or other minerals, nor the construction, operation and maintenance of bridges and causeways in such manner as not to prevent the safe passage of vessels or logs under regulations to be provided by law.

Section 82. The Legislature shall fix the amount of the penalty of all official bonds, and may, as far as practicable, provide that the whole or a part of the security required for the faithful discharge of official duty shall be made by some guaranty company or companies.

Section 83. The Legislature shall enact laws to secure the safety of persons from fires in hotels, theatres, and other public places of resort.

Section 84. The Legislature shall enact laws to limit, restrict, or prevent the acquiring and holding of land in the state by nonresident aliens, and may limit or restrict the acquiring or holding of lands by corporations.

Section 85. The Legislature shall provide by general law for the working of public roads by contract or by county prisoners, or both. Such law may be put in operation only by a vote of the board of supervisors in those counties where it may be desirable.

Section 86. It shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide by law for the treatment and care of the insane; and the Legislature may provide for the care of the indigent sick in hospitals in the state.

LOCAL LEGISLATION

Section 87. No special or local law shall be enacted for the benefit of individuals or corporations, in cases which are or can be provided for by the general law, or where the relief sought can be given by any court of this state; nor shall the operation of any general law be suspended by the Legislature for the benefit of any individual or private corporation or association, and in all cases where a general law can be made applicable, and would be advantageous, no special law shall be enacted.

Section 88. The Legislature shall pass general laws, under which local and private interests shall be provided for and protected, and under which cities and towns may be chartered and their charters amended, and under which corporations may be created, organized, and their acts of incorporation altered; and all such laws shall be subject to repeal or amendment.

Section 89. There shall be appointed in each house of the Legislature a standing committee on Local and Private Legislation; the House committee to consist of seven (7) representatives and the Senate committee of five (5) senators. No local or private bill shall be passed by either house until it shall have been referred to said committee thereof and shall have been reported back with a recommendation in writing that it do pass, stating affirmatively the reasons therefor, and why the end to be accomplished should not be reached by general law, or by a proceeding in court; or if the recommendation of the committee be that the bill do not pass, then it shall not pass the house to which it is so reported unless it be voted for by a majority of all the members elected thereto. If a bill is passed in conformity to the requirements hereof, other than such as prohibited in the next section, the courts shall not, because of its local, special or private nature refuse to enforce it.

Section 90. The Legislature shall not pass local, private or special laws in any of the following enumerated cases, but such matters shall be provided for only by general laws, viz:

- (a) Granting divorces;
- (b) Changing the names of persons, places or corporations;
- (c) Providing for change of venue in civil and criminal cases;
- (d) Regulating the rate of interest on money;

(e) Concerning the settlement or administration of any estate, or the sale or mortgage of any property, of any infant, or of a person of unsound mind, or of any deceased person;

(f) The removal of the disability of infancy;

(g) Granting to any person, corporation or association the right to have any ferry, bridge, road or fish-trap;

(h) Exemption of property from taxation or from levy or sale;

(i) Providing for the adoption or legitimation of children;

(j) Changing the law of descent and distribution;

(k) Exempting any person from jury, road or other civil duty (and no person shall be exempted therefrom by force of any local or private law);

(l) Laying out, opening, altering and working roads and highways;

(m) Vacating any road or highway, town plat, alley or public grounds;

(n) Selecting, drawing, summoning, or empaneling grand or petit juries;

(o) Creating, increasing or decreasing the fees, salary or emoluments of any public officer;

(p) Providing for the management or support of any private or common school, incorporating the same or granting such school any privileges;

(q) Relating to stock laws, water-courses and fences;

(r) Conferring the power to exercise the right of eminent domain, or granting to any person, corporation, or association the right to lay down railroad tracks or street car tracks in any other manner than that prescribed by general law;

(s) Regulating the practice in courts of justice;

(t) Providing for the creation of districts for the election of justices of the peace and constables; and

(u) Granting any lands under control of the state to any person or corporation.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITIONS

Section 91. The Legislature shall not enact any law for one or more counties, not applicable to all the counties in the state, increasing the uniform charge for the registration of deeds, or regulating costs and charges and fees of officers.

Section 92. The Legislature shall not authorize payment to any person of the salary of a deceased officer beyond the date of his death.

Section 93. The Legislature shall not retire any officer on pay, or part pay, or make any grant to such retiring officer.

Section 94. The Legislature shall never create by law any distinction between the rights of men and women to acquire, own, enjoy and dispose of property of all kinds, or their power to contract in reference thereto. Married women are hereby fully emancipated from

all disability on account of coverture. But this shall not prevent the Legislature from regulating contracts between husband and wife; nor shall the Legislature be prevented from regulating the sale of homesteads.

Section 95. Lands belonging to, or under the control of the state, shall never be donated directly or indirectly, to private corporations or individuals, or to railroad companies. Nor shall such land be sold to corporations or associations for a less price than that for which it is subject to sale to individuals. This, however, shall not prevent the Legislature from granting a right-of-way, not exceeding one hundred (100) feet in width, as a mere easement to railroads across state lands, and the Legislature shall never dispose of the land covered by said right-of-way so long as such easement exists.

Section 96. The Legislature shall never grant extra compensation, fees or allowances to any public officer, agent, servant or contractor, after service rendered or contract made, nor authorize payment, or part payment of any claim, under any contract not authorized by law; but appropriations may be made for expenditures in repelling invasion, preventing or suppressing insurrections.

Section 97. The Legislature shall have no power to revive any remedy which may have become barred by lapse of time, or by any statute of limitation of this state.

Section 99. The Legislature shall not elect any other than its own officers and State Librarian.

Section 100. No obligation or liability of any person, association or corporation held or owned by this state, or levee board, or any county, city or town thereof, shall ever be remitted, released or postponed, or in any way diminished by the Legislature, nor shall such liability or obligation be extinguished except by payment thereof into the proper treasury; nor shall such liability or obligation be exchanged or transferred except upon payment of its face value; but this shall not be construed to prevent the Legislature from providing by general law for compromise of doubtful claims.